

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2019**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor), T Wilson, District Councillor M Cornah & Parish Clerk L Prescott.

18/236 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors M Keith, J Ryland & S Rawsthorn, County Councillor S Sanderson & PCSO H Firth.

18/237 Requests for Dispensations

None.

18/238 Declarations of Interest

None

18/239 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2019 were proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Gardner, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

18/240 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

None.

18/241 Police

PCSO Firth was absent and has sent a written report on the calls to Police in the last 30 days.

Flookburgh

RTC 2, Criminal damage 1, Highway disruption 1, Burglary non dwelling 1, Public order 2, Missing person 1, Damage to vehicles 1.

Cark

Concern for welfare 1, Pre- planned events (Lamping Holker Estates), ASB 1, Domestic 1, Alarm sounding –Holker Hall.

18/242 District and County Councillors

a) i) District Councillor Cornah reported:

He is a member of the Planning Committee and the Environment Agency have submitted a Planning Application for a Kendal Flood Defence Scheme to be undertaken in 3 phases. The risk of flooding in Kendal is high, being every 5 years and the Environment Agency will fund the costs of the scheme. This will involve installing walls by the River Kent (some including glass panels) cutting down trees and a pumping station. No mention has been made in the plans of the option of digging out the River. The majority of properties would be protected following these works, however some would not. The Planning Committee will be undertaking site visits prior to the meeting and the Planning Officers have recommended approval. There will be considerable disruption during the construction phases.

ii) District Councillor Gardner reported:

She has been contacted by local residents regarding Planning and other issues.

b) County Councillor Sanderson was absent but provided a written report:

i) The County Council received the phone call from Ofsted/CQC that they will be coming to inspect the Local Authority and Health Area SEN provision. We will have 3 inspectors for a week starting on Monday 18th March.

ii) She has attended a meeting of the Windermere and Backbarrow lake levels group with the Environment Agency. It looks extremely likely that nothing will be done to reduce the flood risks.

iii) She continues to deal with residents' issues and met with Mo Dooz and followed up her queries. A lot of work had been done including 10 Moorside, Flookburgh with the help of Tim Farron's office and BT have sorted the cabling out. The next challenge will be sorting out the pavement and dropped kerb although signs looked positive. She has asked Mo for an estimate on costs for the pavement to the play park and is still waiting for a reply.

- i) There had been no penalty notices issued in Flookburgh 5 in Cartmel.
- iv) She met with Highways England on 1st March about improvements to the A590 in terms of safety in the Haverthwaite and Backbarrow area. There is a meeting also about Foulshaw and it is likely they will get a roundabout at Gilpin Bridge. At the meeting issues were raised about the fatality and the Coroner's report. Consequently Highways England will be looking at pedestrian shelters, bus stops, lighting and uncontrolled junctions all along the length of the A590. They are supposed to be putting in a compulsory left turn where the A590 meets the Swan bridge and congestion around the junction ensues, hopefully starting Autumn. There are also detailed plans about widening the road by the service station. Both Haverthwaite and Staveley Parish Council attend these meetings.

18/243 **Planning Applications**
None.

18/244 **Planning Decisions**
The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2018/1040. 80 - 82 Main Street, Flookburgh LA11 7LB. Internal alterations to include installation of central heating, new kitchens, bathrooms and complete redecoration. External repairs to render and rainwater goods, replacement rear and side doors and front door to no. 82. Granted with conditions relating to plans and materials.
- b) SL/2019/0015. 107 Station Road Cark in Cartmel LA11 7N. Single storey rear extension and new pitched roof to existing side extension. Granted with conditions relating to plans and materials.
- c) SL/2019/0039. Land adjacent 55 Jutland Avenue Ravenstown LA11 7LQ. Detached dwelling, formation of vehicular access and connection to foul water sewer (revised scheme SL/2018/0490). Granted with conditions relating to appearance, visibility splays, boundary and water management.

18/245 **Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit**
The Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit 2018/19 and Scope of Internal Audit was outlined by the Parish Clerk.
Resolved The Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Scope of Internal Audit were approved.

18/246 **Review of Risk Assessment Document**
The Risk Assessment and Management (financial) for period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 were distributed and explained to the Council by the Clerk. No amendments have been made from the previous year.
Resolved The Risk Assessment was approved.

18/247 **Review of Asset Register**
The Asset Register as at 13 March 2019 was reviewed.
Resolved To approve the Asset Register.

18/248 **Financial Report**
Resolved The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 February 2019, was accepted unanimously.

18/249 **Payment of Accounts**
Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (February 2019)	£294.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (February 2019)	£73.70
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (February 2019) SO	£259.20
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/1/19-31/1/19) DD	£56.37
N Power – Electricity (Toilets) 1/1/19-1/2/19 DD	£30.47
SLDC Bin emptying (1/10/18 – 30/12/18)	£43.80

18/250

North West Marine Plan Consultation

The Clerk reported that the North West Coastal Forum and the Marine Management is currently drafting a North West Marine Plan and this is now open to communities to respond to a consultation. Marine planning will affect the future use of the coast as well as marine waters for a very wide range of activities and developments. The draft Plan includes reference to environment, employment, social aspects of coastal utilisation. The Clerk highlighted the fishing and economy aspects as they relate to Lower Holker Parish.

Resolved To respond that the Plan should include the following relevant to Lower Holker Parish:

- a) Recognition that some fishermen (particularly in Lower Holker Parish) fish using tractors not boats. Access for tractors to Morecambe Bay needs to be maintained for those fishermen who use them to fish.
- b) Recognition that farmers graze sheep on the foreshore, producing the specialist Salt Marsh Lamb which is stocked by local butchers. This farming method should be recognised when plans are made so that the foreshore is not adversely affected by other plans. The risks to sheep from uncontrolled dogs whose owners access the foreshore should also be recognised (over 15,000 sheep killed in the UK in 2016).
- c) Recognition of the risks to historic buildings adjoining Morecambe Bay if flood defences are not adequately maintained.

18/251 Highways

- a) Reports requiring Highways Maintenance
None
- b) Reports requiring maintenance (not County Council)
- c) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council
The Clerk has received further notification that the foliage on the railings in front of the Rose & Crown has been cut back again.
- d) Highways matters (non County Council)
The Clerk reported that no response has been received from Tangerine Holdings regarding the overgrowing hedges/trees on Dobbie Lane, previously reported.
- e) Parking Enforcement
Councillor Sanderson's report advised that in February 2019 no parking enforcement took place in Flookburgh, although there were 5 in Cartmel.

18/252

New Parish Council Noticeboard

The Clerk reported that she has sent details to SLDC Planning Department asking if the Parish Council need to apply for Planning Permission and is awaiting a response. Councillors discussed the exact location/angle of the noticeboard and whether local residents might be affected.

18/253

Defibrillators

The Clerk reported that she has contacted Welmedical regarding a delivery date and is awaiting a response.

18/254

Land south of Stockdale Farm

The Councillors considered the proposal to register the unregistered land south of Stockdale Farm as a Village Green or Common Land. The Clerk is investigating the exact procedures and cost implications.

Resolved To agree in principal to register this land, the specific details to be agreed based on the more detailed advice and information following investigation.

18/255

Public Toilets

There are no issues to report.

18/256

Flookburgh Community Playground/Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity

Councillor Wilson has re-staked the unstaked trees in the Playground. SLDC inspector has reported the end caps on the seats have been replaced & glued and concrete is exposed by the nest swing, which needs to be checked. Grass cutting has not yet been arranged for the summer months.

18/257 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Cumbria County Council

Road Closures – Grange Fell Road & Green Lane.

Grange & Cartmel Wellbeing Group meeting – 14th March 2019.

Working Together – County Council support for Parish Councils who undertake highways related works eg litter picking, weeding, sign maintenance.

b) South Lakeland District Council

Parish Council election information & briefing

Scheme to help householders in fuel poverty (LEAP)

c) Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC)

Newsletter and updates including Making Tax Digital, 125 years of Parish Councils, Industrial Strategy Consultation Events & training.

Tour of Cumbria Cycle Event – 27th July 2019, route along B5278/B5277 (through Holker, Cark & Flookburgh).

d) Neighbourhood Watch

Lonely Hearts Fraudster, Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter, Fraudulent Tenancy Deposit Scheme.

18/258

Date of Next meeting

The next meeting was noted: The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 in Flookburgh Village Hall.