

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON  
WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2021**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, J Ryland, & T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, County Councillor S Sanderson, District Councillor M Cornah and three members of the public.

**20/188 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors Gardner, Keith and Rawsthorn.

**20/189 Requests for Dispensations**

None.

**20/190 Declarations of Interest**

None

**20/191 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Councillor Ryland, seconded by Councillor Dawson and approved unanimously. To be signed physically in due course.

**20/192 Public Participation**

- a) Mr T Austin addressed the meeting and expressed his support for Lower Holker Bowling Club which is well used and once it is allowed to re-open will provide the facilities for people to go out and exercise. He also supports the scheme to provide half term food boxes to families in receipt of free school meals.
- b) Mrs J McConnell addressed the meeting and advised that the Food Club again provided food boxes to families in receipt of free school meals in half term, for a week (Christmas which was for 2 weeks) and requested a contribution from the Parish Council of £180.
- c) Mr R Hathorn addressed the meeting and advised that Lower Holker Bowling Club now has a revised committee following the death of their chair. The group provides very activities but over the last year they have received limited funds due to their activities being restricted. They need to purchase some machinery for maintenance of the green, pay for a contractor to carry out green works during the year and pay outstanding invoices for machinery repairs and utility bills.

**20/193 Police**

No report.

**20/194 District and County Councillors**

- a) District Councillor M Cornah reported:
  - i) The Planning Committee has granted permission for Cark Manor's planning application including the car park, however the permitted use is for the owner and guests only and enforcement will take place if this use is exceeded.
  - ii) Cumbria District and County Council elections in 2021 have been postponed to 2022 due to the current consideration of Unitary Council options for Cumbria. Four options have been submitted by the County and District Councils, one for a single council and 3 for dual councils covering the county. A Unitary Council would replace the County and District Councils. There is currently an 8 week consultation on the proposals and the final decision will then be made by the Government. Parish elections will go ahead if scheduled to take place in 2021 as normal. Lancashire County Council elections take place in 2021 as normal.

- b) County Councillor S Sanderson reported:
- i) She has continued to work with schools and colleges alongside school staff supporting them through the preparation for Primaries opening on 8<sup>th</sup> March and Secondaries on 15<sup>th</sup> March. She is chair of Sandside Lodge special school where some parents are concerned about the return due to their children's special needs.
  - ii) The Government is providing a total of £1.3 million for holiday activities at Easter, Summer and Christmas for children on free school meals. The children will get vouchers for free schools meals at Easter and meals during the activities during Summer and Christmas holidays.
  - iii) White lining is taking place including where requested by the farm in Holker and near a holiday let where visitors' vehicles are blocking a resident's driveway.
  - iv) Parking enforcement staff have been visiting Flookburgh, no penalty notices have recently been issued. Information about zebra crossings has now been forwarded to the Clerk.
  - v) A new coastal strategy will be discussed by CCC Cabinet which includes references to the Cark and Flookburgh areas.
  - vi) The changes to the road junction near the Swan at Newby Bridge and the A590 has caused some difficulties due to some of the signs being too small and not visible enough, so this is being reviewed.

20/195 **Planning Applications**

None.

20/196 **Planning Decision**

The following Planning Decision was noted:

- a) SL/2020/0970.20 Marne Avenue Ravenstow LA11 7LH. Single storey side & rear extension with rear glazed balcony over & the creation of off road parking for two vehicles. Withdrawn.

20/197 **Financial Report**

The Clerk presented the Financial Report as at 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 including the Budget Monitoring and Bank Reconciliation.

**Resolved** To approve the Financial Report.

20/198 **Payment of Accounts**

**Resolved** to approve the following payments.

Clerk's Salary (February 2021)	£313.60
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (February 2021)	£78.40
Orian/SLS (Toilet Cleaning/Sani Bins) (January 2021)	£489.46
SSE (Electricity – Street Lighting) (5/1/2021 – 1/2/2021) DD	£45.10

20/199 **Grant applications**

The following grant applications were considered:

- a) Flookburgh Food Club – Half Term food boxes for families receiving free school meals.  
**Resolved** to award a grant of £180.
- b) Lower Holker Bowling Club  
County Councillor Sanderson advised that the County Council also has grants available and will investigate.  
**Resolved** to award grant of £500 and re-consider at the next meeting once the details of the County Council grants have been investigated.
- c) North West Air Ambulance  
**Resolved** to award a grant of £150.

20/200 **Lower Holker Village Hall**

Lower Holker Village Hall have invited a Parish Councillor to join their Committee. No Councillors volunteered to join the Committee.

20/201 **Flookburgh Square**

Councillor Airey reported that several Flookburgh residents travel to Grange to buy fish from Mr Robinson's visiting fish van and she asked whether there would be any objections to the van visiting Flookburgh and in particular Flookburgh Square.

**Resolved** No objections were raised to this proposal.

20/202 **Consultation**

The Local Government Reorganisation Consultation for a unitary council for Cumbria was considered.

**Resolved** not to respond as a Parish Council.

20/203 **Highways**

a) Highways matters to be reported

i) Councillor Ryland proposed that an additional street light be installed on Market Street near the Hope & Anchor, to replace the one previously located in the area but no longer in situ as it was repeatedly struck by passing traffic.

**Resolved** to contact the County Council to request a replacement.

ii) Councillors Ryland and Airey reported that there used to be a disabled parking space on the marsh at the end of Moor Lane, which is now closed off.

**Resolved** County Councillor Sanderson to investigate regarding the sign.

b) Highways matters reported

No progress to report.

c) Installation of the Speed Indicator Device on Moor Lane

The Clerk reported that permission has been granted by Highways, a contractor has installed the post and Pandora have installed the Speed Indicator Device. The device can be rotated to be used in either direction and the data can be downloaded and shared with the Police so they can target their speed monitoring activities. Councillor Ryland suggested the Parish Council speed monitoring should resume and the Clerk will contact Allithwaite & Cartmel Parish Council who currently have the shared speed gun.

d) Requested additional street signs at Manorside/Marsh Gardens

The Clerk reported that she has requested 2 new street signs from SLDC, they have agreed to prepare and install the 2 new signs and will contact her when they are installing to check the location. She has advised the resident who requested the signs.

e) Requested sign near Allithwaite Road layby indicating closest public toilets

The Clerk reported that Cumbria Highways have agreed in principle to prepare and install the sign with details to be finalised.

20/204 **Meeting & Event Reports**

The Clerk reported on the following meetings & events:

a) GAP (Grange and Peninsula health & wellbeing group) meeting

The Clerk reported to GAP that the Parish Council had continued to keep the toilets open and re-opened the playground when permitted. CCC advised that they have a support helpline for urgent food/medical or mental health needs, they also have a facility to put in postcode on their website to find local groups that can help in your area. GAP advised that Jigsaws are available to borrow through the GAP helpline.

b) Greening Campaign event

The plan for the Cartmel Peninsula Greening Campaign (which includes the Parish Council) is as follows: Promotion of the campaign in Grange Now. Public Meeting on 5th May 2021 (online) to outline 17 possible challenges and allow the public to vote to

choose the 8 preferred challenges. Cards will be printed and distributed via Grange Now in July, there will then be a month to complete 5 of the 8 challenges.

c) Nature Recovery event

This was a Town/Parish Council briefing attended by 20 people. Focussed on reduction in wildlife and trees and how everyone can improve habitats including gardens, public spaces and farmland eg by wildflower and tree planting.

20/205 **Flookburgh Community Playground**

a) Operation of the Playground

The Clerk reported that the Guard hut has been emptied, netting and matting now stored in the Clerk's garage. Public Space Protection Order information has been received from SLDC but no indication as to how enforcement would take place.

b) 2021 grass cutting contract

The Clerk reported that Continental Landscapes have submitted a quotation of £90 per cut for a fortnightly cut between Easter and the end of October for the Playground and land south of Stockdale Farm.

**Resolved** To accept quotation and proceed.

20/206 **Cark Toilets & Cark Park/Playground**

a) Operation of the toilets and car park

The Clerk reported that the building needs some attention to roof. Other maintenance works are required but have been on hold since lockdown.

b) Installation of bicycle parking at Cark Toilets

The Clerk reported that the 2 cycle racks have been installed by the toilets. A resident has raised concerns that the rack on the path may be a hazard to pedestrians.

**Resolved** To add either luminous paint or luminous tape to the rack on the path.

20/207 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

a) Cumbria County Council

Every Life Matters (suicide prevention training)  
Community Learning courses  
Carer-connect – online support for carers  
BSI guide to vaccinations  
Cumbria Community Resilience Group Update

b) South Lakeland District Council

Lateral Flow Testing sites in Cumbria  
Community Vaccination Centres in Kendal and Ulverston  
Greening Campaign meeting summary  
Council Budget and Plan approved

c) Cumbria Association of Local Councils

CALC and Cumbria County Council Annual meeting – 7pm on 4 March 2021  
Communications Webinar  
CALC Training programme

d) Environment Agency

Communication confirmation regarding North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) and meetings.

20/187 **Date of Next meeting**

Noted that the next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

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