

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2016**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland & T Wilson, Parish & District Councillor G Gardner, County Councillor S Sanderson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, Mr & Mrs E Wilson and Mr T Ryland.

- 15/254 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor M Keith and PCSO H Firth.
- 15/255 **Requests for Dispensations**
None.
- 15/256 **Declarations of Interest**
Councillor T Wilson declared an interest in item 15/261 a)
- 15/257 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd February 2016 was proposed by Councillor Rawsthorn, seconded by Councillor Ryland, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.
- 15/258 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**
Mr T Ryland asked whether a bus shelter could be installed as there is nowhere to shelter when it is raining. He also asked whether there were plans to upgrade the shelter and add doors on Lancaster side of Cark Railway Station in the same way the Barrow side had been upgraded as this would be a good improvement to the waiting area for passengers travelling in this direction.
- 15/259 **Police**
PCSO Firth provided a written report that in the last 4 weeks the following incidents in the Parish have been reported to the Police: 3 Concerns for Welfare, 1 Domestic incident, 1 Pets-attack on member of the public & 1 RTC (fail to stop).
- 15/260 **District and County Councillors**
a) County Councillor Sue Sanderson reported:
i) Recycling of cardboard and plastic will start in Ulverston next week.
ii) She attended a meeting of the Windermere Lake Levels Group to discuss potential solutions to the problems of flooding at Backbarrow.
iii) She attended a 'Flood Re' meeting – this insurance scheme will start on 4th April 2016 and will be available for residents who have been flooded and have difficulty obtaining reasonably-priced insurance. It was set up by the Government and the Government and Insurers will be contributing funds which in the event of flooding will be paid out to the insured residents. The scheme will operate for 25 years.
iv) South Lakeland District Council has grants of £5,000 available to flooded residents to undertake floodproofing works, but application delays are being experienced due to the requirement for 2 quotations as many tradesmen are too busy to provide quotes.
v) Cumbria County Council needs flooded residents and businesses to register with them so that funding can be applied for.
vi) The Neighbourhood Forum has funding available for Village Halls and applications can still be made before their next meeting.
vii) Cumbria County Council Budget and Council Plan has been agreed.
viii) Cartmel Township Initiative have made funding applications in order to undertake works to improve the car parking in Cartmel village.
b) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported:
i) Dog fouling continues to be a problem within the Parish. She has asked if she could be trained as an Enforcement Officer. The SLDC Enforcement Officer has visited a person who was recorded on CCTV not picking up after their dog. The Enforcement Officer has also provided dog bags and Gill is investigating the purchase of dispensers for the

bags. She also plans to distribute monitoring leaflets through School book bags and leaflet drops.

15/261

Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2016/0058 Land adjacent to Guides Farm, Cark in Cartmel Cumbria LA11 7LD. Erection of countryside workers dwelling with vehicular access.
Councillor T Wilson left the meeting as he has an interest in this Planning Application.
Resolved To support this Application as it would provide a local residence for this countryside worker and therefore support the continuance of a longstanding family farming business.
Councillor T Wilson returned to the meeting.
- b) SL/2016/0071 11 Somme Avenue, Ravenstow Flookburgh Cumbria LA11 7LJ. Single storey extension to side and rear and front porch extension
Resolved To support this application as it is not oversized for the site and will not be detrimental to neighbouring properties.
- c) SL/2016/0088 108 Main Street, Fairview Flookburgh Grange Over Sands LA11 7LB. Extending garage at rear by 2m and building bedroom above this enlarged garage.
Resolved To support this Application as it will not be detrimental to neighbouring properties.
- d) SL/2016/0143 Land at Garden Cottage, Caton Lane, Cark, LA11 7PA. Self-build dwelling in garden of property.
Resolved To support this application subject to the following conditions due to the narrowness of the access on Caton Lane:
 - i) That this is for a single dwelling only and does not create a precedent for further development on the site.
 - ii) That the applicants ensure that neighbouring residents are not inconvenienced during building works by vehicles blocking any accesses.

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Planning Decisions

None

15/263

Financial Reports

Resolved The Financial report including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 February 2016 was accepted unanimously.

15/264

Payment of Accounts

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (February 2016)	£268.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (February 2016)	£67.20
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (February 2016) SO	£247.26
J N Sidwell – Moor Lane field – Fencing section of boundary fence	£130.00
Church Clock – Maintenance	£100.00
8 copies of the 2016 Good Councillors Guide	£20.00
E.On Electricity – Street Lighting (1/1/2016-31/1/2016) DD	£36.05

15/265

Grant Application

An application has been received from Mr K Jackson (one of the volunteers who maintains the churchyard) towards the maintenance of equipment for this work.

Resolved To award £150.

15/266

Highways

- a) Councillor Rawsthorn reported that the road cleaning requested on the road above Low Bankside Farm as still not taken place.
- b) The Clerk reported that she has contacted the Police regarding the dangerous and rude behaviour by groups of cyclists on the new Bay Cycle Way and they advise to report specific incidents to them on 101. She also contact Cumbria Highways and Victoria Upton replied advising this is the first time they have been made aware of this, they don't have any control of users of the route and asked if there are any Highways changes which could mitigate the

situation. The Clerk has also had a phone call from a local Sustrans volunteer (Roy Gibson) who saw mention of the issue in the Parish News.

Resolved To request that Sustrans publish details of the problems being experienced in the Parish in their publication in order to reach cyclists/cycling groups.

- c) The Clerk reported that Cumbria Highways responded regarding the damaged walls near the Engine Inn in Cark advising they are the responsibility of either the owners or the Environment Agency.

- d) Overhanging hedges continue to make access down school lane difficult. Access for hedgecutting is hampered by the bollard near to the School.

Resolved Councillor Gardner to arrange for the bollard to be lowered and Mr Rhodes to be asked to cut down the sides of the hedge on the lane, with any additional costs for cutting the school side to be met by the Parish Council.

15/267

Dog Fouling

A complaint has been received from Mrs Wheeldon regarding dog fouling in the Parish, but in particular in relation to the children's playground at The Croft. The Clerk has advised Mrs Wheeldon of the actions previously taken by the Parish Council (additional bins, supporting litter picks, reminders in the Parish News, on Facebook and on the Website) and that the authority who are able to take action against people who are responsible for dog fouling is South Lakeland District Council and the complaint has been forwarded to them and the District Councillor. County Councillor Sanderson advised that Enforcement Officers can be asked to target areas where dog fouling is a problem and this has been successful at a site she knows.

Resolved

- i) To request SLDC Enforcement Officers to target areas in the Parish where dog fouling is a problem (including The Croft playground and school lane).
- ii) To remind residents via Facebook of the issue of dog fouling, with photographic evidence.
- iii) To prepare and put up simple notices to remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

15/268

River Eea

The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency are currently unable to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council as due to the flooding in recent months they do not have an officer available to attend. They are however undertaking a consultation in next 2/3 months and will want suggestions from the regarding the priority works, so they can plan them and apply for funding. The Clerk has sent details (map & photographs) of the damaged walls near the Engine Inn at to Debbie Binch at the Environment Agency who will pass them onto Asset Performance Team.

15/269

Moor Lane Field

The Clerk reported that the boundary repair works requested by Mrs Wilson have been completed.

15/270

Public Toilets

- a) The Clerk reported that the locks on all the toilet doors were vandalised, so the toilets could not be unlocked. This was reported to Councillor Keith who reported to the Clerk and the Police. The Clerk put notices on the doors and a notification on Facebook. Mr Mike Hemming very kindly repaired the locks and the Clerk has sent a thank you email to him.
- b) Councillor Airey reported that the doors she had available to replace the cleaner's cupboard door are too narrow and she has asked Lloyd Saunders to see if he has a door of a suitable size.
- c) The Clerk reported that there are a further 2 faulty lights and an electrician has been called.
- d) The Clerk reported that the external wall into the Cleaner's cupboard is 15" thick so any donation box on the inside would be difficult to access. She has located a metal donations box which could be installed on the external wall by the Gents toilets.

Resolved To install an external donations box.

15/271

Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity

Councillor Gardner reported that Claire and Katie are working hard preparing funding applications and funding is coming in. She has been in discussions with County Councillor Sanderson regarding fencing for the site. There will be a Good Friday fundraising event at Ravenstown Club including an Easter Egg Hunt and a Duck Race in Cartmel on 8th May. The agreement between

the Parish Council and the Charity may need to be amended as the clause which allows either party to withdraw with 6 months' notice is proving an issue with some funders. Councillor Wilson expressed the Parish Council's thanks to the Charity Trustees for all their hard work.

15/272

Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC)

- a) The Clerk reported that she attended the CALC District meeting and the speaker on Implementing a Health & Wellbeing System in South Lakeland was Mike Conefrey, Public Health Locality Manager from Cumbria County Council. There is a predicted increase in over 65s to 37% in South Lakeland and this, together with the impact of deprivation on life expectancy and years of poor health is being considered. The focus is on creating communities which can support all groups, including children, families, the middle aged and older people. No specific contact has been made by the County Council with Parish Councils, but based on this strategy it is anticipated. Lower Holker Parish Council already supports a range of community groups and there are many groups and facilities within the Parish which support all ages.
- b) CALC is updating its website which will be more accessible when using tablets and mobile phones. They are requested photographs from parishes to include in a slideshow on the new site.

15/273

Cark Railway Station

The Clerk reported that she has reported the faulty lights on Station Approach and on the Platform to Northern Rail, but the works have not yet been completed.

15/274

England Coast Path - Consultation

The first stage in the process of preparing the section of the England Coast Path from Silecroft to Silverdale is now underway and Natural England has requested input to help them identify any significant issues on the area indicated on the map as it relates to our Parish. The access area indicated on the map includes most of Cark, some of Flookburgh and Ravenstow and most of Moor Lane.

Resolved to respond as follows:

- a) The area indicated within the Parish is too wide and should be narrowed. In comparison to other areas on this route section, some areas are double the width. The indicated area currently includes most of the houses in the villages of Cark and Holker, and large sections of the villages of Flookburgh and Ravenstow.
- b) The Railway passing through the Parish has few crossing points, therefore safe access to all the specified area will be limited by this. The Railway crossing points in the Parish within the indicated area are: Level Crossing at Crook Wheel (Cark), Underpass at River Eea near Cark Farm (Cark), Caton Lane Bridge (Cark), Road bridge near Cark Station (B5277), Cark Railway Station.
- c) The area south of Lakeland Leisure caravan (at the end of Moor Lane, Flookburgh) site is unsafe as it would mean walking on marsh/sinking sands.
- d) Many areas indicated on the map are marshland which would be unsafe for walkers.

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Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Cumbria County Council
Reply regarding reports of problems with cyclists from Victoria Upton.
- b) South Lakeland District Council
Clean for the Queen 4th to 6th March 2016
South Lakeland Flood Information Bulletin
- c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Training courses for Councillors/Clerks
Audit Arrangements 2017 – smaller authorities Update 2
2016 NALC Good Councillors Guide – online or printed copies available.

Office for National Statistics Survey of Parishes.

d Neighbourhood Alerts

National Fraud Survey. Royal Mail Scam (package has been seized). Good Citizen Award Scam (asking for fee). Bogus websites and advice not pay by bank transfer but pay by Paypal or Credit Card for protection. Theft of fuel oil at Dent.

e Cumbria Volunteer Services

Bulletins – training & funding information.

f Rotary Club, Lancaster

Notification that the Wrynose or Bust Cycle event will be going through Flookburgh & Cark on 24th April.

g Nat West Bank

Notification of proposal to change statement dates to 5th of Month.

h Police & Crime Commissioner

Seeking Independent Custody Visitors (closing 26/2/16).

i Tower Mint Ltd

Commemorative Medals for Queen's 90th Birthday (£1.99 per item)

j Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT)

Newsletter focussing on Village Halls.

15/276

Forthcoming Events

The following were noted:

17th March, 6.30 pm, Grange & Cartmel LAP meeting at Cartmel Village Hall

25th March, 2 to 4 pm, Easter Egg Hunt at Ravenstown Club (Moor Lane Project)

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Date of Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted:

Wednesday 6th April 2016 at Lower Holker Village Hall at 7.00 pm

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