

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH
VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM ON 3rd MAY 2017**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey (Vice Chairman), B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, S Rawsthorn & T Wilson (Chairman), Parish Clerk L Prescott & 12 members of the public.

17/023 Election of Chairman

It was Proposed by Councillor Ryland and Seconded by Councillor Airey that Councillor Wilson be elected Chairman. There were no other nominations. Councillor T Wilson was elected Chairman for the year 2017-18 and signed the Form of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

17/024 Election of Vice Chairman

It was Proposed by Councillor Ryland and Seconded by Councillor Wilson that Councillor Airey be elected Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. Councillor R Airey was elected Vice Chairman for the year 2017-18 and signed the Form of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

17/025 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO H Firth.

17/026 Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th May 2016 was proposed by Councillor Ryland, seconded by Councillor Dawson, agreed unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH
VILLAGE HALL FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY
2017**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey (Vice Chairman), B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, S Rawsthorn & T Wilson (Chairman), Parish Clerk L Prescott & 12 members of the public.

17/027 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO H Firth.

17/028 Requests for Dispensations

None.

17/029 Declarations of Interest

None.

17/030 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th April 2017 was proposed by Councillor Ryland, seconded by Councillor Rawsthorn, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

17/031 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

a) Nine members of the public voiced objections to Planning Application SL/2017/0260 (item 17/034 a). The previous application on the same site (SL/2016/0850) for 6 dwellings had been refused planning permission and a new application has been submitted for a single self-build dwelling. The objections to the application include: the site suffers from flooding; the application is outside the development line; it is not affordable housing; it is not rounding off but is ribbon development; the building location would block the drain

from behind the Low Row cottages; it would reduce the green space and affect bats and slow worms on the site; due to the proximity to the road it would create additional difficulties for large vehicles driving down Dobbie Lane and it would reduce the light into nearby dwellings.

- b) Mr M Brown reported his concerns regarding road safety on the road between Cark and Cartmel due to the central white lines not being reinstated following tarmacking works. He has contacted the County Council who advised that the Parish Council had requested that they were not reinstated. Councillor Wilson advised that the road is mainly in Lower Allithwaite Parish and no recommendation had been given by Lower Holker Parish Council for the lines not to be reinstated. The Parish Clerk will contact Lower Allithwaite Parish Council for information.

17/032 **Police**

PCSO Firth was absent, however he has sent a report regarding Police calls for services in Cark and Flookburgh over the last 30 days: Cark - 9 calls for service. Flookburgh - 15 calls for service (2 x assaults & 1 x shoplifting).

17/033 **District and County Councillors**

- a) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported that she has been working on Planning, Licensing and Leisure Centre committees as well as full Council meetings and continues to work on the dog fouling issue.
- b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson reported that she continues to work on several Highways issues including a query about a manhole cover on Main Street, parking on Market Street, road surface and white lining at Bank Top. She has asked for traffic enforcement due to vehicles parked on double yellow lines and Keep Clear markings. The new online Highways reporting system is more transparent and efficient and anyone can report a problem or check on it.

17/034 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2017/0260. Land to the west of The Dell, south of Cark Manor and north of Cark House, Cark-in-Cartmel LA11 7PF. Single self-build dwelling.
- Resolved** To object to the Planning Application for the following reasons:
- i) The site is not within any of the 3 Housing Land allocations in South Lakeland's Local Plan 2013 for Lower Holker Parish.
 - ii) The site is outside South Lakeland District Council's Development Boundary for Cark-in-Cartmel.
 - iii) The site is facing a Listed Building (Cark House) and in front of another listed building (Cark Villa).
 - iv) The site has flooded regularly in recent years (2016, 2014, 2002 etc) despite the Environment Agency's predictions of a 1 in 200 year or 1 in 100 year risk. This is due to rising sea levels (as reported by the National Tidal and Sea Level Facility) meeting the waters from the River Eea. Building on this land would also remove an area which currently absorbs the flood water so the flooding risk would be increased for other local properties.
 - v) The site is bisected by the Tail Race originally a large tunnel which came from the Cark Mill, behind Low Row then under the Dobbie Bank Road through the site and flowed into the River. If works block this then it could cause flooding in Low Row houses.
 - vi) The location of the dwelling close to the road down from Dobbie Bank would further impede access for larger vehicles (agricultural, HGVs etc) which currently struggle to turn around the sharp corners on this road.
 - vii) The development does not meet the conditions in South Lakeland District Council's Local Development Framework Core Strategy - CS6.4 – Rural exception policy - where housing development proposals outside of the settlement boundaries in the Service Centres, and where it does not constitute infilling or rounding off in the smaller villages and hamlets without boundaries will only be considered where they provide

100% affordable housing under the certain exception site criteria. This is not affordable housing so this does not apply.

viii) There are currently 10 houses for sale in Cark-in-Cartmel, so there is not a demonstrated need for this additional housing outside the boundary of this village.

b) SL/2017/0287, North Lodge Holker LA11 7PN. Application of brilliant white masonry paint to cement rendered walls.

Resolved To support the painting of North Lodge.

c) SL/2017/0333. 57 Market Street Flookburgh Grange Over Sands LA11 7JS. Two storey side, single storey rear extensions, detached workshop and detached two storey dwelling

Resolved To support the application as it will bring a long-unoccupied dwelling back into use and with the additional new dwelling will provide homes for 2 local families.

17/035 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decision was noted:

a) SL/2016/1124 Garden Cottage, The Fold, Cark in Cartmel LA11 7PA. Erection of self-build dwelling. Granted with conditions relating to vehicular access and parking, water and sewage disposal and glazing.

17/036 **Financial Reports**

Resolved The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 April 2017, was accepted unanimously.

17/037 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (April 2017)	£276.48
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (April 2017)	£69.12
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/3/17-31/3/17) DD	£41.86
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (April 2017) SO	£247.26
N Power – Electricity (Toilets) 1/3/17-1/4/17 DD	£31.50
SLDC (emptying 2 litter bins 1/4/17-31/3/18)	£446.78
Clerks & Councils Direct (Annual Subscription)	£84.00

17/038 **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

The Clerk reported that Lower Holker Parish Council has received a Community Infrastructure Levy payment of £748.36 for the year until 31 March 2017 from South Lakeland District Council. This is a new arrangement where the Parish Council will receive 15% of the CIL which is paid by developers to South Lakeland District Council. The funds can only be used to fund infrastructure projects, which include physical (eg utility services, road, waste management, technology); social (eg health, education, community facilities) and green (eg open spaces, parks, play areas, allotments). The Parish Council must provide an annual report to the District Council detailing how the funds have been spent.

17/039 **Highways**

a) Road maintenance. No progress on reported items. The ownership of a manhole on Main Street is being investigated. A pot hole at the entrance of the Railway Station at Cark was reported. Concerns were raised by Councillor Ryland regarding the unsafe driving on the pavement at the crest of the hill down Market Street. This occurs when several vehicles are parked nose to tail and approaching traffic are unable to see past the line of vehicles before proceeding. This results in 2 vehicles meeting and often one will drive on the pavement to pass which creates a danger to pedestrians. Councillor Sanderson will investigate.

b) Highways matters currently under consideration by Cumbria Highways

No progress on reported items.

- 17/040 **Older Person's Housing Strategy Survey**
 South Lakeland District Council and Eden District Council's joint Older Person's Housing Strategy review Survey was considered.
Resolved to respond to Survey as follows:
1. What is the most common housing related problem/issue your older constituents seek help with/for? *Accessibility issues (around homes).*
 2. How effective do you think the services are that the Local Authority offers/provides for older residents? *Unable to answer- not aware of services available.*
 3. How effective do you think the services offered by the Local Authority are, in enabling individuals to remain in their homes longer (e.g. Handyperson scheme and Home Adaptations)? *Effective.*
 4. Are there any other services that you feel the Council could offer to help people stay in their homes longer? *Yes. Home care.*
 5. What do you feel is the Council's main priority in order to meet the housing needs of older residents? *Promotion of schemes/services that are aimed at older people (such as Handyperson Scheme)*
 6. Do you feel there are any other agencies the Council should be working with to offer the best possible advice and information on housing options to older residents? *Yes. District & County Council and other relevant agencies working together.*
 7. Thinking about the future, please rate the following measures that might assist residents to stay in their homes as they grow older:
Assistance with day to day household tasks Very Important
Advice/Information on reducing costs of the home Very Important
Advice/information on accessing available support Very Important
Practical help with repairs Very Important
- 17/041 **Connecting Cumbria**
 The Clerk has received an email from Connecting Cumbria who wish to hold an event within the Parish to publicise the superfast broadband now available. They ask if a local volunteer could organise and publicise this.
Resolved The Clerk will advise regarding the venues and publicity options (including Parish Council noticeboards, website and Facebook) but will not book or publicise this beyond the Parish Council avenues.
- 17/042 **New Litter Bin**
 Councillor Gardner has reported collecting considerable amounts of litter from Moor Lane. The Parish Council plans to replace the seat on Moor Lane and think it would be beneficial if a litter bin could be installed near to this to reduce the litter problem and perhaps a local business might be prepared to sponsor this.
Resolved To contact Cartmel Sticky Toffee Pudding Company to ask if they would be interested in sponsoring a litter bin.
- 17/043 **Public Toilets**
 Some very positive feedback has been received regarding the cleanliness of Cark Toilets.
- 17/044 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**
 Councillor Gardner reported that the Car Park is progressing well and drainage works will be starting shortly, followed by re-seeding then equipment installation later in the year.

17/045 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a Cumbria County Council
Grange Bus Service meeting – 10.30 am on 9th or 12th June.
- b South Lakeland District Council
Notice of Poll and Statement of Persons Nominated.
Standards Committee Meeting 18 April 2017.
- c Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Purdah re Local and General Elections.
District Association paperwork for meeting on 15th June.
Revised NAL Legal Topics.
Notification of 2017 Version of Councillor's Guide.
Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in England 2017 edition
Monthly Circular and Training updates
- d Neighbourhood Alerts
Police And Crime Commissioners Community Awards 2017
Dementia Friendly Communities – 9th May in Penrith.
- e Connecting Cumbria
Request for assistance in organising an event to publicise faster broadband.
- f Allithwaite Running Club
Notification of running event on 4th November 2017 which passes through Lower
Holker Parish.
- g Woodland Community Consultation
Plantlife survey for residents and visitors to the Lake District. Survey closes 21 May
2017. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LOSTCommunities>
- h Morecambe Bay Partnership
Our Bay, Our Birds Stakeholder evening (& food) 16th & 17th May 2017
- i Rail Strike
Tim Owen has provided amended timetables for strike days.
- j Grange and Cartmel Integrated Care Community
Presentation provided at meeting in Grange.
- k Cumbria Tourism
Village of the Year TV Programme.

17/046 **Date of Next meeting**

The following meeting was noted:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 7th June 2017 in
Flookburgh Village Hall.

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