

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM ON FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Rowlandson, J Ryland, T Wilson, Parish & District Councillor G Gardner, Parish Clerk L Prescott, PCSO H Firth (Cumbria Police), Mrs R Barton & Mr C Brooksbank (Flookburgh School).

**13/122 Apologies for Absence**

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

**13/123 Requests For Dispensations**

None.

**13/124 Declarations Of Interest**

None.

**13/125 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 Rawsthorn, seconded by Councillor Gardner, accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

**13/126 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

Mrs Barton and Mr Brooksbank were given permission to speak at items 13/134 and 13/128 respectively.

**13/127 Police**

- a) PCSO Firth reported that over the last 30 days, the following incidents in Lower Holker have been reported to the Police: 3 Highways disruptions, 1 Highway collision, 1 burglary, 1 theft, 3 assaults, 2 suspicious incidents and 2 domestic incident. The proposed No Cold Calling (NCC) Zone on Fairfield has received 98% support from nearly 100% of residents and will be implemented from 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The criteria for NCC includes vulnerable people and hostile callers. Other areas will be considered for NCC zones.
- b) The Police are promoting an Alcohol Awareness fortnight which includes school visits with leaflets and test visits by a 14 year old attempting to purchase alcohol, where 4 out of 7 tested sold alcohol – they will be fined £90 and further visits will take place. Older secondary school children were drunk and disorderly at Cartmel Races in August and one was arrested and taken to Kendal Police Station.
- c) Three drugs warrants have been issued and small amounts of cannabis found.
- d) A man living rough in Grange has been shop lifting and PCSO Firth directed the Police Officers to locate and arrest him. 2 or 3 people are currently living rough in the area. Councillor T Wilson reported that a man is living rough near his farm, but isn't causing a nuisance.
- e) Councillor Keith advised young people are asking adults to go into shops to buy them cigarettes, PCSO Firth will pass this on to Trading Standards to investigate.
- f) Councillor Ryland asked when cyclists without lights will be stopped by Police. PCSO Firth reported he would look into this and pass the concern on to other Police Officers.

**13/128 School Field & Cark Playground**

a) School Field

Heat Teacher Mr Brooksbank reported that he had received a letter from a householder adjoining the school field reporting youths playing football and creating a noise nuisance. Damage has been caused including the greenhouse and downspout. Mr Brooksbank had advised Cartmel Priory School, who spoke to local children and advised them to keep off the grounds, and Councillor Gardner. The Police had received reports from one resident and one member of staff. Police have attended and undertaken a house to house to adjoining homes. This has been reported in Grange Now. There have not been any incidents since. Mr

Brooksbank stressed that residents should contact the Police immediately on 101 rather than contact the school or police the following day, he also advised that supervised access can be authorised by him and a letter issued. **Resolved** To include information in the Parish Magazine regarding access arrangements and a reminder to call the Police when incidents occur.

b) Cark Park & Playground

Councillor Keith reported that around 12 youngsters were creating a noise nuisance at 3.30 am and the resident didn't call the Police but told her days later. A concrete flower pot has been moved as have 2 picnic benches to be next to the wall so the wall can be climbed. PCSO Firth recommended phoning 101 when incidents occur and that they will keep monitoring the situation.

13/129 **County & District Councillor Reports**

- a) District Councillor Gardner reported
- i) The District Council is looking at savings although they don't expect them to have an impact on the services they provide.
  - ii) A byelaw has now been passed by South Lakeland District Council regarding stopping urination in the streets.
  - iii) She attended the meeting regarding the River Eea and reported it was a very positive meeting.
  - iv) She is looking at travel for students of Lancaster Grammar School.
- b) County Councillor R Wilson was absent.

13/130 **Planning Applications**

- a) BE/2013/0012 14 Jutland Avenue, Flookburgh, Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7LF Rear Extension, To Extend Beyond The Rear Wall Of Original Dwelling By 6 Mtrs, Maximum Height Of Extension Measured From The Natural Ground Level 3.5 Mtrs, Height At The Eaves Of Proposed Extension Measured Externally From The Natural Ground Level 2.3 Mtr. **Resolved** – No Objections
- b) SL/2013/0853 Holker Farm, Cark in Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 7PS Erection Of Wood Chip Store. **Resolved** – No Objections
- c) SL/2013/0883 Canon Winder, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands LA11 7LL. Slurry Lagoon. **Resolved** – No Objections
- d) SL/2013/0931 St Johns The Baptist Church, 33 Allithwaite Road, Flookburgh Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7JR. Discharge Of Condition 5, 6 And 9 Attached To Planning Permission SI/2011/0201 (New Burial Ground Conditions - (5) hard and soft landscaping, (6) tree protection plan (9) walls of gate opening) **Resolved** – No Objections
- e) SL/2013/0795. Lakeland Leisure Park, Moor Lane Flookburgh Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7LT. Leisure Reception/Owners Lounge And Lakeside Facilities (Revised Scheme SL/2012/0859) **Resolved** – No Objections

13/131 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decision was noted:

- a) 5/13/9002 Winder Moor, Winder Lane, Flookburgh. Improvements to agricultural land through importation of inert material. Granted subject to 23 conditions including operation times, highway safety, residents' amenity and pollution avoidance.

13/132 **Financial Reports**

- a) The Clerk reported that External Audit by BDO for 2012/13 Financial Year has been completed and there are no reported issues with the audit.
- b) The acceptance of the Financial Report as at 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013, which includes no deviations from the budget, was accepted unanimously.

13/133 **Payment of Accounts**

The authorisation of the following payments were agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary September 2013	£207.20
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE re September Clerk's Salary	£51.80
BDO (External Audit)	£120.00

Glasdon (Dog Bin)	£171.61
Viking (Paper and Printer Ink)	£107.26
South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) August 2013 (SO)	£247.26
E.On (Street Lighting - Electricity) (1/8/2013 – 31/8/2013) (DD)	£19.74
United Utilities (Toilets – Water) (19/6/2013 – 16/9/2013) (DD)	£123.60

#### 13/134 **River Eea Group**

Mrs Youd had provided a written report and Mrs Barton attended on behalf of the new Cark Community River Improvement Group. Their aim is to identify issues regarding the water quality, and the river and its surrounds and involve residents and relevant agencies. The group has had 2 meetings, attended by local residents and representatives from the Environment Agency and Cumbria River Trust. They have received reports from Mrs Klyn, Mr Shaw and requested a report from Mr Kendall of United Utilities regarding the pumping station. A 'Caring for our River Day' is planned followed by a clean up day. Their next meeting will be held at 2 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

#### 13/135 **Grant Request**

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

#### 13/136 **Dog Bin**

The Clerk reported that a new bin has been delivered and a resident has suggested a proposed location on the roadside near Cark House, however South Lakeland District Council are unable to provide a collection service for dog waste. Green Lane has also been suggested as a location. There are 4 bins in Flookburgh Square. **Resolved** i) To return the dog waste bin and replace with a litter bin, provided the cost is no more than an additional £150. ii) To contact South Lakeland District Council and ask which bin is least used and could therefore be moved to a more suitable location.

#### 13/137 **CCTV New Code of Practice**

Flookburgh Village Hall have prepared CCTV Code of Practice which outlines the security arrangements, responsible persons, the length of time footage is kept and how the system is operated. **Resolved** to accept the Code of Practice.

#### 13/138 **Highways**

- a) A Map of the Parish was examined and the owners of the land/property adjoining Footpaths, Bridleways (BW) and Byways for All Traffic (BOAT) identified. **Resolved** i) To establish the owners of property/land adjoining the BOAT 550011 which passes Crook Wheel and Footpath FP50001 where it meets Main Street. ii) To contact the owners of overhanging hedges and advise they are responsible for cutting them back.
- b) The Clerk reported that the hedge opposite the Church has been cut back by Highways.

#### 13/139 **Consultations**

The following Consultations were considered

##### a) Department for Communities and Local Government

Greater flexibilities for Change of Use Consultation. In following circumstances:

- i) Change shops or financial institutions to a house or up to 4 flats (less than 150 sq m)
- ii) Change retail units to banks or building societies
- iii) Change agricultural buildings to housing
- iv) Change offices, hotels, institutions etc to nurseries
- v) Change agricultural buildings to schools or nurseries

**Resolved** – No objections.

##### b) Department of Energy and Climate Change

Public Consultation on the proposed changes to the Site Selection Process for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) for higher activity radioactive waste. Changes include amending relevant authority from all levels of Council to solely District Council; identifying best method of establishing whether there is Public Support; amending the Stages of the Process. **Resolved** –

To object to the change from all Councils approval required (Parish/District/County) to only District Council approval required, should remain that all 3 Councils need to approve.

**13/140 Public Toilets**

The toilet lights are remaining on when they should be turned off. **Resolved** To check whether they are on a sensor or a timer.

**13/141 Flookburgh & District Charitable Trust**

Councillor Gardner reported that work on the Car Park has stopped and she has been informed that Planning Permission will be required. A meeting has been arranged with John Coward (Architect) for next week. She has made contact with Claire Welburn who used to work for Hereford Council and is assisting with plans for funding applications.

**13/142 Lower Holker Community Led Plan**

The Clerk reported that the first stage of the survey has been completed and the 2 top concerns are highways (parking & speeding traffic) and litter/dog mess. The information will be analysed and the next stage will be preparing a more detailed questionnaire. A funding application is also being finalised and will be submitted shortly.

**13/143 Cumbria Association of Local Councils**

The Clerk reported that she attended the District meeting where the new Police and Crime Commissioner was the speaker and he appears to have a sensible strategy for undertaking his role.

**13/144 Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

a Cumbria County Council

- i) Flood Training Days, 7<sup>th</sup> November in Town Hall, Barrow. 9.30am to 4.30 pm. Free.
- ii) Highways notification of road works on A590 at Lindale to repair and improve the draining system. Starts 7<sup>th</sup> October for 3 weeks.

b Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)

- i) Parish Precepts – SLDC deadline will be end January 2014, SLDC will provide their final figures re Tax Base and Grants by mid December 2013. No confirmation yet by Government as to whether Parish Precepts will be capped for 2014/15.
- ii) Connecting Cumbria, option to register for Community Build in parish, depending on what the indicated Broadband connection would be (in Lower Holker 90% 24 MB, 10% 2 to 23 MB)
- iii) North West Coast Connections Project – next consultation stage delayed until 2014.
- iv) Professional Development brochure September 2013 – June 2014.

c Cumbria Rural Housing Trust

Invitation to AGM held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October in Newbiggin near Penrith.

d ACT (Action with Communities in Cumbria)

Autumn Newsletter

d HMRC

Employer update regarding Real Time Information and Universal Credits

f Radiation Free Lakeland

Request that Parish Council responds to Government consultation opposing Nuclear Waste disposal in Cumbria.

**13/145 Forthcoming Events**

- 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7 pm, Grange Library Neighbourhood Forum (health matters and grant applications).
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October (provisional date, to confirm next week), Grange and Cartmel Local Area Partnership.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 11 am, Fairfield, No Cold Calling Launch.

Date of Next meeting: To note that the next Council Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 at Flookburgh Village Hall at 7.00 pm

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