

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE  
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

**PRESENT**

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

**17/151 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from County Councillor S Sanderson and PCSO Firth.

**17/152 Requests for Dispensations**

None.

**17/153 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**17/154 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved**

The acceptance of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 was proposed by Councillor Rawsthorn, seconded by Councillor Airey, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

**17/155 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

None.

**17/156 Police**

PCSO H Firth was absent but sent a written report as follows:

Calls for Police Services over the past 30 days:

Flookburgh - 14 Calls for Service: 4 ASB, 3 Civil Disputes, 3 Domestic, 1 Suspicious Incidents, 1 Concern for Welfare, 1 Criminal Damage, 1 Highway Disruption.

Cark - 3 Calls For Service. 1 Missing Person, 1 Pets, 1 Theft.

**17/157 District and County Councillors**

a) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported that she has been working on arranging hardstanding for parking at Field Head Close.

b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson was absent but sent a written report:

- i) She has been busy mainly trying to sort out the responsibilities for Schools and Learning: funding being a particular issue. She attended a weekend training course for elected members with responsibilities for children at the University of Warwick at Coventry, it was hard work but very interesting especially talking to other councillors from different parts of the country. It has also involved visiting a lot of Cumbria she has not been to before.
- ii) She continues to work with highways about Cartmel and issues relating to Flookburgh. She has devoted most of her members allowance to signage and improving pavements in the playground area and it will still need more funding.
- iii) She has attended meetings with Highways England re: A590, the developers at Backbarrow Ironworks as a trust needs setting up to maintain the restored Ancient Monument and Newby Bridge garage as Staveley Parish Council are buying a defibrillator and the garage owner is fitting it in the garage.
- iv) She understands that Lower Holker and Lower Allithwaite Parish Councils have jointly bought a speed gun and she hopes this is working out.

### 17/158 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered.

- a) SL/2017/0883. Lakeland Leisure Park Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LT  
Installation of 85 hardstanding bases (for 85 static caravans) with associated infrastructure (above and below ground), new internal access road, pedestrian footpaths and landscaping.

**Resolved** To object to this Planning Application for the following reasons:

- The application would result in there being 1127 Properties onsite.
- Speeding traffic continues to be a problem down the access road on Moor Lane.
- The Caravan transportation to and from the site continues disregard the specified times ie between 10 am to 4 pm resulting in school buses and other commuting traffic meeting them.
- The access for a large number of construction vehicles and large caravan transporters through small villages, along the route of the Bay Cycle Way and through the narrow and busy Flookburgh Square (with no pedestrian crossing) is unsuitable.
- The part-time GP Surgery has to cope with an increased demand in the summer months from visitors to the site, reducing the service available to local residents.

- b) SL/2017/0897. 22 Marne Avenue Ravenstow LA11 7LH  
Single storey rear extension.

**Resolved** To support this Planning Application as it does not have a negative impact on any neighbouring properties.

- c) SL/2017/0810.35 Jutland Avenue Ravenstow LA11 7LF  
Installation of bay window.

**Resolved** To support this Planning Application as it does not have a negative impact on any neighbouring properties.

### 17/159 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2017/0863. 25 Marne Avenue Ravenstow LA11 7LH. Single storey rear extension. Granted.
- b) SL/2017/0750. 2 Willow Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LU. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (existing) to establish the continuous occupation of the property without complying with the seasonal occupancy condition. Refused.
- c) SL/2017/0794. OS Field No 4978 to rear of Cark Hall Cark-In-Cartmel LA11 7NS  
Installation of 16 frame mounted photo voltaic solar panels. Granted with conditions relating to planting a copse to the north to screen the panels.

### 17/160 **Financial Reports**

- a) **Resolved** The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 October 2017, was accepted unanimously.
- b) Parish Councillors were asked whether they wanted to suggest items for inclusion in the Parish Council budget 2018/19. Councillor Airey suggested some support for a local individual with severe health problems, however this would be outside the Parish Council's remit.

### 17/161 **Payment of Accounts**

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

Clerk's Salary (October 2017)	£289.20
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (October 2017)	£72.30
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (October 2017) SO	£259.20
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/9/17-30/9/17) DD	£44.31
N Power – Electricity (Toilets) 1/9/17-1/10/17 DD	£25.00
Parish Link Newsletter	£200.00
Speed Gun (50% cost – joint with Lower Allithwaite Parish Council)	£705.00
Zurich Insurance (additional premium for new Playground)	£522.06

17/162 **Grant Application**

Great North Air Ambulance have asked whether the Parish Council would support their service which provides emergency response including within the Parish.

**Resolved** To grant £100 towards the service.

17/163 **Highways**

The following Highways matters were considered:

a) Road maintenance

Councillors Keith and Rawsthorn raised the issue of the lines not being replaced on the road from Cark to Cartmel following resurfacing making the road dangerous due to vehicles driving in the middle of the road. The Clerk has made inquiries about this to Lower Allithwaite Parish Council but not received a reply.

**Resolved** To request that Councillor Sanderson to pursue the matter.

b) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council

Refer to Councillor Sanderson's report 17/157b.

c) Overhanging hedges

The Clerk has received a letter from the Market Street residents advising they have cut back the overhanging foliage and will keep it cut back. She has written to thank them.

The Clerk has received a letter from Tangerine Group who own Cark Manor advising that they have appointed a new operations manager who will contact the Parish Council about the overhanging hedge/trees once she is in post.

She has not received a response to letters regarding footpath to School Lane or Moor Lane hedges/trees.

d) Parking outside Hair by the Mile.

The Clerk has written to Hair by the Mile, South Lakeland District Council (who granted the original Planning Permission) and Cumbria Highways (who advised on the original Planning Application). No responses have yet been received and vehicles are still parking outside the Hairdressers.

17/164 **Consultation**

South Lakeland District Council plan to replace the Dog Control Orders which expired in October 2017 with a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The PSPO will cover the same criteria and may be expanded to introduce new restrictions regarding fouling and the number of dogs that can be walked by one person.

**Resolved** To support the Public Space Protection Order and the Clerk to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

17/165 **River Eea – Sewage**

The Clerk reported that a site meeting with the Environment Agency and United Utilities has still not taken place. She has reminded the Environment Agency him about this planned meeting and will advise Parish Councillors of the date of this meeting once she has been notified.

Councillor Wilson reported that United Utilities are undertaking work lining the sewage pipes between Cark Farm and the Pumping Station in Cark.

17/166 **Community Emergency Plan**

The Clerk advised that due to printing problems she has not yet distributed the Community Emergency Plan but will do so within the next week.

17/167 **New Litter Bin**

No response has yet been received.

17/168 **Defibrillator**

The Clerk is still awaiting a price for the exterior box.

- 17/169 **Speed Gun**  
The Speed Gun has been purchased by Lower Allithwaite Parish Council, Lower Holker Parish Council will share the use of this device and are paying half the purchase cost. Training will be required for volunteers and Hi Viz jackets required.  
**Resolved** To contact PCSO H Firth to ask for training to be arranged and to purchase 12 Hi Viz jackets with Speed Monitoring - Lower Holker Parish Council printed on them.
- 17/170 **Public Toilets**  
Nothing to report.
- 17/171 **Norman's Seat**  
Councillor Wilson reported that he will look at Norman's seat in relation to the overgrown trees prior to the next meeting.
- 17/172 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**  
Councillor Gardner reported that Flookburgh Community Playground is now open. There are still a few additional items to be installed including the Track Ride, Goalposts, trees and signs. The Clerk reported that the site is now insured by the Parish Council, ROSPA have checked and approved the site and bin emptying has been arranged. The Parish Council Budget for next year will include running costs for the Playground, however the Charity should have some funds left to contribute towards costs and will continue to fundraise.
- 17/173 **Clerk's Forum at Derby Arms, Witherslack**  
The Clerk reported that this will be the last meeting of this Forum due to low attendance. She has found attending these Forums very informative and received useful advice from other Clerks and from the CALC organiser (Amanda McCleery).
- 17/174 **Peninsula Practice Patient Participation Group**  
A written report has been received from Rhona Barton following Linda Youd's report to the last Parish Council Meeting. She advises that she, Linda and Ann who are the lay members on the PPG had a meeting to talk about "our way forward". They have come up with a plan of action, one of which will be to devise a constitution that applies just to the Flookburgh Surgery. They will also be putting a request into probably December's Parish Link asking for volunteer walk leaders for Flookburgh area. It takes time to get volunteers and more importantly get them trained. They are also devising a flyer to be passed out locally too and are going to contact a few local groups.
- 17/175 **Correspondence**  
The following correspondence was noted:
- a) Cumbria County Council  
None
  - b) South Lakeland District Council  
Publication of Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB & Development Management Policies DPD  
Notification of LAP meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.  
Free Cyber Proficiency training sessions on 21<sup>st</sup> November in Kendal Town Hall.  
Afternoon session 1pm – 4pm. Evening session 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.
  - c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)  
Monthly CALC circular & Training courses  
CALC AGM – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Carlisle  
Cumbria Local Area Partnership update
  - d) Neighbourhood Watch  
Newsletter including advice to deter home and car thieves.

17/176 **Forthcoming Events**

The following events were noted:

11 am on 4th November 2017 Allithwaite-8 Running Club Race

10.30 am on Saturday 25th November 2017 Official Opening of Flookburgh Community Playground

6.30 pm on Monday 27th November - Integrated Care Community Meeting at Grange Library

7pm on 30th November 2017 – CALC District Association meeting at Gilpin Bridge

17/177 **2018 Parish Council Meetings**

The Parish Council Meetings to be held in 2018 were noted:

3rd January 2018 Flookburgh Village Hall

7th February 2018 Lower Holker Village Hall

7th March 2018 Flookburgh Village Hall

4th April 2018 Lower Holker Village Hall

2nd May 2018 Flookburgh Village Hall

6th June 2018 Lower Holker Village Hall

11th July 2018 Flookburgh Village Hall

5th September 2018 Lower Holker Village Hall

3rd October 2018 Flookburgh Village Hall

7th November 2018 Lower Holker Village Hall

5th December 2018 Flookburgh Village Hall

17/178 **Date of Next meeting**

The following meeting was noted:

7 pm on Wednesday 6th December 2017 in Lower Holker Village Hall.

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