

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH HOLKER
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE 2015**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner (and District Councillor), M Keith, County Councillors S Sanderson, Parish Clerk L Prescott & Mrs K Wood.

- 15/056 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors S Rawsthorn, J Ryland and T Wilson and PCSO H Firth.
- 15/057 **Parish Council Vacancy**
Expressions of interest have been received from Mr B Dawson and Mrs K Wood. Mr Dawson and Mrs Wood left the meeting whilst the vote took place.
Resolved Mr B Dawson was co-opted to Lower Holker Parish Council
- 15/058 **Requests for Dispensations**
None
- 15/059 **Declarations of Interest**
None.
- 15/060 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th May was agreed unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.
- 15/061 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**
None.
- 15/062 **Police**
PCSO Howard was absent and no Police report has been provided. A Police representative has been absent from the Parish Council meetings for several months, which has meant there is not been an opportunity for community concerns and issues to be raised.
Resolved to contact the Police and request a more regular attendance.
- 15/063 **District and County Councillors**
a) District Councillor Gardner advised that
 i) She has volunteered to be trained on a speed gun, together with 8 other residents.
 ii) She is working on support for Lee Evans's planning application and is seeking advice from District Councillor Mary Wilson on this.
b) County Councillor Sanderson advised that the current issues she is dealing with relate to later items already on the Agenda.
- 15/064 **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.
Resolved No objections to this planning application.
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.
Resolved Object to this Planning Application as it would open the park to permanent residents and create a precedent which could be followed by the 2 other large caravan parks in the local area.
- 15/065 **Planning Decision**
The following Planning Decision was noted:
SL/2015/0303 27 Allithwaite Road Flookburgh Grange Over Sands LA11 7JR

Extensions and alterations and erection of detached garage. Refused – as would adversely affect the visual amenity of the streetscene.

15/066

Audit 2014/15

a) Report from the Internal Auditor.

The Internal Auditor reported no issues with the accounts and procedures and noted that the Parish Council has taken action to reduce the reserves and included the estimated VAT refund in the budget as requested by the Internal Auditor last year.

b) The Statement of Accounts for the year 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 were submitted to the meeting by the Parish Clerk.

Resolved

i) The Statement of Accounts for the year 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 for Lower Holker Parish Council was approved unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer (Parish Clerk) on Page 2 prior to submission to the Audit Commission.

ii) The Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31 March 2015 for Lower Holker Parish Council was approved unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman and the Parish Clerk on Page 3 prior to submission to the Audit Commission.

15/067

Financial Report

The Financial Report as at 24th May 2015 was received.

Resolved to be accepted unanimously.

15/068

Payment of Accounts

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (May 2015)	£268.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (May 2015)	£67.20
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (April 2015) SO	£247.26
E.On Electricity – Street Lighting (1/4/2015-30/4/2015) DD	£20.11
Npower (Toilets – Electricity) (01/2/2014-30/04/2015) DD	£57.80
Street Lighting (Repairs) – 1/4/2014 – 31/3/2015	£393.46
Internal Audit – Tim Owen	£60.00

15/069

Street Lighting

E.on is the current supplier of electricity for street lighting in the Parish. They have advised that they are increasing their charges from 9.8 pence per kWh to 12.4 pence per kWh. There is no fixed contract with them at present so the Parish Council could easily move to an alternative supplier. The Clerk has obtained alternative quotations from Opus Energy, SSE and Npower. These suppliers all have a standing charge and in total 2 suppliers would charge a similar amount to E.on and one would charge around £50 more per year.

Resolved To stay with E.on but keep the situation under review.

15/070

Grant Application

Lower Holker Parish Council have been advised that they will require additional emergency lighting and smoke detectors at a cost of £1800 + VAT. They have already obtained a grant of £1,000 and ask whether the Parish Council would make a contribution towards these costs.

Resolved To award a grant of £400 and suggest they also make an application to the Public Watering Place Charity.

15/071

Flookburgh Square

The plan for the Square has been amended by Cumbria Highways in line with the amendments put forward by the Parish Council. The Community Engagement event will be held from 3.00 to 6.30 pm on Monday 22nd June in Flookburgh Village Hall.

15/072

Lakeland Leisure

Parish, District and County Councillors met with Christian Tyldesley at Lakeland Leisure.

a) Residents have raised concerns with the Parish Council about speeding traffic and vehicles travelling too close to horses on Moor Lane. Mr Tyldesley offered to arrange for double-sided signs warning of horses to be installed at either end of Moor Lane. County Councillor

Sanderson is to speak with Cumbria Highways regarding the installation of horse warning signs, the repair of the damaged 40/30 signs and request a new sign at the Flookburgh end of Moor Lane (last 2 items recommended by PCSO Firth). Councillor Keith advises she has requested the livery owner (Mr Latham) installs visible signs to raise awareness of horses.

- b) Residents have recently been undertaking litter picks in the Parish and on Moor Lane have collected 20 bin bags of rubbish. Mr Tyldesley offered staff assistance at future community litter picking events and asked for the dates to be forwarded to him. The Parish Clerk has since forwarded the dates of the litter picks to Mr Tyldesley.

15/073 **Highways**

- a) County Councillor Sanderson advises that Cumbria Highways have requested details of works which would require a TRO (eg yellow lines, one way etc) so that they can apply for them in batches and so reduce overall costs.

Resolved To request double yellow lines as follows:

Flookburgh

Around the Chemist corner; by the Sandwich Shop; by the Hope & Anchor; from Moor Lane junction with B5277 to start of pull in by Cockles.

Cark

Over River Eea near the Engine Inn on both sides; on Low Row at side of entrances which go over the River Eea via bridges; on B5278 above yard entrance below Rose & Crown to start of Sunny Bank road.

- b) Other ongoing Highways matters are still outstanding.

15/074 **Cark Station**

- a) The complaint regarding cleanliness has been acknowledged by the Station Manager, but no solution to the problem has yet been advised.
- b) The new noticeboard is awaited, pending the funds being released.
- c) A quotation (figure not advised) for a new hardstanding area on the opposite side of the track has been obtained by Jim Trotman of the Community Rail Partnership and he has asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to contribute towards this so that the Recycling Bins could be moved off the Car Park. **Resolved** County Councillor Sanderson will contact Jim Trotman regarding this and follow up with South Lakeland District Council.

15/075 **Public Toilets**

- a) A leak has been reported from the toilet overflow and the Parish Clerk has asked a plumber to deal with this.
- b) A zero business rate invoice has been received from South Lakeland District Council for the toilets.

15/076 **Lower Holker Community Led Plan**

Councillor Dawson reported that the meeting analysed a large number of responses from more of the questions and will continue at the next meeting.

15/077 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

Councillor Gardner reported that she has met with several companies onsite regarding the current tender process and the deadline for tenders to be received is 15th June.

15/078 **Flookburgh Youth Club (Flocks 4 Youth)**

The Parish Clerk reported that the Junior Youth Club numbers have settled down and everything is going well.

15/079 **Grange & Cartmel Local Area Partnership**

Councillors Airey and Sanderson attended the April meeting and there was little to report to the Parish.

15/080 **Royal Garden Party**
Councillors Airey & Keith attended the Royal Garden Party in May as representatives from Cumbria Parish Councils and reported they had a fantastic time, travelling down for the day by train and enjoyed the lovely gardens, food and music.

15/081 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted and action taken as noted:

a South Lakeland District Council

Planning Workshops – 29th June (1 to 5 pm – Windermere) & 6th July (5 to 8 pm – Kirkby Lonsdale). Includes information about planning committee, parish planning procedures, communication, Community Infrastructure Levy and case studies.

Resolved Councillor Dawson and the Parish Clerk to attend the event on 6th July.
Adoption of Community Infrastructure Levy & Adoption of Phase 1 Development Briefs.
Overview and Scrutiny potential work for 2015/16 and Annual Report for 2014/15.

b Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)

National Association of Local Councils briefing – Religious observances – if at Parish Council meeting must be shown on agenda and notification given prior.

National Association of Local Councils – Newsletter.

Rural Opportunities Bulletin re Funding sources.

Letter from NALC Chairman to Parish Councillors request to raise profile of Parish Councils in local area and support local group ie CALC.

c Neighbourhood Alerts

National Rural Crime Survey – respond online until 24th June 2015

Warning re Investment Cold Callers

Electricity Northwest – Vulnerable Customer Register in case of power outages.

Warning re Security System Cold Callers

Warning re spoof Paypal emails

Carer's conference – 10th June at the Forum, Barrow.

d Morecambe Bay Partnership

New Bay Cycle route launch (11th to 14th June), Glasson Dock Family Festival (14th June), Beach Cleans (Humphrey Head 19th July) and History Detective training.

e Cumbria Volunteer Services

Information about volunteer opportunities, training and events.

f Nugen

Moorside Project Consultation dates & venues (from 16th May to 15th July)

g Cartmel Old Grammar School Foundation

Notification of Educational Grants – closing date 30th September 2015.

15/082 **Date of Next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was noted:

1st July 2015 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