

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2019**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland & T Wilson (part), County Councillor S Sanderson, Parish Clerk L Prescott & 3 members of the public.

19/153 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish & District Councillor G Gardner and PCSO H Firth.

19/154 Requests for Dispensations

None.

19/155 Declarations of Interest

None.

19/156 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2019 were agreed unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

19/157 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

a) Mrs Esbjornsson of Furness Line Community Rail Partnership (FLCRP) advised she had been asked by the FLCRP Chair (Tim Owen) to attend the Parish Council meeting following the theft of a catalytic convertor from a car parked in the Station Car Park at Cark, which also resulted in other damage to the car. Similar incidents have occurred at other railway car parks in the North West. Northern Rail, who operate the car park, have a policy of providing free car parks and to minimise costs CCTV is not installed. This incident was the only one where damage has been reported in Cark so the FLCRP don't consider it necessary at present to install a warning notice. Mr & Mrs Seed's car was damaged and they advised that it had cost over £800 to repair. They have reported the incident to the Police, who have advised they will monitor the situation.

Resolved To write to the Northern Rail Station Manager (Jane Murray) & Chair of the Community Rail Partnership (Tim Owen) regarding the Parish Council's concerns about this issue. To also include information in the Parish Magazine to warn residents of the potential risk.

b) Mrs Esbjornsson further advised that the Friends of Cark Station Volunteer Day went very well and they have a further event planned at Lower Holker Village Hall. They plan to engage with local youngsters as this has been shown to reduce the risks of vandalism. Network Rail are funding and planting 75 new trees at Cark Station, including wild cherry, small rowan and crab apple. A bicycle has been found behind a building at Cark Station a couple of weeks ago and the Police have been informed.

19/158 Police

PCSO Firth was absent and no report has been received.

19/159 District and County Councillors

a) County Councillor Sanderson reported

i) The written statement of action required by DFE and CQC has been submitted and approved. Work continues on delivering the plan. They are continually working on the funding for schools and children with special needs as demand continues to rise and funding continues to be an issue as it does in most authorities.

ii) The County Apprenticeship Team won the regional award and are progressing through to the National final on November 27th.

iii) She has followed up the issues with parking received from several residents with parking enforcement and they have increased visits by enforcement staff. There were 647 parking enforcements visits to Flookburgh between January and October.

She has worked closely with the Parish Council and Cumbria Highways Engineers to install double yellow lines and Keep Clear markings in the Parish. Councillors requested enforcement visits to Cark where parking taken place on the double yellow lines and blocking the pavement.

- iv) Highways Engineer Victoria has not yet returned to work and she is still waiting for a price for widening the footpath to the playground.
 - v) Further meetings are arranged with Highways England and Haverthwaite and Staveley Parish Councils relating to safety on the A590 and the installation of signs indicating when traffic is entering a village. The road up to Lane Ends and Woodman's cottage are currently closed. There will be a compulsory left turn only exit installed from the road by the Swan Hotel onto the A590.
 - vi) Councillors asked for information on the how costs of transporting children out of the area to Cartmel Priory School are being met and Councillor Sanderson will investigate. She reported that School Transport costs the County Council £16 million each year.
- b) No District Councillor reports have been received.

19/160 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2019/0831. Crown Inn Market Street Flookburgh LA11 7JS. Conversion of public house to 4 No. dwellings with first floor side extension (Revised scheme SL/2017/1093) **Resolved** Supported as it is a minor amendment to the previous plans.
- b) PN/2019/0043. Guides Cottage Flookburgh LA11 7LD. New agricultural tracks and cattle grids. **Resolved** Supported as it will benefit the farming operations.

19/161 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2018/0105. 92 Main Street Flookburgh LA11 7LB. Change timber framed conservatory to PVC, with slate roof and 2 velux windows. Not progressed.
- b) SL/2019/0601. Guides Farm Flookburgh LA11 7LD. Erection of two additional bays to sheep building. Granted with conditions relating to plans.
- c) SL/2019/0315. Holker Hall North Wing Holker LA11 7PL. Refurbishment of the north wing living room to incorporate a new raked ceiling and two skylights. Granted with conditions relating to plans and damp remedy work.

19/162 **Financial Reports**

Resolved The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 October 2019, was accepted unanimously.

19/163 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved

The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (October 2019)	£304.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (October 2019)	£76.20
South Lakes Services – Toilets (October 2019) SO	£259.20
SSE Electricity (Street Lighting) (3/9/19 – 1/10/19)	£46.63
Continental Landscapes (Playground Grass cutting 23/8/19 to 13/9/19)	£204.00

19/164 **VE Day 75 Celebrations**

An invitation from the (Armed Forces Charity) to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in May 2020 by organising a local event was considered by the Councillors.

Resolved To organise an event to mark the Anniversary. To contact St John's PCC regarding their plans and consider whether a joint event could be arranged.

19/165 **Highways**

- a) Reports requiring Highways Maintenance
None.
- b) Reports requiring maintenance (not County Council)
None.
- c) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council
None.
- d) Highways matters in process (not County Council)
Caravan deliveries to Lakeland Leisure are taking place via Allithwaite, rather than via Haverthwaite, causing difficulties when they try to turn down Moor Lane.
Resolved To write to the Manager at Lakeland Leisure to request that all deliveries take place from the Haverthwaite direction due to the turning issue.
- e) Parking enforcement
Refer to County Councillor's report (19/159)
- f) Bus Service
The Clerk reported that current 530 bus service will cease on 16th November and the County Council are working with Travellers Choice to provide an alternative service and this will also affect the current timetable for the 531/532 services.

19/166 **Cark Toilets**

The Clerk reported that there is a blockage in the disabled toilet and a plumber has been asked to clear it. She also reported that keys may have been mislaid, so there is a risk they have been found and could be misused, so the situation will be monitored.

19/167 **Flookburgh Community Playground/Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

The Guard Hut has been broken into again, the door has been repaired and alternative options are being considered by the Charity.

19/168 **Speed Monitoring**

The Clerk reported that a large number of speeding vehicles had been recorded by the speed gun volunteers and the Police have advised they will be monitoring and issuing speeding tickets. She has sent another reminder to the CRASH team regarding their speed monitoring prior to the Parish Council installing a speed indication sign and they advise that they are due to meet to consider their speed monitoring results.

19/169 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Cumbria County Council
530 Bus service extension to 16th November.
- b) South Lakeland District Council
Bin liners are being removed from litter bins near Flookburgh School. SLDC are experiencing difficulties emptying the bins due to the liners being removed. They would supply bin liners if anyone is in need.
Food Waste Digesters are available for discounted price.
- c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Monthly newsletter and training.
Annual Report and Notice of AGM.
Cumbria Kindness Day on 13th November (arranged by Cumbria Neighbourliness Network).
- d) Neighbourhood Alerts
Bike theft. Neighbourhood Watch Conference in Carlisle (14th November)
- e) Cumbria Action for Health
Newsletter and events
- f) Cumbria Arts & Culture Network
Newsletter
- g) Residents

Two residents expressed their disappointment with the Parish Council's response to Planning Application SL/2019/0778 which did not object to the application as the residents had requested, but recommended that SLDC ensured that as a condition of development the water and wastewater problems occurring at the site were resolved prior to development being allowed to take place. There is a continuing demand for housing in the community and if the development is conditional on the water problem being resolved it would also benefit other residents.

19/170 **Date of Next meeting**

The following meeting was noted:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 4th December 2019 in Lower Holker Village Hall.

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