

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE
HALL AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY 2021**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, J Ryland, S Rawsthorn, T Wilson (part), Parish Clerk L Prescott, County Councillor S Sanderson & 1 member of the public.

21/064 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillor M Cornah.

21/065 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

21/066 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

21/067 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2021 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

21/068 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

- a) A resident advised that he has taken a video of the works being undertaken at Cark Manor without Planning Permission and forwarded it to MP Tim Farron. The resident will forward the video to the District Councillor to forward to the Planning Department. The Planning Department of SLDC are investigating, though local people are concerned that no action is being taken. The works are causing considerable disruption to local residents and another resident taking photographs of the works was verbally abused by the owner. The resident is also concerned about the application for development at Station Approach and the ongoing problems with sewage overflow into Cark Beck.
- b) A councillor has been advised that a static caravan has been installed and is being used as a holiday let at a field on Green Lane. The District Councillor will follow up on this.

Councillor Wilson arrived and took over the Chair from the Vice Chair.

21/069 **Police**

The Clerk reported the Grange & Cartmel Crime figures (May 2021) (18 reports to the Police): Violence and sexual offences 9, Anti-social behaviour 3, Criminal damage and arson 2 & Other theft 2. During the last month the Police have managed to carry out a few school visits delivering various safety messages and showing the children what they do. Patrols have also been carried out in areas identified as potential locations for antisocial behaviour and we are working with partner agencies to address any issues identified. They continue to address the concerns of vulnerable people in the area giving crime prevention advice and making them aware of scams. Residents are reminded to ensure that vehicles and tools are secured following the recent theft of two commercial vehicles from the area. Both incidents are still under investigation and thankfully one of the vehicles has been recovered.

21/070 **District and County Councillors**

- a) District Councillor Gardner
She has nothing to report.
- b) County Councillor Sanderson reported:
 - i) Schools are struggling with closures due to the number of Covid cases requiring isolation. The guidelines will change in September with bubbles no longer used.
 - ii) Police are monitoring the changes at the A590/Swan Hotel junction where some drivers are refusing to turn left onto the A590. The Newby Bridge service station is also being monitored for road safety, however any works would need national funding and the geology of the road is challenging.

- iii) Adult Social Care is about to be inspected and Special Needs will be re-inspected in September.
- iv) Some Parish Councils nominate one person to report Highways matters and the new person at Cumbria Highways for this area (Neil Sacramento) is helpful.
- v) Grants will shortly be available through the County Council for village halls to support them re-opening after Covid closures and she will forward the details to the Clerk.

21/071 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2021/0553. Fairview, 108 Main Street, Flookburgh, Change of use of annex to holiday let.
Resolved Support this application provided that the main house remains as a permanent dwelling and does not also become a holiday let.
- b) SL/2021/0581. Orchard House, Station Road, Flookburgh. Erection of domestic garage and store.
Resolved To support this application as it will provide improved facilities for the residents.
- c) SL/2021/0636. 1 Church Villas, Church Walk Flookburgh LA11 7JX. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) for a dormer to the south elevation.
Resolved To support this application as it will provided improved accommodation for the residents.

21/072 **Planning Decision**

The following Planning Decision was noted:

SL/2021/0440. South Lakes Storage Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LS. Extension to unit 3 and the demolition of unit 2. Granted with conditions relating to plans, materials, flood mitigation and surface water drainage.

21/073 **Financial Reports**

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

21/074 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (June 2021)	£319.76
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (June 2021)	£79.94
Orian/SLS (Toilet Cleaning) (May 2021)	£471.92
Eon Next – Electricity (Toilets) (1/5/2021-31/5/2021) DD	£36.47
SSE – Electricity (Street Lighting) (5/5/2021-1/6/2021) DD	£45.10
Waterplus (Water & Waste Water – Toilets) (17/3/21-27/5/21) DD	£67.19
Internal Audit 2020/21	£70.00
Brooke's Supplies (Railing & gate fastener for Playground)	£9.34
Signs (CCTV/Social Distancing/Anti Climb)	£26.27
Paint (Anti Climb)	£29.95
Litter Bin Emptying (Playground 1/4/21 – 30/6/21)	£137.88

21/075 **Highways**

- a) To receive details of highways matters to be reported
Councillor Rawsthorn reported potholes on the road behind the Engine Inn at Cark.
- b) To receive details of highways matters reported
The Clerk reported that in relation to the replacement street light on Market Street she had finally managed to contact the relevant person at Highways (who has been on sick leave for several months). They can install a new light, the Parish Council need to advise where they want it to be installed and they will advise the cost to the Parish Council (around £1,200). The Parish Council have unspent CIL funds for infrastructure works available to cover the cost. Councillor Ryland and the Clerk had a site visit and identified

2 potential locations –at the end of the Hope & Anchor or the house opposite (Number 14). The Clerk has written to Robinsons Brewery and the house owner asking whether either would agree to this and is awaiting a response.

- c) To receive a report on the operation of the Speed Indicator Device on Moor Lane
The Clerk reported that she has not downloaded any additional data.
- d) To consider the street cleaning schedule of South Lakeland District Council
The current street cleaning schedule is fortnightly on a Tuesday to co-incide with refuse collection. Street parking of vehicles, particularly on Bank Holidays, is creating difficulties for the street cleaners. No alternative proposals were received.
- e) To consider parking issues in Cark
Car parking continues to be a problem in Cark, it is also the case in the rest of the Parish. No suggestions were received as to alternative arrangements.
- f) To receive a report on the new Highways Information Asset Management system.
The Clerk reported that the new system had a 'soft launch' on 29 June 2021. Reported items at 28th June will not be transferred to new system but will be extracted and reviewed. Three options at start of the reporting process are:
- Report a problem
 - Make an enquiry or request
 - Make an enquiry about public rights of way
- The search box can help choose type of issue. New options for location include 'what3words'/use location (mobile phone)/map /postcode. It is optional to provide contact details and photographs. From the end of July there will be a new 'My Account' which can be used to collate reported items. Councillor Gardner volunteered to be the contact person for Highways.
- Resolved** To approve the appointment of Councillor Gardner as Highways contact.

21/076 **Consultation**

The Clerk reported that South Lakeland District Council is consulting on their Local Plan Review. Four sites in the parish have been put forward for development and these were considered.

Resolved To respond to the proposed development sites as follows:

To support the inclusion of affordable housing & local occupancy in all developments.

- a) Land South of Rosthwaite
To object to this site due to the flood risk, limited site access and regular sewage overflows already experienced into the River Eea adjoining the site.
- b) Land to the east of Green Lane
To support the development of this site provided a suitable access can be provided.
- c) Land to the east of Winder Lane
To support the development of this site as it is a level site and has good access onto Winder Lane.
- d) Land to the east of Moor Lane
To object to this site due to the marshy condition of the site making it unsuitable for development. It would increase the traffic on an already busy road (10,000 cars travel on this road each week to the caravan parks and businesses).

21/077 **Flookburgh Community Playground**

The Clerk reported that youths have been climbing on roof of guard hut and throwing items as bypassers. Anti-climb paint and signs have been bought and are to be installed to deter them. There will be a Cake Sale on Saturday morning on Flookburgh Square to raise funds for the Playground.

21/078 **Cark Toilets & Cark Park/Playground**

The Clerk reported that one of the ladies toilets flush buttons is not working and she has reported it to the plumber. She also advised that nobody has yet volunteered to close the toilets at night after Mike Hemming moves away.

Resolved To ask Wilf Hadwin if he would be prepared to do this.

21/079 **Flookburgh Square**

The Clerk reported that she has put a CCTV warning sign on the back of the noticeboard on Flookburgh Square.

21/080 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Cumbria County Council

Covid & vaccination updates

Health & wellbeing information

Highways Information & Asset Management System

b) South Lakeland District Council

Local Plan Review.

Restart grants reminder

Covid updates

c) Cumbria Association of Local Councils

Friends of the Lake District Grant Fund

Analysis of Local Authority Precept data

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons

21/081 **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 1st September 2021 in Flookburgh Village Hall.

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