

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON  
WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor) S Rawsthorn, J Ryland, & T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, County Councillor S Sanderson and one member of the public.

20/168 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor Keith and District Councillor Cornah.

20/169 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

20/170 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor T Wilson declared an interest in item 20/175(a).

20/171 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** Approved unanimously. To be signed physically in due course.

20/172 **Public Participation**

Mrs J McConnel addressed the meeting and reported that the Christmas boxes provided for local families receiving free school meals were very well received and read the responses of two families to the meeting. The project was supported by the Parish Council, Foodshare, donations and food club contributions including free food from local suppliers. This is to be repeated at Half Term and a request for the Parish Council to support this will be submitted to the next meeting. Mrs McConnel reported that the Greening Campaign is awaiting responses from some of the other local councils on the Cartmel Peninsula and the Greening Campaign pack will be forwarded to the Parish Council.

20/173 **Police**

A report has been received from PCSO D Ross. During the period from 6th January to 1st February 2021 there were 6 incidents of note in the Lower Holker Parish area. These are as follows: 1 reported disruption of the highway, 3 concerns for welfare (all in order), 2 crimes of public order. The format of Police Reports to Parish Councils will be changing next month. There will now be a monthly community newsletter via email instead of the usual monthly report.

20/174 **District and County Councillors**

a) County Councillors S Sanderson reported:

- i) She works with schools and colleges and continue to chair the weekly meeting. The educational organisations bring a range of issues and concerns: students on teaching practice, Sorting out holiday activities and free school meals and laptops for children, supporting secondaries and colleges regarding examinations etc. She also chairs the Virtual school governing body which monitors progress of Looked After Children in county and externally including staff wellbeing especially headteachers, agreeing school admissions policies, and planning school places for the future. Finance remains an issue in terms of school funding and especially support for SEND pupils.
- ii) She has followed up the parking issues at a farm in Holker about access issues. Highways are going to put a line in to discourage parking there is another issue at Ark where a holiday let is causing issues for local residents.
- iii) She has received a reply from Highways Engineer Victoria regarding the zebra crossing in Flookburgh Square and advised that an assessment needs to take place of the current traffic levels, vehicle speeds and numbers of pedestrians for

a decision to be made on whether a pedestrian crossing is appropriate. An estimated cost of installation is £25,000 to £30,000, but this would be more for a puffin or toucan crossing. She will forward full details to the Clerk.

- b) District Councillors G Gardner reported that the main current local issue is a lot of dog faeces not being picked up and she is working on this.

Councillor T Wilson left the meeting.

#### 20/175 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2021/0035. Sandgate Caravan Park, Flookburgh. Siting of additional 11 holiday lodges.

**Resolved** To object to the 11 additional holiday lodges as it would represent an overdevelopment of the site.

Councillor T Wilson rejoined the meeting.

- b) SL/2021/0055. 38 Somme Avenue Ravenstown LA11 7L. Single storey rear extension and rear dormer extension.

**Resolved** to support the application as it is similar to other local house extensions.

#### 20/176 **Planning Decision**

The following Planning Decision was noted:

- a) SL/2020/0486. The Green (Ex farm located at the junction of Green Lane and Rothwaite Lane) Flookburgh LA11 7JT. Demolition of existing house & construction of new dwelling, conversion of neighbouring barn to a dwelling, and rebuilding of stable. Granted with conditions relating to plans, materials, access, water drainage, landscaping, treatment plant, historic survey, construction hours, building regulations, stable usage, bat & owl mitigation.

#### 20/177 **Financial Report**

The Clerk presented the Financial Report as at 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021 including the Budget Monitoring and Bank Reconciliation.

**Resolved** To approve the Financial Report.

#### 20/178 **Payment of Accounts**

**Resolved** to approve the following payments.

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| Clerk's Salary (January 2020)                                 | £313.60 |
| PAYE for Clerk's Salary (January 2020)                        | £78.40  |
| Clerk's Telephone & Internet (1/2/2020-31/1/2021)             | £160.00 |
| Orian/SLS (Toilet Cleaning/Sani Bins) (December 2020)         | £447.46 |
| Net Nerd (Website Hosting 2021-2022)                          | £35.99  |
| Skype (charge for telephone meeting participation)            | £25.00  |
| Barriers Direct (2 cycle stands and bolts)                    | £383.85 |
| SSE (Electricity – Street Lighting) (2/12/2020 – 4/1/2021) DD | £54.06  |
| Npower (Electricity – Toilets) (2/12/2020 – 1/1/2021) DD      | £45.02  |

#### 20/179 **Flookburgh Square**

The request for an ice cream van to trade from Flookburgh Square has been withdrawn.

#### 20/180 **Manorside/Marsh Gardens Signage**

The Clerk reported that a resident has requested an additional Manorside sign to clarify the locations of Manorside and Marsh Gardens as delivery drivers are regularly attempting to make deliveries to the wrong addresses.

**Resolved** To request that South Lakeland District Council install additional Manorside and Marsh Gardens street signs.

20/181 **A590 Witherslack to Barrow cycling provision - initial consultation**

The Clerk reported that Highways England are undertaking an initial consultation on the Witherslack to Barrow cycling provision, which includes routes not directly on the A590. The Bay Cycle Way route goes through the parish and some cyclists travel unsafely at high speed through junctions in the villages, particularly on Flookburgh Square.

**Resolved** To highlight the issues of cyclist speed when travelling through residential areas.

20/182 **Highways**

a) Highways matters to report

Councillor Airey reported pot holes on Main Street. This will be reported to Cumbria Highways.

b) Highways matters reported

No progress on matters reported.

c) To consider the proposed installation of traffic calming measures in Ravenstown.  
No progress to report.

d) To consider installing a fence or gate behind the post box in Cark

The Clerk reported that she had written to the owners of the adjoining properties advising the proposal to install a fence or gate. One response has been received supporting the proposal to install a gate which would allow access for maintenance at the rear of the properties by the property owners.

20/183 **Parish Link**

The Clerk reported that a free short report (less than 200 words) can be submitted to Grange Now in the Clubs and Societies section. The cost of a paid advert is between £399 (for a full page) to £59 (for a 42 mm x 42 mm item) per edition. The Clerk submitted a short report for the February edition in the Clubs and Societies section including details of the 2021/2 Precept.

**Resolved** To continue to submit reports to be included in the Clubs and Societies section free of charge.

20/184 **Flookburgh Community Playground**

a) The Clerk reported that a missing bolt on the track ride had been repaired by the inspector from South Lakeland District Council during his monthly inspection.

Councillors Gardner reported that the guard hut needs to be emptied due to the door being vandalised. The Clerk will provide storage of items to be retained.

b) The Clerk reported that she has been notified by South Lakeland District Council that the Parish Council could undertake the process to set up a Public Spaces Protection Order to exclude dogs from the Playground free of charge. The full details are not yet available, so will be reported to a future meeting for consideration.

20/185 **Cark Toilets & Cark Park/Playground**

a) The Clerk reported that there has been no response to the request for a larger 'no dogs' sign at the entrance to the Playground but as South Lakeland District Council are currently in the process of setting up Public Spaces Protection Orders which will exclude dogs from their playgrounds, so presumably this will be addressed in due course.

b) The Clerk reported that she requested permission from South Lakeland District Council's agents to install the two bicycle racks at Cark Toilets and this has been received. She has ordered and received the two cycle racks and bolts. A local contractor will be engaged to install the racks.

20/186 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Cumbria County Council  
Cumbrian schools launch laptop appeal for residents or businesses to donate 1,500 unused laptops to students.
- b) South Lakeland District Council  
Newsletter including 'Cold to Cosy' scheme, PSPOs, SLDC My Account & Greening Campaign.  
Voluntary Trustees and Secretary required for South Lakes Dementia Community Group.  
National Lockdown business grant - applications through SLDC: Local Restrictions Support Grant (for Closed Businesses, Closed Business Lockdown Payment (CBLP) & Additional Restrictions Grant.  
Vaccination Update.
- c) Cumbria Association of Local Councils  
HMLR Land Survey for Parish & Town Councils (completed)  
Funeral guidance update  
NALC Legal update  
CALC Training programme  
Kendal Poetry Festival Guerilla Poetry Project

20/187 **Date of Next meeting**

Noted that the next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.

Clerk to the Council: - Lyn Prescott, 13 Church Walk, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria  
LA11 7JX.