

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH 2020**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland & T Wilson, County Councillor S Sanderson, Parish Clerk L Prescott & 4 members of the public.

19/233 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor B Dawson, District Councillor M Cornah and PCSO H Firth.

19/234 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

19/235 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

19/236 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved Proposed by Councillor Rawsthorn, seconded by Councillor Airey, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

19/237 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

a) Jenni McConnell asked whether the Parish Council would declare a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency, to indicate that the Parish Council recognise importance of the issues and that its future decisions would reflect this declaration. She is a local artist and currently has an exhibition in the Nat West building in Grange about climate change. The exhibition has been visited by the local MP, Leader of SLDC and Flookburgh School children. She has researched the issue and wants to engage further with the local community. Councillors discussed their experiences on this issue including the NFU conference and farmers' plans and the wartime experiences of local people.

Resolved The Parish Council to consider this proposal at the April meeting where this will be included on the Agenda.

b) Councillor Keith suggested that the chains be reinstalled on the River Eea near Cark Farm as a barrier.

Resolved To contact the Environment Agency for information on whether this would be possible and how this re-installation might take place. To consider at a future Parish Council meeting once a response has been received from the Environment Agency.

19/238 **Police**

PCSO Firth was absent and has sent the following summary of incidents in Cark and Flookburgh reported to the Police over the last 30 days:

1 Concern for welfare, 1 Theft from vehicle, 2 Burglaries (residential) 1 Highway disruption, 1 Missing persons, 1 Criminal damage, 2 Burglaries (commercial), 1 Domestic, 1 Warrant.

19/239 **Neighbourhood Watch**

Michael Thornborough reported to the meeting that he set up an Allithwaite & District Watch Group in December 2019 following burglaries in the area. The initial area was Allithwaite, Cartmel, Kents Bank and Cark but this is expanding to include Flookburgh & Ravenstown. There are currently 349 members and a leaflet drop took place last week. Two people have been arrested following the groups' actions. Messages are circulated through WattsApp and there is also a Facebook page and he suggested that a representative from the Parish Council joins the group. They are also arranging advice/training on answering the door and self defence, plus social and fundraising events. They have a contact with a company that can install CCTV and doorbell alarms. The group need funding to purchase signs for the area to be installed on lampposts and in house windows and he was advised by Chair to submit an application to the Parish Council to be considered at the next meeting. Councillors also suggested other funding avenues.

19/240 District and County Councillors

- a) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported:
She is continuing to deal with the usual issues.
- b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson reported:
 - i) She has followed up the issues with parking enforcement and they have increased visits by staff. 17 penalty notices were issued last month but that includes Cartmel, she will request again to have them separated and check they are including Cark.
 - ii) She is meeting Victoria Upton on Monday and will follow up if they did manage to add Flookburgh pavement to the main proposals, if so they will accept a donation from the PC but not the original full amount as quoted. She noted from last meeting's minutes the issue with the railway bridge and will add it to her meeting notes.
 - iii) Staveley and Haverthwaite Parish Councils, alongside Highways England, Cumbria Highways and LDNPA held a drop in about safety on the A590. The meeting focused on the Greenodd to Ayside section. Tim Farron attended as the local MP and the Deputy Chief Constable had attended the previous preparation meeting. Discussions included average speed cameras, engineering works on road layout and improvements at Newby Bridge and the underpass on Brow Edge. Agreement was made on making better village entrances. 143 people attended the event and there were more than 70 written responses.
 - iv) She apologised for missing the last meeting as she has been unwell.

19/241 Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2020/0095. Lakeland Leisure Park Moor Lane LA11 7LT. Removal of condition 13 (Highway Improvements) attached to planning permission SL/2017/0883 (Installation of 85 hardstanding bases for static caravans, new internal access road, footpaths and landscaping).
This application relates to Planning Permission granted within Lower Allithwaite Parish, however the proposed highway improvements are all within Lower Holker Parish. The proposed changes are to widen the footpath from Fieldhead Place to Flookburgh Community Playground and make a one way/give way scheme with a ghost footpath where there is a narrowing of the road leaving the Square down Moor Lane. Bourne Leisure has agreed to pay for both these proposals with CCC Highways undertaking the works. The proposed improvements have been discussed by Bourne Leisure and CCC Highways, but the Parish Council has not been consulted, nor had the County Councillor been informed. The Parish Council has also received a letter from a resident about this Planning Application expressing concerns about the impact that caravan transporter vehicles have on the local roads and residents and when travelling through the villages.

Resolved

- i) To support the works widening the footpath from Fieldhead Place to Flookburgh Community Playground.
 - ii) To object to the one way/ghost footpath on Moor Lane leaving Flookburgh Square as it will not be practical or beneficial in terms of road safety.
 - iii) To write to the resident advising the Parish Council's response to the Planning Application.
- b) SL/2019/0996. W F Wilkin And Sons Station Approach Cark In Cartmel LA11 7PT. Change of use of land to Caravan Park to provide holiday accommodation, refurbishment of entrance building and new prefabricated amenity block.

The Clerk reported that a traffic monitoring report has been submitted to SLDC on behalf of the developers, however the location of the monitoring is not at the access junction but about 100 yards away on a blind bend where traffic has to slow considerably, so this does not fairly represent the vehicle speeds, also the submitted illustration of 2 caravans being able to pass at the entrance junction is not accurate due to the size of the junction and the camber of the road. The Extraordinary Meeting on 13th March is to consider this Planning Application in more detail.

19/242 Planning Decisions

- a) SL/2019/1016. 5 Market Street Flookburgh LA11 7JU. Description: Change of use of 1st floor from a café (Use Class A3) to residential accommodation (Use Class C3) (Retrospective). Granted with conditions relating to complying with the submitted plans.
- b) SL/2019/0995. Dunroamin 2 Bank Top Close Cark-In-Cartmel LA11 7PU. Change of use of part of domestic garage for dog grooming business. Granted with conditions relating to complying with the submitted plans.

c) SL/2019/0959. 9 Fairfield Flookburgh LA11 7NB. Single storey rear extension. Granted with conditions relating to complying with submitted plans, materials and window conditions.

19/243 **Financial Reports**

The Clerk reported on the Parish Finances, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 February 2020.

Resolved Accepted unanimously.

19/244 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved

The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (February 2020)	£304.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (February 2020)	£76.20
South Lakes Services – Toilets (February 2020) SO	£259.20
SSE Electricity (Street Lighting) (3/1/2020 – 3/2/2020) DD	£51.19
Npower (Electricity – Toilets) (9/1/2020 – 1/2/2020) DD	£16.88

19/245 **Litter Bins**

The Clerk reported that SLDC has asked what logo the Parish Council would like to be marked on the new litter bins.

Resolved To only have the name 'Lower Holker Parish Council' and no logo.

19/246 **75th Anniversary of VE Day**

The Clerk reported that the PCC are willing to assist with any planned event and provide a venue but they are unable to arrange. Councillors then discussed how to mark the Anniversary, including purchasing anniversary mugs for local schoolchildren.

Resolved To purchase Anniversary mugs for the children at Flookburgh School & Nursery.

19/247 **Consultations**

a) South Lakeland District Council – Local Plan Review

The Clerk reported that South Lakeland District Council are starting the process of reviewing the Local Plan which will influence decisions on development until 2040. The closing date for responses is May 2020.

Resolved To consider at the April Parish Council meeting.

b) Draft North West Marine Plan

The Clerk outlined the main priorities in the Draft Plan which included supporting fishing, coastal access and employment.

Resolved To support the draft plan.

c) Grange Promenade proposed repairs and refurbishment

South Lakeland District Council are planning to undertake repairs to the promenade and include new information boards.

Resolved To not respond to this consultation as a Parish Council.

19/248 **Flookburgh Cemetery**

Councillor Airey had been contacted by a resident regarding her replacement of a fence adjoining the cemetery. The Clerk contacted the PCC to ask if they knew who was responsible for the fence. Councillor Airey further reported that the deeds had been checked by the previous owner and the householder is responsible.

19/249 **Highways**

a) Reports requiring Highways Maintenance

Numerous potholes to report to Cumbria Highways. Councillors queried the quality of the pothole repairs taking place. Councillor Sanderson responded that the County Council budget has been reduced by £270 million in recent years and is to be reduced by a further £59 million this financial year. The county has more miles of road than Highways England to maintain and Cumbria Highways are working hard to repair them.

b) Reports requiring maintenance (not County Council)

c) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council

The broken 30 mph sign on Green Lane has been reported.

- d) Highways matters in process (not County Council)
The damaged Church Walk road sign was reported to South Lakeland District Council and this has been repaired.
- e) Parking enforcement
Refer to County Councillor's report 19/240b)i)

19/250 **Cark Toilets**

- a) South Lakeland District Council have agreed to Lower Holker Parish Council replacing the damaged Parking Sign. The Clerk has prepared a draft sign in a range of colours, cost is [WWW.L](#)
- b) £28.40 + VAT from Road Signs Direct
Resolved To order and install the sign with black writing on a yellow background.
- c) The Clerk reported the hand drier in the gents is still not working.

19/251 **Flookburgh Community Playground/Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

The Clerk reported that £500 has been received by the Parish Council from the Charity towards the cost of the grass cutting. Some of the trees need re-staking.

19/252 **Speed Monitoring**

The Clerk has met with Helen Karaaslan (CCC) and PC Kevin Jackson to agree a location for the speed sign on Moor Lane. She has placed an order with Pandora for the Speed Sign and post.

19/253 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) South Lakeland District Council
Local Plan Review. Climate Conversations. Overview & Scrutiny Committee (request for topics). Grange Promenade propose repairs and refurbishment. Street sign response. Updates on storm Ciara and storm Dennis.
- b) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Monthly newsletter and training. North West Coastal Access monthly update. District Meeting. Cumbria in Bloom. Recruitment of CLNP Chair. Workshops (Housing & Climate Emergency Support).
- c) Cumbria CVS
Training. Volunteering. Volunteer Fair. Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter. Action for Health & Mental Health Bulletin. Newsletter and events.

19/254 **Date of Next meeting**

The following meeting was noted:

An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting will be held at 6 pm on Friday 13th March 2020 in Flookburgh Village Hall and the monthly Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 1st April 2020 in Lower Holker Village Hall.

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