

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 6th JANUARY 2016**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, M Keith, S Rawsthorn & J Ryland, Parish Clerk L Prescott, Mr T Ryland and Miss A Airey.

15/209 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor & District Councillor G Gardner, Parish Councillor T Wilson and County Councillor S Sanderson

15/210 **Requests for Dispensations**

Parish Councillors Airey, Dawson, Keith, Rawsthorn and Ryland have requested dispensations which have been granted in respect of setting the Council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 where as members they hold property interests within the district (including owning or renting a home within the district).

15/211 **Declarations of Interest**

None

15/212 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th December 2015 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

15/213 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

Mrs Keith reported that the River Eea has not be adequately maintained, sewage has been released during recent flooding and suggests that the Environment Agency be contacted.

15/214 **Police**

No report has been received and no response received from Sergeant Nolan and PCSO Firth.

15/215 **District and County Councils**

a) District Councillor Gill Gardner was absent but she provided a written report:

- i) She has attended defibrillator training and found it very useful.
- ii) She has put dog fouling signs up.
- iii) She will be visiting Flookburgh Primary School on 15th January to talk to the children and parents about dog fouling.

b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson was absent but she has provided a written report:

- i) She has been working on the roll out of the new waste management arrangements and collections of cardboard and plastics will be starting from February 2016. The waste management staff have been working hard collecting items from flooded premises.
- ii) She has been chairing the local flood recovery group in South Lakeland and working with local groups and the County and District Councils to provide help and support, together with information and advice about funding and specialist help to those whose homes and premises have been flooded.

15/216 **Planning Applications**

a) SL/2015/1061 Holker Hall, Holker, Grange- over-Sands LA11 7PL. Alterations and Refurbishment.

Resolved To support this application as it will be beneficial to this local business.

b) SL/2015/1113 W Keith and Son Ltd, Moor Lane Flookburgh Grange- over-Sands Cumbria, LA11 7LS. Erection of light industrial unit.

Resolved To support this application as it will be beneficial to this local business.

15/217 **Planning Decisions**

None

15/218 **Financial Reports**
Resolved The Financial report including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 December 2015 was accepted unanimously.

15/219 **Payment of Accounts**
Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (December 2015)	£268.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (December 2015)	£67.20
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (December 2015) SO	£247.26
E.On Electricity – Street Lighting (1/11/2015-30/11/2015) DD	£34.89
Npower Electricity – Toilets (7/10/15-1/12/15) DD	£33.37

15/220 **Grant Application**
A request has been received from Flookburgh Community Playgroup for a grant towards the running costs providing a facility for children aged 2-4 years and training a new member of staff.
Resolved to award £150 to Flookburgh Community Playgroup.

15/221 **Precept 2016/17**
A report on the Council's Budget and Finances was received in relation to the Precept for 2016/17.
Resolved To set a Precept for 2016/17 of £14,976.05, based on the following budget:

	BUDGET/PRECEPT
	2016/17
Clerks salary	£4,147
Clerks telephone/internet	£160
Street lighting	£300
Lighting maintenance	£400
Audit comm.	£120
Insurance	£400
Int audit	£60
CALC subs	£282
Training	£50
Donations S 137	£1,000
Newsletter	£200
Clock maintenance	£200
Clock repairs	£100
Admin/stationary	£300
Clerks Direct	£90
Toilets	£4,500
Community Led Plan (Actions)	£1,500
Lengthsman	£200
Emptying 2 Bins	£450
Defibrillator & cover	£1,700
Contingency Fund	£1,000
Budget Total	£17,159
Less VAT refund (estimate)	1000.00
Sub total	16159.00
Add Parish Elections Cost 2015	63.08
Sub total	16222.08
Less SLDC Grant	1246.03
Precept	14976.05

- 15/222 **Highways**
- a) The County Council reported that the Traffic Regulation Orders for Cark & Flookburgh will proceed in relation to the double yellow lines/no waiting.
 - b) Councillor Rawsthorn reported that there excess soil deposits on the single track road behind Low Bankside Farm.
Resolved To request that Cumbria Highways clean the affected road.
 - c) Councillor Keith reported that the walls in front of the Engine Inn adjoining the River Eea are still unrepaired.
Resolved To report to Cumbria Highways and Environment Agency to find if the owners can be required to repair them or they can be repaired and the owners charged.
- 15/223 **Defibrillators**
- The Clerk reported that 17 people attended the CPR/Defibrillator training at Flookburgh School on 4th January.
- 15/224 **Moor Lane Field**
- The Clerk reported that John Sidwell has been engaged to renew the boundary by the gate with posts, square wire and barbed wire on this land at a cost of £130. He has also provided a quotation of £2300 for replanting, relaying and fencing the roadside hedge.
- 15/225 **Public Toilets**
- a) The door to the cleaning cupboard is faulty, Councillor Airey advised she has an internal door which could be fitted to replace this.
Resolved The Clerk will measure the door and if the size is suitable, arrange fitting using the existing lock.
 - b) Long term parking in the car park adjoining the toilets is continuing to cause problems, including difficulties during the setting up for the Christmas tree and lights. There is a sign indicating parking is for less than an hour but vehicles are often parked there for several hours.
Resolved The Clerk will prepare notices indicating it is short term parking only for use of the toilets and playground and place them on vehicles which are parking longer term.
- 15/226 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**
- The Charity has been awarded a grant from Lakeland Leisure for £10,000 and fund raising is now the main priority. Gill Gardner and Katie Wood are having a sponsored 'dry January' and there will be a fund raising event at Ravenstown Club on Good Friday. The next meeting of the Committee is 7pm on Monday 11th January at 17 The Gardens.
- 15/227 **England Coastal Path**
- The Clerk reported that she had received a brief notification via CALC regarding the England Coastal Path section from Silecroft to Silverdale. She made contact with Natural England who advise that they will be starting meetings locally with stakeholders in relation to the route in February 2016. She provided details of local halls and contact details of other local Parish/Town Clerks and asked to be kept informed by Natural England.
- 15/228 **Correspondence**
- The following correspondence was noted:
- a) South Lakeland District Council
Community Drop In event re flooding in Lyth Valley
Information and appeals for assistance re flooding.
 - b) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
North West Access Coastal Update (Natural England) re National Coastal Way.
December Bulletin.
Flood information.

- c) Neighbourhood Alerts
Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter. Flood warnings.
- d) Cumbria Volunteer Services
Flood recovery volunteers. Training & Events Update.
- e) North West Air Ambulance Charity
Annual Update & Gift Aid form
- f) St John's Parochial Church Council
Thank you letter for contribution to Parish Magazine.
- g) Morecambe Bay Partnership
News & 2016 Events including Conference and Fishermen's tales.

15/229

Date of Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted:

Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at Lower Holker Village Hall at 7.00 pm

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