

MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY 2014

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, G Gardner, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Rowlandson, J Ryland, T Wilson, County Councillor R Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, PCSO H Firth and Mr T Ryland.

14/069 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

14/070 Requests For Dispensations

None.

14/071 Declarations Of Interest

None.

14/072 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th June 2014 was proposed by Councillor Rawsthorn, Seconded by Councillor Airey, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

14/073 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

None

14/074 Police

PCSO Firth reported that over the last 30 days the following incidents have been reported: Civil Disputes (2), Domestic Incidents (2), Anti-Social Behaviour (3), Burglaries (2), Theft, Suspicious Incidents (2), Sudden Death, Road Traffic Collision (3), Concerns for Welfare (6) and Assaults (2). Complaints have been received regarding anti-social behaviour until the early hours and littering in Cark Park. PCSO Firth contacts the parents and the situation will be monitored. Residents should phone 101 with concerns.

14/075 District and County Councillors

a) District Councillor Gardner reported:

- i) There have been District Elections in some areas and the District Committee have been reformed.
- ii) Lane clean ups have been undertaken – SLDC have cleaned up Shore Lane and she has cleaned up School Lane. She will be placing notices on either end of School Lane regarding dog mess.

b) County Councillor Wilson reported:

- i) The Morecambe Bay Health Trust is currently in special measures. There have been a lot of improvements over the past year and the majority of treatment is good. A Good management team is now in place and monitoring is continuing. There are plans to reorganise the health care so that approximately 20 to 30% of people will be able to be at home rather than staying in hospital.
- ii) The consultation on the National Grid will be taking place in the Autumn. The consultation relates to the connection of the planned new Nuclear Power Station at Moorside in West Cumbria to the National Grid.
- iii) There are ongoing discussions with the bus companies relating to the Peninsula circular bus service (532).
- iv) The surface dressing of Moor Lane, Market Street and Station Road has taken place. There were some concerns regarding the impact on a flooding risk at a property on Station Road. A porch on Flookburgh Square was damaged by one of the contractor's vehicles.

14/076 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Application was considered:

- a) SL/2014/0505 Lilac Cottage Flookburgh Grange-over-Sands LA11 7LN
Installation of replacement front door (Listed Building Grade II)

Resolved No objections.

14/077 **Planning Decision**

The following Planning Decisions made by South Lakeland District Council was noted:

- a) SL/2014/0420. Plots 5 & 6 Green Lane, Flookburgh, LA11 7JT. Alteration to house-types on plots 5 & 6 to include single storey sun room extension (Revised scheme 5/94/1786) Granted with conditions regarding matching external surfaces.

14/078 **Audit 2013/14**

The Internal Auditor's reported delivered at the June meeting advised that cash balances had increased by around £18,000 between 2002 and 2014 due to underspending against the budget and not including the VAT rebate in the budgeting process. The Clerk reported that the following items have contributed to this increase in cash balances:

VAT rebate (2009-2015)	£5779
Underspending (2003-2011)	£4395
Underspending (2011-14)	<u>£7857</u>
Total	£18031

Of the underspend 2011-14, £1500 is for the Community Led Plan, which will be spent within the next 12 months. £925 has also been set aside for the new Burial Ground.

Resolved To utilise funds in the improvement of Flookburgh Square, to include resurfacing and bollards around seating. 3 Quotations to be obtained (Chaplows plus ask Cumbria Highways for their contractors). Arrange a meeting between the Parish Council and either Graham Wheelhouse or Victoria Upton to discuss options for Flookburgh Square.

14/079 **Financial Reports**

The Financial Report as at 24th June 2014, included no deviations from the budget.

Resolved accepted unanimously.

14/080 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary June 2014	£257.20
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE re June Clerk's Salary	£64.08
South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) May 2014 (SO)	£247.26
United Utilities (Toilets Water/Wastewater) 13/3/2014-4/6/2014	£290.75
E.On Electricity 1/5/2014-31/5/2014 (Street Lighting)	£20.78
Peter Lambert – Installation of Litter Bin near Cark Hall	£60.00
Viking – Ink, Paper, Box Files & Flash Drives	£62.28

14/081 **Litter Bin**

The Clerk reported that she had received 2 suggestions for the location of a new litter bin – near Cark Toilets/Park and south of Stockdale Farm (the bin previously located there was relocated to Ravenstown).

Resolved to locate the new litter bin on the land to the South of Stockdale Farm, but closer to the road than the previous litter bin.

14/082 **Replacement Flookburgh Sign**

The Clerk reported that the Flookburgh sign nearest to Cark has been taken down in order to cast a replacement sign for the damaged sign on Allithwaite Road. Councillors asked whether the casting would be kept to be available for future replacements.

Resolved to contact the Sign company and specify that the sign casting be retained for potential future use.

14/083 **Cark Public Toilets**

There have been no problems at Cark Toilets. The flow of water from the taps was considered as a high flow could increase the running costs of the toilets.

Resolved James Rowlandson to examine the current fittings to establish whether it would be possible to reduce the water flow.

14/084 **Highways**

The following reports were received:

a) White Lines

Highways have now appointed a white line technician and the submitted white lines are on the second batch to be repainted. No schedule has yet been received from enquiries with Cumbria Highways as to when this work will be done.

b) Pot Holes

None of the requested potholes have been filled.

c) Grass Cutting

i) Several complaints have been received by the Parish Council from residents about the overgrowing grass on Moor Lane which is blocking the footpath. Cumbria Highways advised that due to delays in their contracting process the grass cutting, which was due to take place between Mid May and Mid June, has been delayed. No date for this cutting was provided. Cumbria Highways now only provide one cut a year. Some other parishes budget for additional grass cutting by their lengthsman.

Resolved Request a quotation from Tony Dixon for cutting Moor Lane grass.

ii) Complaints have been received regarding the overgrown footpath through the fields from Cark to Flookburgh. County Councillor Wilson advised this is the responsibility of the Countryside Access Team, contact Geoff Feukes.

Resolved To contact Geoff Feukes to request that the grass on this footpath be cut.

d) Drainage

Blocked drains have been reported to Highways, but no response has been received.

e) SORN Vehicle

A complaint has been received about an unsightly SORN vehicle parked in the Car Park to the South of Stockdale Farm. The Clerk has reported this to South Lakeland District Council who forwarded this to the DVLA. She has been unable to establish the ownership of the area, despite contacting Holker Estates. It was suggested that it may be part of the Highway. PCSO Firth suggested contacting the Police on 101.

Resolved To report the vehicle to Cumbria Police on 101.

14/085 **Cartmel Township Initiative**

Consultants have been appointed to receive the views from residents and those who utilise the facilities in Cartmel. Neighbouring Parish Councils can also submit their views.

Resolved To not respond as a Parish Council.

14/086 **Flookburgh Recreational Charity Trust**

i) The Trust is progressing with the information required for funding applications and estimates for the 5 phases of the project. The new Treasurer is changing the banking arrangements. An application for Planning Permission for the Car Park is being prepared by Neill Price. The electricity connection situation was queried.

Resolved To check the Minutes for details of the situation regarding the electrical work which has already taken place.

ii) The re-drafted agreement between the Trust and the Parish Council in relation to the Moor Lane site, based on advice received from Cumbria Association of Local Councils, was considered.

Resolved To accept and sign the redrafted agreement.

14/087 Flookburgh Youth Club (Flocks 4 Youth)

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been convened with Young Cumbria, The Youth Club Steering Committee, Cumbria County Council contracts officer, the Parish Council and District and County Councillors. Young Cumbria were not aware of the local situation in relation to how the Club was run, nor the existence of the Steering Committee. The situation where the parents and children were not informed as to whether the youth club would continue until the day before it was reconvened with temporary staff was unacceptable. Their lack of communication in relation to the staffing changes with residents and councillors was unsatisfactory and they promised to improve it in the future. The Club ran for 4 weeks in June with temporary staff and newly appointed staff would be running the club from September 2014. Young Cumbria's budget was cut by the County Council this year, however Young Cumbria had given assurances that their service provision would be maintained. The next County Council contract will start in 2015 and it is currently being worked on.

14/088 Local Area Partnership

Councillor Airey reported that the June meeting which was well attended and they are considering how to distribute the remaining funds. All parishes are looking at what arrangements can be made to support residents eg the elderly, as County Council funding for services is being cut.

14/089 Cumbria Association of Local Councils

a) District Association Meeting

The Clerk reported that the meeting was hosted by South Lakeland District Council (SLDC). The matters outlined by SLDC were the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), the Economic Growth Strategy and Delivering Services Locally (ie where services previously delivered by the District Council are now delivered by Town and Parish Councils).

b) Clerk's Forum

The Clerk reported that the main area of concern from Clerks was the lack of communication from Cumbria Highways and difficulty getting work done.

14/090 Community Led Plan

The Clerk reported that feedback on the draft questionnaire has now been received from the Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) and South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) advisors and the next meeting to consider these before trialling the questionnaire will be on 24th July.

14/091 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Cumbria County Council

None

b) South Lakeland District Council

Code of Conduct Training – 9th & 10th July in Kendal
Parish workshops - Planning in SLDC and Parish Charter, Quality of Life Survey Results
NALC update on Energy Performance Certificate requirements for public buildings.

c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)

Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner – introduction from the Victim Advocate
Birthday Honours Nominations – closing date 4th August 2014

d) Grange & Cartmel Neighbourhood Forum

July meeting postponed until September. Funding application can be made by Community groups.

e) Grange Town Council

Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan meeting invitation – dates to be confirmed

f) Cartmel Old Grammar School Foundation

Grant applications invited from University/College students & Apprentices.

g) NHS England

- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Campaign for 65 year old men.
- h Neighbourhood Alerts
Rural Burglaries reports
Neighbourhood Watch Week re Telephone safety, CAB, Trading Standards & Scams.
 - i Cumbria Rural Housing Trust
Asking whether there are any housing needs or issues in the parish.

14/092 Forthcoming Events

The following events were noted:

24th July, 7 pm, Community Led Plan Meeting, Flookburgh Village Hall.

30th July, 7 pm, Flookburgh & District Recreational Trust Meeting, 32 Jutland Avenue.

14/093 Meeting Dates

A proposal was considered to move the meeting days to Friday.

Resolved The meeting day to continue on Wednesdays.

14/094 Date of Next meeting

Noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at Lower Holker Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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