

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE  
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey (Vice Chairman), B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland & T Wilson (Chairman), County Councillor S Sanderson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, Sgt Bill Nolan & 10 members of the public.

17/068 **Apologies for Absence**  
None

17/069 **Requests for Dispensations**  
None.

17/070 **Declarations of Interest**  
Councillor T Wilson declared an interest in a Planning Application item 17/075b.

17/071 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**  
**Resolved** The acceptance of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was proposed by Councillor Dawson, seconded by Councillor Rawsthorn, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

17/072 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**  
Mr T Owen advised that there were transport problems after the Tom Jones concert in Cartmel on 30<sup>th</sup> June which led to people who were trying to return to Lancaster, Preston and Blackpool being stranded on Cark Railway Station. The concert overran and the bus service was unable to continue due to problems on the road. The last train (10.09 pm) was held back 30 minutes to enable more people to travel. British Transport Police stayed with the 30 people who had missed this train. Mr Owen had tried to find somewhere for them to stay in Lower Holker Village Hall. He asked whether there was an Emergency Plan in place for such incidents, including contacts for the Village Halls. The Clerk replied that a draft Emergency Plan will be considered at the September 2017 meeting.

17/073 **Police**  
Sergeant Bill Nolan reported that his current role is Problem Solving Sergeant. Cumbria Police will be restructured in September and from then he expects the Police to have more community involvement with Parish Councils as at present they will only attend meetings if invited to discuss a specific issue. He was working at Cartmel Racecourse when the travel issues arose following the Tom Jones concert and advised that a HGV had become stuck on the road with the buses being unable to pass and he was there until after 2 am. Cark has been identified as having problems with antisocial behaviour, particularly around Cark Park and the Railway Station. Police have been patrolling these sites when they are not required elsewhere for urgent matters and there have not been any recent reports. Councillor Keith advised that picnic tables have been vandalised and left behind the toilets and suggested that these patrols include walking around the back of the toilet block. The public are advised to phone 101 when such incidents arise or email 101emails@cumbria.police.uk. The Police have visited the local Primary and Secondary Schools to speak to children about this antisocial behaviour. Councillor Airey advised that there is a problem with drugs in the area with vehicles congregating at night on the car parks at Allithwaite Community Centre and at the new playground on Moor Lane. Councillor Gardner advised that a chain will be put across the car park at the new playground to stop access. Sergeant Nolan asked for any information to be passed to the Police so that action can be taken.

17/074 **District and County Councillors**  
a) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported she is working on the usual issues.  
b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson reported:  
i) She has changed her role at the Councils. She is now County Council Cabinet member for schools and learning. Her first meeting today was about children who are looked after and therefore the responsibility of the Local Authority.  
ii) She met with CCC Highways Engineer Victoria Upton, the Clerk and the District Councillor to discuss road safety issues at the new Playground on Moor Lane. There will

be SLOW markings on the road and playground signs to alert drivers. On Moor Lane there will also be horse warning signs and additional 30 mph repeater signs (as previously agreed). The ghost footpath at Cark will be reinstated following resurfacing.

- iii) She attended the consultation about Extra Care Housing held at the school.
- iv) There is a meeting about community health at Grange Library on Thursday 6th from 6.30pm to 8pm which is a follow up from the meeting in Victoria Hall in March.
- v) There is a drop in at Kendal Town Hall for the Kent/Leven catchment about the flooding on Friday from 3.30 pm to 7.30pm where a report on proposals by Environment agency for those towns which were flooded will be considered.

#### 17/075 **Planning Applications**

- a) SL/2017/0472. 27 Unit, Airfield Approach Business Park, Moor Lane, Flookburgh. Extension to industrial unit.

**Resolved** To support this application as it will provide increased employment by this local micro brewery business and due to the location this extension would not have any detrimental impacts on other businesses.

Councillor T Wilson left the meeting and Vice Chairman Councillor Airey took the chair.

- b) SL/2017/0523. Land to the south of Caton Lane, Cark-in-Cartmel. Formation of holiday lodge park for siting of 30 lodges. Councillors noted that this site would be accessed from Main Street near Sandgate and is adjoining an existing site of a similar type. Mr Eakins was given leave to address the meeting by the Vice Chairman and he advised his concerns regarding movement of the lodges up Main Street, Flookburgh particularly given the damage caused to a house on Main Street earlier this year by a crane being transported to be used to install a lodge on the existing site adjoining this planning application.

**Resolved** To support the application for 30 lodges on the site.

Councillor T Wilson returned to the meeting.

- c) SL/2017/0560. Crown Inn, Market Street, Flookburgh. Conversion of public house to four dwellings with first floor side extension and single storey rear extension.

**Resolved** To support this application provided that a minimum of 2 off street parking spaces are allocated to each dwelling and suggested that one of the dwellings be an affordable dwelling.

#### 17/076 **Planning Decisions**

None

#### 17/077 **Financial Reports**

**Resolved** The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 June 2017, was accepted unanimously.

#### 17/078 **Payment of Accounts**

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

Clerk's Salary (June 2017)	£289.20
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (June 2017)	£72.30
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (June 2017) SO	£259.20
South Lakes Services – unblocking toilets & 2 hours extra cleaning	£103.20
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/5/17-31/5/17) DD	£45.79
Waterplus* – Water & Wastewater (Toilets) 7/3/17-1/6/17 DD	£82.46
N Power – Electricity (Toilets) 1/5/17-1/6/17 DD	£28.11
Kompan (Moor Lane Playground – Invoice 1 - deposit)	£24,013.67

\*Waterplus has been formed by a merger of United Utilities and Severn Trent.

#### 17/079 **Highways**

- a) Road maintenance.

Councillors reported that the lane from The Croft to School Lane is becoming overgrown.

**Resolved** To write to the householders advising their responsibility to cut back hedges to avoid blocking the right of way.

Councillor Keith reported that trees planted near Norman's Seat at the top of Moor Lane are blocking the view from this seat.

**Resolved** Councillor Wilson to check the seat location and report.

- b) Meeting with County Council Highways Engineer Victoria Upton  
The Clerk reported that in addition to the matters reported by Councillor Sanderson (17/074/b) the following were discussed:
- i) SLOW road markings to be placed on the road approaching corner which adjoining the railway bridge at Cark.
  - ii) White road markings to be placed on Market Street to provide passing spaces for when vehicles meet oncoming traffic. Initial suggestion to place these in front of the barn doors with the No Parking sign (Mr Richard Gibbons). The Councillors considered that an additional passing space would be needed due to the lack of visibility for traffic travelling down the hill.
- Resolved** Highways Engineer and County Councillor to re-examine Market Street and plan alternative options.

**17/080 South Lakeland Infrastructure Delivery Plan Update 2017 Review**

South Lakeland District Council are reviewing the community infrastructure aspirations of parish councils. The only aspiration currently listed for Lower Holker Parish is a Pedestrian Bridge over railway at Allithwaite Road, Flookburgh. The Clerk advised that other parishes have requested improvements to pavements, cycle ways and parking.

**Resolved** To request Improvements to the footpath down Moor Lane, Flookburgh to improve access to the new Playground.

**17/081 Morecambe Bay Economic Plan Consultation**

Morecambe Bay Partnership have prepared a Draft Morecambe Bay Economic Plan for consideration. It includes aspirations focussing on improving tourism, liveability and heritage.

**Resolved** to respond to the questions as follows:

1. Have we set the right ambition and objectives for the Morecambe Bay Economic Plan? If not, how should they be changed? *Yes.*
2. Does the plan properly reflect the community and economic situation broadly across the bay area, and more specifically in the rural coastal areas? *Yes*
3. Should the plan focus on the visitor economy as a potential growth area? *Not completely as Lower Holker has a number of small businesses which don't rely on tourism.*
4. What additional evidence do you think the Plan should draw on to set its ambition, objectives and actions? *None.*
5. Have we set the right tasks and actions to achieve the ambition? If not, how should the change? *Yes.*
6. Are we involving the right people in developing the plan and delivering the tasks and actions? Who else should we be talking to? *Yes.*
7. Would you/your organisation be interested in being a part of the Coastal Community Team? If so, what are your areas of expertise/knowledge? *No.*
8. Is there anything else that the Plan should cover? Have you any other comments? *No.*

**17/082 Replacement Seat on Moor Lane**

The Clerk reported that an order has been placed with Philip Dalton to replace this seat.

**17/083 New Litter Bin**

The Clerk reported that she had written to Cartmel Sticky Toffee Pudding Company to ask whether they would be prepared to install a litter bin by the seat on Moor Lane which is near their business. The company declined to do this.

**Resolved** To write to Willow Tree Caravan Site and Willow Water to ask if they might consider installing a litter bin at this location.

**17/084 Public Toilets**

The Clerk reported that the gutter filler has been reinserted. There are also some pieces of tree left at the rear of the toilets from when SLDC cut down the tree and 2 severely damaged picnic tables. Councillor Keith reported that one of the tables was given by Margaret Hodgson and has a plaque attached.

**Resolved** Councillor Ryland to remove the wood from the tree and check the condition of the picnic tables.

#### 17/085 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

a) Councillor Gardner reported that there was excellent support for the duck race and cake sale. The drainage works have been completed and 3 dry days are needed for the stone picking and re-seeding work. She has spoken to some of the local businesses and had a good response but hasn't yet received any funds.

b) Crowe Plant Hire Ltd have invoiced £16,380.00 for the drainage works for the field on Moor Lane owned by the Parish Council.

**Resolved** To pay this sum through the Parish Council.

#### 17/086 **Connecting Cumbria**

Councillor Dawson and the Clerk attended a presentation by Connecting Cumbria on 27<sup>th</sup> June which outlined the faster broadband speeds now available within the Parish (up to 60 MB) and that to receive this service households and businesses would need to change their contracts at this upgrade is not delivered automatically.

#### 17/087 **Extra Care Housing**

Councillors Dawson and Sanderson and the Clerk attended the consultation meeting held by Housing & Care 21 on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The proposal is for a 60 room facility of 1 or 2 bedroom apartments over 3 floors on a site allocated in the Local Plan behind Bridge House. It would have 24 hour staffing and extra care (carers) as required. Facilities include 2 lifts, dining room, lounge, hairdresser, garden & parking (on basis that 30% of residents have a car). The entrance would be just past Bridge House on Manorside. Residents must be over 55 years old. Residents can rent, purchase under shared ownership or outright purchase. Expected employment once operational is 20 staff. The Planning Application is expected to be submitted within the next 3 or 4 weeks.

**Resolved** To support a 2 storey building and to require the installation of a pedestrian bridge over the Railway on Allithwaite Road as a condition of development.

#### 17/088 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Cumbria County Council

Integrated Care Community Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> July

b) South Lakeland District Council

Car Parks Survey – roadshow and online at [www.southlakeland.gov.uk/parkingsurvey](http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/parkingsurvey)

Pre-publication Consultation on Main Changes to Draft Development Management Policies

Development Plan Document (19 June – 17 July 2017)

South Lakeland Infrastructure Delivery Plan Update 2017

c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)

Friends of the Lake District Manifesto for the Landscape of Cumbria

Monthly CALC circular including FOLD Environmental Improvement Grants, Flood insurance.

British Water market opened up to make changing supplier easier.

Rural Services Network Survey

CALC Satisfaction Survey

d) Neighbourhood Alerts

National Cyber Awareness Survey.

Wedding services fraud. Vehicle online shopping fraud. Neighbourhood Watch Week (17<sup>th</sup>

June). Project EDWARD - European Day Without A Road Death (21<sup>st</sup> September).

#### 17/089 **Forthcoming Events**

The following events were noted:

2 to 4 pm, 6th July at Kents Bank Road Car Park, Grange – SLDC Car Parks Survey

6.30 pm, 6th July at Grange Library - Integrated Care Community local meeting

#### 17/090 **Date of Next meeting**

The following meeting was noted:

7 pm on Wednesday 6th September 2017 in Flookburgh Village Hall.

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