

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 2015**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner (and District Councillor), M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland & T Wilson, County Councillor S Sanderson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, Ms G Cleeve, Mr L Evans, Miss L Hadwin, Mr E Wilson & Mrs E Wilson.

- 15/083 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO H Firth.
- 15/084 **Requests for Dispensations**
None
- 15/085 **Declarations of Interest**
Councillor T Wilson in relation to item 15/090
- 15/086 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd June 2015 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.
- 15/087 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**
Members of the public were given leave by the Chairman to speak regarding item 15/090.
- 15/088 **Police**
PCSO Howard was absent and no Police report has been provided.
- 15/089 **District and County Councillors**
- a) County Councillor Sanderson reported that
- i) She has completed the referrals regarding requested Highways matters to Cumbria County Highways.
 - ii) She is to meet with South Lakeland District Council officers regarding the recycling at Cark Station.
 - iii) She attended the drop in regarding Flookburgh Square plans where a range of views were expressed.
 - iv) Morecambe Bay Partnership Hospitals is one of 29 pilot areas for improvement and integration.
 - v) The National Grid route from the planned new Power Station has been selected and will be onshore from Moorside to Furness, then under Morecambe Bay to Heysham.
 - vi) Connecting Cumbria Phase 2 contract has been awarded to BT, which should result in a 95% broadband availability in Cumbria.
 - vii) Cumbria County Council have prepared a plan to make improvements in their care of looked after children.
 - viii) Cumbria Registration Services now have a single telephone number (0300 303 2472).
 - ix) The County Council are working to reduce waste with an emphasis on recycling etc.
- b) District Councillor Gardner reported that
- i) She has volunteered to be trained on a speed gun and now has 11 volunteers.
 - ii) The next litter pick is on Saturday 11th July, meeting on Flookburgh Square at 10 am.
 - iii) She apologises for missing the Flookburgh Square consultation as she was in Ireland.

15/090

Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2015/0323 73 Main Street Flookburgh Cumbria LA11 7LB. Single storey extension and entrance porch – amended plans 9/6/2015 with an additional window.

Resolved No response required for this minor amendment.

- b) SL/2015/0518 Airfield Farm, Moor Lane Flookburgh Cumbria LA11 7LS
Erection of motor vehicle repair workshop, vehicular access, parking and compound hard-standings and foul water drainage system.

Mr Evans was given leave by the Chairman to address the meeting. He advised that the application for a new building is to sustain his existing business. The buildings he currently operates from are not of a sufficient size and quality to meet the demand for his services nor comply with improved standards required by garages including Audi/BMW. He employs 4 staff, has just taken on another apprentice and the new building would allow him to employ 6 staff. Councillor Gardner advised that there has been strong local support for this application and the decision will be made by the Planning Committee, not by delegation.

Resolved To strongly support the application for this local business.

- c) SL/2015/0525 Land on the south of Caton Lane, Cark-in-Cartmel. Dwelling for Countryside Worker.

Councillor Wilson declared his interest in this application and left the meeting. Councillor Airey (Vice Chair) took the Chair.

Mr & Mrs Wilson and Ms Cleeve were given leave by the Vice Chair to address the meeting. Mr & Mrs Wilson explained that due to their age they are now unable to run the farm themselves and their son will be going into partnership with them in order to continue the family business. The site selected for the dwelling is based on its viewpoint from which much of the seashore grazed by the stock can be seen. Ms Cleeve raised concerns regarding the access arrangements.

Resolved To support the application as it would provide a local residence for this countryside worker and therefore support the continuance of a longstanding family business and existing rights of way on the access to the site will not be affected by this development.

Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting and took the Chair.

15/091

Planning Decisions

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2015/0403 Land to rear of 73 Main Street Flookburgh Cumbria LA11 7LB
Demolition of poultry sheds and erection of dwelling and garage block (one garage to be used for 73 Main Street). Granted with Conditions relating to materials, boundaries, water & sewage and access.
- b) SL/2015/0482 Sandgate Caravan Park Flookburgh Grange Over Sands LA11 7LD
Removal of condition no.2 (re:closed season) attached to planning permission. Granted with condition that they only be used for holiday accommodation and not permanent residence.

15/092

Financial Report

The Financial Report as at 24th June 2015 including Budget Monitoring and Bank Reconciliation was received.

Resolved to be accepted unanimously.

15/093

Payment of Accounts

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (June 2015)	£268.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (June 2015)	£67.20
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (July 2015) SO	£247.26
E.On Electricity – Street Lighting (1/5/2015-31/5/2015) DD	£36.05

- 15/094 **Flookburgh Square**
 A Community Engagement event was held in Flookburgh Village and a number of residents expressed their views regarding the proposed markings. An amended plan in response to the engagement has been received from Cumbria Highways. The written feedback from the engagement has not yet been received. County Councillor Sanderson advised that Cumbria Highways have plans to re-tarmac around the edge of the Square and it may be possible for all the tarmacking to be done at the same time.
Resolved
 i) To proceed with tarmacking, co-ordinating with Cumbria Highways.
 ii) To consider the markings at the next meeting once the written feedback has been received.
- 15/095 **Lakeland Leisure**
 i) A draft sign has been received from Lakeland Leisure to encourage their visitors to slow down and be aware of horses/horseriders. This has been passed to Highways Engineer David Bell who is arranging a meeting with Lakeland Leisure to discuss further.
 ii) David Bell is also working on arranging repairs to the damaged 30/40 mph signs on Moor Lane.
- 15/096 **Highways**
 i) A list of Highways works (surface dressing/carriageway resurfacing/drainage/footway resurfacing) to be undertaken in 2015/16 has been received from Cumbria Highways. No works in the parish are included but roads in Cartmel and Grange which residents use are.
 ii) Councillor Keith reported the footpath from Cark to Flookburgh was overgrown.
Resolved To contact Highways to request this be cut.
 iii) There are bushes overhanging the pavement near the GP Surgery
Resolved To write to residents advising it is their responsibility to cut back any overhanging foliage.
- 15/097 **Cark Station**
 The Clerk has been advised that the new noticeboard is due to be installed on Friday (3rd July).
- 15/098 **Public Toilets**
 The Clerk hasn't yet managed to contact the District Council regarding a possible donations slot.
- 15/099 **Lower Holker Community Led Plan**
 Councillor Dawson reported that the Steering Committee is continuing to analyse the responses to the questionnaire.
- 15/100 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**
 Councillor Gardner reported that tenders have now been received and they will be compared based on the specified criteria. Fundraising is the next priority and local volunteers are sought. A Duck Race will be held in Cartmel on the August Bank Holiday.
- 15/101 **Cumbria Association of Local Councils**
 a) Councillor Dawson reported that the Better Councillor Training he attended was very well attended, most of the information was common sense but useful.
 b) The Clerk reported that the District meeting was hosted by South Lakeland District Council. The first presentation was by Deborah Wright, who is responsible for all open spaces in the District Council including parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, woodlands, Lake Windermere and car parking. The second presentation was by Nick Pearson who is responsible for Waste and Recycling including 600 miles of roads and 872 litter bins. The Parish Council survey they sent out only received 15 responses from 70 councils. Lower Holker had responded and received a major clean up in response.
- 15/102 **Correspondence**
 The following correspondence was noted:
 a Cumbria County Council

Connecting Cumbria Digital Inclusion Event in Grange on 10th July. Sessions to provide more information for Silver Surfers/Youth & Experience/Money Makers

- b South Lakeland District Council
Councillor Election Expenses – reminder to return forms (even if no election).
SLDC Housing Strategy - priorities, measures, targets, actions
Highways Maintenance Programme 2015/16 – none in Lower Holker Parish.
Electricity North West – information on the new vulnerable persons register
A new funding pot for environmental projects. The First TransPennine Express, Forestry Commission Green Grant scheme is looking for Environmental projects in the north of England and south Scotland to support. Projects of up to £2,500 each.
ACT – Good Neighbours Project flyer and affordable warmth information
Connecting Cumbria Digital inclusion programme
SLDC – Community Infrastructure Levy information
SLDC – Neighbourhood Plan Protocol
Free Dog Microchipping 10 am to 2 pm, 9th July at Berners Close Car Park, Grange
- c Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Risk Management Seminars and Transparency Code
NALC Newsletter
Training events
- d Cumbria Police
Launch of Cumbria Together website - for victims and witnesses and their families or friends to access information and support in their area covering a wide range of crimes.
- e Neighbourhood Alerts
Warnings regarding Flight Ticket Fraud, Royal Mail email Scam, thefts from outbuildings in Coniston and New Hutton.
- f National Grid
Notification of the route from Moorside (south to Furness then under Morecambe Bay)
- g Cumbria Volunteer Services
Information about volunteer opportunities, training and events.
- h Tim Farron MP
Advice surgeries and advance notification that he will be undertaking his summer tour.
- i Walney Extension Community Fund
Consultation Process on extent and type of fund allocation.
- J Lower Holker Village Hall
Thank you for grant for fire safety.

15/103

Forthcoming Events

The following events were noted:

6th July, 5 to 8 pm, South Lakeland District Council, Planning Workshop in Kirkby Lonsdale.

7th July, 6.30 pm, Grange & Cartmel LAP meeting, Victoria Hall, Grange

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Date of Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted:

2nd September 2015 at Flookburgh Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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