

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER  
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland, T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott and 2 members of the public.

16/147 **Apologies for Absence**

None.

16/148 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

16/149 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

16/150 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

16/151 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

None

16/152 **Police**

PCSO Firth was absent and no Police report has been received.

16/153 **District and County Councillors**

a) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported:

It has been a very quiet month at the District Council.

b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson was absent and no report has been received.

16/154 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Application was considered:

a) SL/2016/0948 Station Approach Cark in Cartmel LA11 7PT

Extension of builder's yard for storage of materials.

**Resolved** To support the application as it will improve the appearance of the site and also support the development and continuation of this local business.

16/155 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

a) BE/2016/0017. 37 Fairfield Flookburgh Grange over Sands LA11 7NB.

Single storey rear conservatory. Planning Permission not required.

b) SL/2016/0793. 6 Cark House Court Cark in Cartmel LA11 7PE. Single storey rear and side extension. Granted with conditions relating to external surfaces and windows.

16/156 **Financial Reports**

**Resolved** The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 October 2016, was accepted unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

16/157 **Payment of Accounts**

**Resolved** The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (October 2016)	£276.48
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (October 2016)	£69.12
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (October 2016) SO	£247.26
E.On (Electricity – Street Lighting) (1/7/2016-30/9/2016) DD	£112.60
United Utilities (Water & Waste Water – Toilets) (13/6/2016-13/9/2016)	£66.07

Npower (Electricity – Toilets) (1/6/2016-1/9/2016) less £50 discount DD £1.48  
Parish Link Newsletter £200.00

16/158 **Grant Application**

An application has been received Great North Air Ambulance for support towards their emergency service which covers the local area.

**Resolved** To grant £200 to Great North Air Ambulance.

16/159 **Electoral Review of South Lakeland: Final Recommendations**

The Clerk reported that the Final Recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission to amend the District Council Wards has been published. Lower Holker is currently represented by a single District Councillor for the Holker Ward in an area which comprises Lower Holker and Upper Holker. The initial proposal was for Lower Holker Parish to be included in a 3-Councillor Ward called Holker & Lyth Valley which would include the parishes of Lower Holker, part of Lower Allithwaite (including Cartmel), Broughton East, Cartmel Fell, Upper Allithwaite, Staveley in Cartmel, Crosthwaite & Lyth, Underbarrow and Bradleyfield, Witherslack, Meathop & Ulpha. The Final Recommendation is that Lower Holker is included in a 2-Councillor Ward called Cartmel Ward which includes Lower Holker, part of Lower Allithwaite (including Cartmel), Upper Allithwaite, Broughton East & Staveley in Cartmel.

16/160 **South Lakeland District Council – Dog Fouling Initiative**

The Clerk reported that South Lakeland District Council are working on a dog fouling initiative led by their Enforcement Officers, details are yet to be confirmed.

16/161 **Consultations**

a) Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation

Consultation on proposals relating to whether all precepting authorities should be required to undertake a referendum if their Council Tax is increased by 2% or £5, currently only applies to Principal Councils (ie not Town/Parish Councils).

**Resolved** To oppose the referendum being extended to Town and Parish Councils due to their smaller precept and the cost of undertaking a referendum.

b) National Grid Route Proposals

The proposed route for the connection to the National Grid from proposed Moorside Nuclear Power station was considered.

**Resolved** To defer for further consideration to the next Parish Council meeting.

16/162 **Highways**

The following Highways matters were considered.

- a) Road maintenance (drains near Holker) The Clerk reported that it has been assigned for Cumbria Highways local maintenance team to programme and action
- b) Safety of road layout near Cark Station Railway bridge on B5278. A site meeting has been arranged with Cumbria Highways.
- c) Safety of B5278 road bridge over River Eea near the Engine Inn. A site meeting has been arranged with Cumbria Highways.
- d) Safety of Allithwaite Road Railway Bridge. A site meeting has been arranged with Cumbria Highways.
- f) Bridleway alongside school ground – vehicles using/trying to use. A site meeting has been arranged with Cumbria Highways.
- g) Grass cutting (Caton Lane). This has been dealt with by Cumbria Highways.
- h) Motor home parked in layby at Flookburgh Cemetery  
The owners report that they are looking at a number of potential storage locations.

- 16/163 **Flookburgh Square**  
The Clerk reported that 2 campervans have been parking overnight for several days on Flookburgh Square with campers pouring water out of the vans onto the Square. There is no indication on the Square regarding overnight camping and research by the Clerk has shown that the conditions in relation to this at car parks vary considerably.  
**Resolved** The Clerk to contact South Lakeland District Council for their advice as they operate most of the Car Parks in the area.  
The Clerk also reported that she has sent a letter of thanks to Nick Raymond at Cumbria Highways for the excellent joint working on this project. She needs the availability of the involved persons before arranging for the Gazette photographer, and this was provided by the Councillors.
- 16/164 **Public Toilets & Car Park**  
The Clerk reported that there has been a fault with the lights at the Toilets and she has arranged for T W Electrical to fix the fault.
- 16/165 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**  
Councillor Gardner reported that WREN has pledged £49,000 (£44,000 net) towards the project. She also reported that whilst starting the re-seeding process the contractors discovered that the site has not been resurfaced properly and estimate £40,000 of resurfacing and drainage work will be required. Only 1 contractor has submitted a price at present and others are sought.  
**Resolved** Councillor Wilson will contact a further contractor for a quotation.
- 16/166 **Bus Service Meeting**  
Councillors Airey and Dawson attended the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October which provided an update on the Saturday 532 Bus Service supported by the Local Parish & Town Councils. There has been a good uptake for this service. There will be a further meeting with Travellers Choice (who provide the service) where questions can be put to them regarding other possible service extensions.
- 16/167 **Cumbria Association of Local Councils**  
The Clerk reported that the Clerks' Forum provided a lot of useful information about a range of legal and procedural matters including the fact that it is unlawful to pay a Councillor to do work for the council. She also shared information about the success of joint working on the Flookburgh Square project.
- 16/168 **Correspondence**  
The following correspondence was noted:
- a) Cumbria County Council  
Connecting Cumbria Newsletter
  - b) South Lakeland District Council  
LAP meeting notification  
LAP Flooding Conference – 24<sup>th</sup> November at Kendal Town Hall  
Keep Britain Tidy initiative re dog fouling
  - c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)  
Rodent Control Course – 10<sup>th</sup> January on Tyneside (£120)  
Monthly Circular and Training Courses  
North West Coast Connections – Town and Parish Council Workshops – 27<sup>th</sup> October
  - d) Neighbourhood Alerts

Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association AGM and Conference - 19th November at Sandylands Methodist Community Centre, Kendal from 10am to 1 pm.  
National Cyber Crime Survey.

- e) Tim Farron MP  
Advice Surgeries – Winter 2016/17

16/169 **Forthcoming Events**

The following forthcoming events were noted:

10.30 am, 12th November at Castle Green Hotel, Kendal – CALC AGM

6.30 pm, 16th November at Cartmel Village Hall – Grange & Cartmel LAP Meeting

7pm, 24th November at Gilpin Bridge – CALC District Meeting

16/170 **Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting was noted:

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at Flookburgh Village Hall.

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