

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM ON FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland, T Wilson, Parish & District Councillor G Gardner, Parish Clerk L Prescott, PCSO H Firth (Cumbria Police).

**13/146 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies from Parish Councillor J Rowlandson and County Councillor R Wilson were received and accepted.

**13/147 Requests For Dispensations**

None.

**13/148 Declarations Of Interest**

None.

**13/149 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> October were proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Keith, accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

**13/150 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

None

**13/151 Police**

- a) PCSO Firth reported that over the last 30 days, the following incidents in Lower Holker have been reported to the Police: Anti-social behaviour, road traffic collisions, highway disruptions, concerns for welfare, theft, burglary, drunk & disorderly,
- b) Several reports have been received by the Police regarding vandalism in Cark, stones being thrown at cars and trains and abusive behaviour. PCSO Firth has investigated, spoken to the victims, teenagers and their parents. The parents have been supportive of the Police and provided the teenagers comply with the restorative meetings planned, no further Police action will take place against them. Since his investigation, no further incidents have taken place.

**13/152 Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour in Cark**

This item was covered in 13/151

**13/153 Cark Community River Improvement Group**

Mrs Youd has provided a written report as she was unable to attend this meeting. The group has met again in October and plan a Caring for the River day in Spring 2014, to include information from specialists on dealing with invasive species, how the pumping station works and local river knowledge together with local history and photos of the river. United Utilities reported that they would need instruction from the Environment Agency to improve the pumping station performance and the group asked if the Parish Council could request this. At 10 am on 16<sup>th</sup> November the Environment Agency will provide advice on caring for the River and the attendance of Parish Councillor Gardner is requested. **Resolved** i) To write to the Environment Agency to request the improvement of the Pumping Station ii) Councillor Gardner will attend the advice morning on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**13/154 County & District Councillor Reports**

- a) District Councillor Gardner reported
  - i) A complaint from a resident regarding blocked drains at Cark has been received and resolved.
  - ii) A request has been received for an area of ground at Field Head Place to be changed to allow additional Car Parking. Inquiries with South Lakeland District Council have led to

an offer to sell the land for around £10,000. Further inquiries are being made as a similar situation in Dent was resolved without this cost being incurred.

- iii) She plans to meeting with the Planning Department and Tony Dixon shortly with regard to his building planning application.
- b) County Councillor R Wilson provided a written report as follows:
  - i) County Council Budget Consultation 2014/15 – the Council will become a smaller organisation in the future.
  - ii) Highways plans for 2014 include Surface Dressing on B5277 and B5288 Cark to Allithwaite Road Bridge and C5044 Moor Lane Flookburgh and hopefully School Signs and Flashing Lights at Flookburgh School.
  - iii) Broadband – BT upgrades to Telephone Exchanges expected to be completed by 2015.
  - iv) White Lines – assurance received that our requested should be actioned.
  - v) Resident complaint regarding incomplete footpaths and inconsiderate parking. Parish Council aware and in first instance advised to contact Police re parking.
  - vi) Vandalism reported in Cark (see 13/151)
  - vii) Field Head Place – request by residents to increase parking by use of land owned by SLDC (see District Councillor Report).

#### 13/155 **Planning Applications**

- a) SL/2013/0967 Sunny Bank, Cark-in-Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands LA11 7PF. Extension and Conversion of Out Building to form ancillary domestic accommodation. **Resolved** – To object to the application on the following grounds: a) it overlooks land used communally by several homes b) access is through a gate at the corner of 2 roads c) this would create a precedent allowing other properties to develop buildings for accommodation in their back yards.

#### 13/156 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decision was noted:

- a) SL/2013/0853 Holker Farm, Cark in Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 7PS Erection Of Wood Chip Store. Granted.

#### 13/157 **Financial Reports**

- a) The acceptance of the Financial Report as at 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013, which includes no deviations from the budget, was accepted unanimously.

#### 13/158 **Payment of Accounts**

The authorisation of the following payments were agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary October 2013	£207.20
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE re October Clerk's Salary	£51.80
Glasdon (Litter Bin)	£315.16
P J Lambeth & Co Ltd (Flookburgh Square Tarmac repairs)	£538.80
South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) September 2013 (SO)	£247.26
E.On (Street Lighting - Electricity) (1/9/2013 – 30/9/2013) (DD)	£19.22
N Power (Electricity – Cark Toilets) 1/8/2013-30/9/2013	£26.66

#### 13/159 **Grant Request**

North West Air Ambulance have asked for the support of the Parish Council for their work in the area. **Resolved** to award £100.

#### 13/160 **Litter Bin**

The location of the purchased Litter Bin and a relocation of one of the litter bins in Flookburgh Square were considered. **Resolved** To locate one in Ravenstown and one near Cark House – final location to be decided in conjunction with South Lakeland District Council.

#### 13/161 **Highways**

Mr Nicholson has cut back the trees overgrowing the road near to Cark House and cut back the verge. Standing water on Allithwaite Road near the Bridge is causing a hazard to vehicles, cyclists

and pedestrians. School Lane – the School has been advised of the complaints, the Parish Clerk has spoken with Mr Lynott and enquires are being made with Highways regarding the lowering of the code of hedge cutting access. A cone is situated in drain hole on Moor Lane causing a hazard. There is an overgrowth of foliage on the road near to the Rose & Crown Inn. Cars from a new holiday home are blocking access to property just below the Rose & Crown Inn. **Resolved** i) Send a letter thanking Mr Nicholson for cutting back the trees and cutting the verge ii) Notify the highways regarding the standing water, drain and overgrowth and request white lines to deter parking by the property entrance iii) Send reminder to School regarding complaints.

#### 13/162 **Grange and Cartmel Local Area Partnership**

Councillor Airey was unable to attend the October meeting. The new healthcare arrangements were outlined, as a group run by GPs (Clinical Commissioning Group has taken over from the Primary Care Trusts. Better Healthcare together is reviewing health services across Morecambe Bay. A formal consultation will take place in the future (no date set at present).

#### 13/163 **Consultations**

Cumbria County Council Budget Consultation 2014/15 was considered, all Councillors receiving a printed copy. The Clerk advised i) the proposed removal of the bus subsidy would affect the local circular 532 bus and the X6 to Barrow and Kendal. ii) The removal of subsidised travel to education for 16 to 18 year olds would have an effect on children in the Parish as from 2014 all children have to remain in education or training until 18 and as there is no provision locally, travel to Kendal, Ulverston or further afield would be required, whereas those living in towns could potentially walk or cycle. **Resolved** To defer a decision until the December meeting to allow the Consultation to be considered in detail and enable advice to be sought from County Councillor R Wilson.

#### 13/164 **Public Toilets**

A lock in the Ladies toilet has been damaged and the toilet roll holder in the Gents toilet has been vandalised. **Resolved** To advise SLS to replace the toilet roll holder with a similar type.

#### 13/164 **Flookburgh & District Charitable Trust**

Councillor Gardner reported that she has met with John Coward, Tom from Lindale and Claire Welburn from Cark. The next meeting will be held 7 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> November at 32 Jutland Avenue, Ravenstown to discuss funding strategies and plans.

#### 13/165 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted and action taken as listed:

##### a Cumbria County Council

Richard Rhodes, Police and Crime Commissioner, drop in at Westmorland Shopping Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2 to 4 pm.

##### b South Lakeland District Council

- i) Amended Declaration of Interest Form – only to be completed if changes occur.
- ii) Vacancy for Non-Voting Co-opted Parish Council representative vacancy on Standards Committee.
- iii) Planning service workshops (How to effectively engage with the Planning Service and Neighbourhood Planning). 6.30 – 8.30 pm, 15<sup>th</sup> November (Ulverston), 19<sup>th</sup> November (Kendal), 25<sup>th</sup> November (Grange), 27<sup>th</sup> November (Burton) **Resolved** Parish Clerk to attend Grange workshop.
- iv) Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report
- v) Lighting Survey re lights attached to electricity poles. If needing replaced cost would be £1200. **Resolved** Parish Clerk to survey and return.

##### c Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)

Clerks Forum (Crooklands) 14th November. **Resolved** Parish Clerk to attend. CALC AGM, Saturday 10.30 am 9<sup>th</sup> November, Rheged, Penrith  
Cumbria in Bloom AGM, 11 am, 18<sup>th</sup> November, Newton Rigg College, Penrith  
Standing Orders – National Association of Local Councils updated template.  
You've got the Power – government guidelines to community powers.

- d Cumbria Rural Housing Trust  
Offer from Andy Lloyd to provide a presentation on how Community Land Trusts can provide protected affordable homes for local people and generate re-investment income
- e Neighbourhood Alert
  - i) Dementia Friends Training (Free), run by Alzheimers Society. 10 am to 4 pm (including lunch) 20<sup>th</sup> November at Friends Meeting House in Kendal
  - ii) Neighbourhood Watch AGM, Police Headquarters in Penrith, 10 am on 9<sup>th</sup> November.
  - iii) Anti-Burglary advice (close curtains, don't leave valuable items on show and always keep doors locked) as October & November are peak times for burglary.
  - iv) Street Lighting and perceptions of safety survey (Suzy Lampugh Trust)
  - vi) Cumbria Fire and Rescue received Heart Safe Public Sector Organisation of the Year Award for teaching life saving skills.
- f Cumbria Tourism  
TravelEdge Event 10 am to 4 pm, 7<sup>th</sup> November. Low Wood Hotel, re 'green' travel
- g Planning Inspectorate  
Walney Offshore Windfarm extension Notice of Preliminary meeting on 12 November in Lancaster.

#### 13/166 **Forthcoming Events**

The following forthcoming event was noted.

7 pm, 28<sup>th</sup> November at Gilpin Bridge, CALC District Association Meeting, including Cumbria County Council representatives.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Date of Next meeting: To note that the next Council Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Friday, 6th December 2013 at Lower Holker Village Hall at 7.00 pm

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