

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE  
HALL AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, J Ryland, T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, County Councillor S Sanderson and 6 members of the public.

21/165 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors M Keith & S Rawsthorn, Parish & District Councillor G Gardner and District Councillor M Cornah.

21/166 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

21/167 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

21/168 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Dawson, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

21/169 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

A resident advised that a meeting between United Utilities and the Environment Agency is to take place in relation to the sewage discharge situation coinciding with Cartmel Races. The resident asked whether the contractor for the portable toilets takes away the contents or discharges into the sewage system. The resident also asked about the details of the water extraction licence that Cartmel Racecourse have been issued by the Environment Agency. Councillor Sanderson advised that Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish Council have a meeting arranged with Cartmel Racecourse.

21/170 **Police**

The Clerk reported the Grange and Cartmel area figures November 2021: Violence and sexual offences 10, Public order 4, Anti-social behaviour 3 & Other theft 3.

21/171 **District and County Councillors**

County Councillor S Sanderson reported

a) Covid

The current strain of Covid is causing increases in transmissions. This is causing pressure on NHS, Social Care and Education because of the numbers of people who are ill or isolating causing severe staff shortages. Additionally there are issues with some shortages of supplies of LFD kits. They had a meeting planned with schools on 29th which they stood down because there had been no changes in guidance new guidance was then issued. Communications have been sent out to schools, colleges and early years settings. One of the main changes is that secondary pupils will now wear face coverings. Advice is that people have to stay isolated until they have had a test. If schools are not able to open fully they need to let the Local Authority know through the advisory service. There is guidance from Colin Cox for parents and carers being sent out through schools. A large number of CO2 monitors are in place in schools and an additional 7000 air purifiers are being made available but there is a need to meet strict criteria to qualify to have one. The advice is to limit face to face contact as much as possible.

b) Highways

She has followed up on the zebra crossing with Helen Karaslaan from Highways and will have a meeting with her on Friday.

c) Emergency Plans

Storm Arwen also has caused a lot of damage and the communication businesses, Cumbria Highways and Fire and Rescue have been working hard to open roads and clear trees and repair lines. She recommends parishes review their emergency plans as this storm incident caused issues because of the scale and range of damage. Even though a major incident was called it did not meet the requirements of dealing with people being left without power and water for several days.

21/172 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Application was considered:

- a) SL/2021/1170. Cark Manor Cark In Cartmel LA11 7PG. Internal alterations to the basement, ground, first and second floor (Retrospective).

**Resolved**

- i) To request that South Lakeland District Council do not determine this application until the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee have met with Lower Holker Parish Councillors and residents. The Parish Council and residents do not have confidence that the District Council will ensure that Planning Laws are upheld in relation to this development which has taken place completely contrary to the submitted and approved planning applications SL/2006/0656 & SL/2008/0185.
- ii) To invite the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Committee to the next Parish Council meeting to explain what action will be taken to address these breaches of planning control and answer questions in relation to this development from Parish Councillors and residents.

21/173 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2021/0897. The Stopping Point 9 Station Road Flookburgh LA11 7JY. Creation of off road parking area. Granted with conditions relating to plans, trees/bushes and materials.
- b) SL/2021/1076. Cark Manor Cark In Cartmel LA11 7PG. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) & removal of condition 4 (trade or business use) attached to planning permission SL/2007/0007 (Replacement Garage, Replacement Retaining Wall, New Steps to Patio and New Steps to Croquet Lawn). Withdrawn.
- c) SL/2021/0904. 11 Station Road Flookburgh LA11 7JY Creation of off road parking area. Granted with conditions relating to plans, trees/bushes and materials.

21/174 **Financial Reports**

**Resolved** The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 December 2021, was accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

21/175 **Precept 2022/23**

A report on the Council's Budget and Finances was presented by the Clerk in relation to the Precept for 2022/23. The Proposed Precept has been reduced by 22% compared to the 2021-22 Precept.

**Resolved** To set a Precept for 2022/23 of £9,907.31 based on the following Budget:

**BUDGET/ PRECEPT**

**2022/23**

Clerk's salary	£4,892.16
Clerk's telephone/internet	£160.00
Street lighting	£600.00
Lighting maintenance	£350.00
External Audit	£240.00
Insurance	£800.00
Internal audit	£70.00

CALC subs	£340.84
Training	£50.00
Donations S 137/other	£1,500.00
Admin/stationary	£150.00
Clerks Direct	£84.00
Toilets	£6,000.00
Website	£0.00
Emptying Bins	£1,500.00
Playground running costs	£2,000.00
Lengthsman	£100.00
Seat Maintenance	£80.00
Speed Gun (Calibration)	£150.00
New Data Protection Legislation	£0.00
Defibrillator maintenance	£100.00
Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy	£500.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>£19,667.00</b>
<u>Less VAT refund (estimate)</u>	£3,000.00
Sub total	£16,667.00
<u>Less CIL Receipts (estimate)</u>	£1,000.00
Subtotal	£15,667.00
<u>Less Reserves</u>	£5,000.00
Subtotal	£10,667.00
<u>Less SLDC Grant</u>	£759.69
<b>Precept</b>	<b>£9,907.31</b>

21/176 **Payment of Accounts**

**Resolved** The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (December 2021)	£399.70
Orian/SLS (Toilet Cleaning) (November 2021)	£471.92
Waterplus (Water & Wastewater – Toilets) 17/9/21-6/12/21)	£79.15
Eon Next – Electricity (Toilets) (1/11/2021-30/11/2021) DD	£39.20
SSE – Electricity (Street Lighting) (2/11/2021-1/12/2021) DD	£48.15
TW Electrical (renewing and rewiring toilet lighting controls)	£242.23
Grange & District First Responders (replacement defibrillator pads)	£55.08
Viking (A4 printing paper and postage stamps)	£29.24

21/177 **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The Clerk reported free trees are available from the Woodland Trust as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project. Three packages may be suitable which supply 15 or 30 trees. A potential site for planting would be the banking within the Playground.

**Resolved** To consider further at a future meeting.

21/178 **Greening Campaign**

The Clerk reported that she requested an invitation to the online December Greening meeting but joining information for the meeting was not provided. She has now arranged to attend another Greening meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January and will report to the February meeting.

21/179 **Bay Search & Rescue**

The Clerk has received a request from Bay Search and Rescue in relation to their proposed planning application. In 2006 the Parish Council submitted an application on the Charity's behalf so the fee paid was 50% or the standard fee as Parish Councils pay a reduced rate

for Planning Applications. The application was submitted by the then Parish Clerk as the Charity's Agent. SLDC have confirmed that a similar application submitted by the Parish Council would attract the same reduced fee. A representative of the Charity advised that the Charity's income has substantially reduced since the Covid outbreak, although they have continued to operate and pay ongoing running costs. The Charity has increased its scope and vehicles over time and now needs additional storage space so they plan to install a new building behind the existing building on the site on Moor Lane. They don't yet have sufficient funds to install the building so the support of the parish council by submitting the application on their behalf and therefore paying a reduced fee would be beneficial.

**Resolved** To submit the application on the Charity's behalf, with the appropriate fee being paid to the Parish Council in advance of the application being submitted so the Parish Council can pay the appropriate fee on their behalf.

21/180 **Highways**

a) To receive details of highways matters to be reported  
Potholes near Low Row in Cark and on Flookburgh Square

**Resolved** To report to Cumbria Highways.

b) To receive details of highways matters reported  
None.

21/181 **Flookburgh Community Playground**

No issues to report.

21/182 **Cark Toilets & Cark Park/Playground**

No issues to report.

21/183 **Flookburgh Square**

The vandalised bollard tops have been replaced.

21/184 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Cumbria County Council  
M6 Junction 36 overnight closures for resurfacing. A590 Cross a Moor overnight closures. Every Life Matters Wellbeing Booklets. Covid updates. Storm Arwen updates.
- b) South Lakeland District Council  
Parish Clerk's Election Bulletin. Planning Applications. Storm Arwen updates. Covid updates. Licencing Policy Review. Parish Precepts.
- c) Cumbria Association of Local Councils  
Newsletter. Training. CALC CEO appointment & CALC officer vacancy. Local Government Reorganisation updates. Covid updates.

21/185 **Date of Next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was noted:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 in Lower Holker Village Hall.

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