

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2017**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey (Vice Chairman), B Dawson, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, T Wilson (Chairman), , Parish Clerk L Prescott, PCSO H Firth and 11 members of the public.

17/125 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillor & District Councillor G Gardner and County Councillor S Sanderson.

17/126 Requests for Dispensations

None.

17/127 Declarations of Interest

None.

**17/128 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Resolved**

a) The acceptance of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2017 was proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Dawson, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

b) The acceptance of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2017 was proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Dawson, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

17/129 Love Our Village

Elsie Edwards, Brian Low and Michelle Kennedy reported that they and others have formed a Love Our Village group for Flookburgh. They want people to take more pride in the village and support litter picks, planting flowers, removing unsightly scaffolding etc. They want to work with the School and local groups They would also like to organise events in the village, for example to mark the 740 years since the Charter, a Charter Fair, a Fun Day (possibly on the new playground site), afternoon tea with a display of old photographs, open gardens, raft race. They plan to put information in the Parish Link and Grange Now and distribute leaflets to households. Councillor Gardner has advised them regarding litter picking. Councillors suggested that the group be extended to cover the whole Parish.

17/130 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

The Chairman gave leave for residents to comment on any items on the Agenda or raise any issues of concern/interest.

Mrs L Youd advised she is one of the 4 patient representatives on the Peninsula Medical Practice's Patient Participation Group. Suggestions from this group can improve the service available to patients and their suggestions for a hand rail and more information leaflets at the Flookburgh Surgery have been implemented. They have recently suggested that the waiting room at Flookburgh surgery is improved. At their recent meeting they agreed that it was important to gather the views of the wider community to influence the Practice and not just those of the 4 patient representatives. They intend to meet with a range of local groups and the visit to this Lower Holker Parish Council meeting is part of that process. To assist in this process the Parish Clerk has given Mrs Youd a list of many of the groups on the Cartmel Peninsula with contact details. The group want to make contact with residents of all ages and with a range of health needs. They also plan to hold a public meeting for residents to attend. Mrs Youd will put an article in the local Parish Magazine and ask for ideas and suggestions with contact details. The ideas will be used to form a 12 month plan of goals for the group. The group also plans to attend the Integrated Care Community meetings which have started in Grange and cover the whole Peninsula. The GP Surgery and Chemist are essential services within the Parish and need local support to continue. The Walking for Health Groups in Cartmel and more recently in Grange which are run by 5 trained leaders could be extended to Flookburgh. Linda is happy for anyone to contact her with ideas or suggestions by phoning 59143 or by email on

lindayoud@timetalk.co.uk Councillor Wilson advised that the Parish Council would support the work of this group in any way it can in order to maintain and improve services in the community.

Several residents voiced objections to Planning Application SL/2017/0260 for the following reasons:

- The site of the proposed dwelling is on top of a culvert which was the Mill Race from the Cark Mill. Water still runs down this culvert and if it was damaged/blocked it could cause homes in Low Row and further up the River Eea to flood.
- The dwelling is now specified as an affordable self-build. The cost for the plot was £50,000 and there will have been additional costs to submit planning applications so the cost of the plot plus building a property here would not be affordable. Affordable housing based on 3.5 times the average income in South Lakeland would be £99,000. It is also unlikely that it would continue to be affordable based on the changes already seen in relation to other local planning applications.
- A dwelling in this location would change the character of the area and remove green space which is currently used by bats and slow worms.
- The proposed parking space at one end of the plot would only be used by non-local drivers as it is at risk of flooding and vehicles could be damaged.
- The site was not identified as a potential site for development in the Local Development Plan.

17/131 **Police**

PCSO H Firth reported that over the last 30 days there were 20 calls for service in Flookburgh including Antisocial behaviour, concerns for welfare, civil disputes, domestic incident, assault, traffic incident and sudden death. In Cark there were 6 calls for service including theft, concerns for welfare and highway disruption.

The Clerk reported that a local resident has reported problems with youths at the Toilets and Park in Cark littering, drinking alcohol underage, setting fire to paper, locking a toilet door and leaving through a window and playing loud music. She forwarded his concerns to PCSO Firth and asked that the Police continue to monitor the situation. Councillor Keith also confirmed these issues in Cark. The Councillors also raised concerns about drug taking and the behaviour of a minority of young people. Councillor Dawson reported that a window which was accidentally broken at the Village Hall by young people is being paid for by the young people.

PCSO Firth reported that due to these reports monitoring which was to be stopped will continue in Cark, usually in the evening. He recommends that residents phone 101 or report to Crime stoppers when incidents occur. He reported that local test purchases of alcohol by underage children have been attempted and no alcohol was sold to the children. He has been working with the Schools and Social Workers in relation to behaviour by some children. Councillor Keith thanked him for the work he has done.

17/132 **District and County Councillors**

a) District Councillor Gill Gardner was absent and a report has not been received.

b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson reported:

- i) Recycle for Cumbria have Compost Bins available for £2 for 220L plus £5.99 delivery.
- ii) She met with Victoria Upton and Carol Last about the outstanding Highways issues: Dropped kerb by the salon at Flookburgh agreed and allocated. Horse warning signs and 30mph signs Moor Lane signed off. Signage and pavement for the playground has taken all her allocation and may need more funding but agreed. She told them contractors have started. Railway bridge signs and new bollard funding allocated. White lining and road surfacing by Bank Top Cark agreed and done centrally. She has emphasised need to know when. Flookburgh Main Street is under review
- iii) She has been attending meetings about schools and education: introduction of the national funding formula, budgets and pupils with special needs. She has visited several schools in different parts of the County which has been very interesting and enjoyable.

17/133 **Planning Applications**

a) SL/2017/0260. Land to the west of The Dell, south of Cark Manor and north of Cark House Cark-In-Cartmel LA11 7PF. Single self-build dwelling (revised plans).

Resolved To object to this Planning Application on the same basis as previously. In addition, the development would not fit into the affordable category, the dwelling location is on top of the Mill Race culvert risking flooding of Low Row and other properties and the parking would only be utilised by non-local drivers as the location floods on a regular basis.

- b) TR/2017/0135. 1 Dobbie Bank Cark-In-Cartmel LA11 7PX. T1. Sycamore - crown reduce, T3. Horse Chestnut - remove lower limb, T4. Maple - Remove large overhanging limb.
Resolved No objections.
- c) SL/2017/0808.19 Eccleston Meadow Flookburgh LA11 7NE. Single storey side extension.
Resolved To support this Planning Application as it does not have a negative impact on neighbouring properties.
- d) 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.
Resolved To object to this Planning Application as there is no indication of the visual impact of this installation included in the Planning Application.
- e) SL/2017/0848.Pavement adjacent to Mireside Farm Winder Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LE. Erection of 12.8 metre high smart meter pole and associated works.
Resolved No objections to this installation.
- f) SL/2017/0850. Land to rear of 60 Main Street Flookburgh LA11 7LB. Erection of dwelling.
Resolved To support this application for a local resident to build a dwelling as it would not have a negative impact on neighbouring properties due to the design as a dormer bungalow with planting, fencing and window treatments to mitigate the issue of overlooking neighbouring properties.
- g) SL/2017/0863. 25 Marne Avenue Ravenstow LA11 7LH. Single storey rear extension.
Resolved to support this Planning Application as it does not have a negative impact on neighbouring properties.

17/134 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decision was noted:

- a) SL/2017/0618. 87A Allithwaite Road, Flookburgh LA11 7JR. Two storey extension and additional accommodation created from undercroft. Granted.

17/135 **Financial Reports**

Resolved The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 September 2017, was accepted unanimously.

17/136 **Cark Toilets – Cleaning Contract**

The Clerk advised that the Cleaning Contract charge was increased by 4% in April 2017 and this was approved by the Parish Council at the time. However the invoicing from June 2017 has shown an increase of 13% due to the way the invoices are now calculated. The Clerk has contacted SLS and they have agreed to revert to the agreed 4% increase and issue a Credit Note for the additional amounts, hence the balancing amount listed under Payment of Accounts is not now due.

17/136 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (September 2017)	£289.20
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (September 2017)	£72.30
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (September 2017) SO	£259.20
Waterplus – Water & Wastewater (Toilets) 2/6/17-5/9/17	£88.45
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/8/17-31/8/17) DD	£45.79
N Power – Electricity (Toilets) 1/8/17-1/9/17 DD	£25.75
Viking (Paper, ink & envelopes)	£69.00
Postage Stamps (12 x 2 nd class)	£6.72

Not authorised (ref Minutes item 17/136)

South Lakes Services (balancing amount for cleaning – June to Aug 2017) £64.80

17/137 **Highways**

The following Highways matters were considered:

- a) Road maintenance
Refer to Councillor Sanderson's report 17/132b.
- b) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council
Refer to Councillor Sanderson's report 17/132b.
- c) Overhanging hedge

The Clerk has written to Mrs Lynott again about the overhanging branches on the path between The Croft and School lane and also to a resident on Market Street about the overhanging bushes near the Railway Bridge. She has been advised that the Market Street bushes are the responsibility of a different resident so will send them a letter.

Overhanging trees on Dobbie Lane from Cark Manor were also reported.

Resolved to write to the occupants of Cark Manor and ask that they be cut back.

d) **Parking outside Hair by the Mile.**

The Clerk has received complaints about vehicles being parked outside the Hairdressers in the old toilets on Moor Lane causing vehicles to overtake approaching a blind corner. The applicants had stated at the Parish Council Meeting where the Planning Application was considered that there would be no parking outside the new hairdressers.

Resolved To write to the hairdressers and also to South Lakeland District Council who granted Planning Permission and Cumbria Highways who recommended approval.

17/138 **River Eea – Sewage**

The Clerk reported that a site meeting with the Environment Agency and United Utilities has not yet taken place due to holiday leave taken by the Environment Agency representative. She has reminded him about this meeting and will advise Parish Councillors of the date of this meeting once she has been notified.

17/139 **Community Emergency Plan**

The Clerk presented the Draft Community Emergency Plan to the Parish Council and outlined the information contained therein including Community contacts and Emergency Control Centres/Rest Centres within the Parish. The availability of Sandbags locally was discussed.

Resolved to adopt the Community Emergency Plan with a copy being available via the Website and circulated to Cumbria County Council, the Environment Agency and South Lakeland District Council. Printed copies to be held by Parish Councillors, Village Halls, School, Church, Bridge House, the Post Office and Chemist.

The Clerk will investigate the options for locally available sandbags.

17/140 **Replacement Seat on Moor Lane**

The replacement seat on Moor Lane has been installed by Philip Dalton. Councillor Dawson reported that a resident who initially reported the condition of the seat to him is delighted with the replacement.

17/141 **New Litter Bin**

No response has yet been received.

17/142 **Defibrillator**

The Clerk is still awaiting a final cost figure.

17/143 **Speed Gun**

No further progress has been made on the plan to purchase a speed gun jointly with Lower Allithwaite Parish Council.

17/144 **Public Toilets**

A locked toilet door was released by SLS. Refer also to Police Report 17/131.

17/145 **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.

17/463 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

- a) Suggestions for the new Playground name were submitted by the children at Flookburgh School and included Flookburgh Community Playground, Flookburgh Park, Flookburgh Fun, Miles Above Park, Miles of Fun Park, Moor Fun and Games, Adventure Play and Grow Playground, Jump and Bump Playground, Flooks Fun, Seaside Adventure. There was then an online doodle poll to vote for the preferred name. The majority of participants voted for Flookburgh Community Playground.

Resolved to name the facility Flookburgh Community Playground.

- b) Work to install the playground has started.
- c) The charity has received an additional grant of £10,000. There is an additional piece of equipment which would enhance the site - a Track Ride Tower - which would cost £7917.60 (including VAT) to purchase and install.

Resolved To order the Track Ride Tower at the quoted price of £7917.60.

17/147 Grange & Cartmel Integrated Care Community Meeting

The Clerk reported a smaller attendance at this meeting but included a representative from Parkinsons Society. Topics raised at previous meeting (alcohol abuse, mental health & loneliness) were discussed further. The group is working on a list of available activities/organisations in community for people to go to/become involved with.

17/148 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Cumbria County Council
Grange Saturday Bus Service closure.
- b) South Lakeland District Council
Notification of amended Planning Application
Standards Committee meeting on 21st September.
Information from LAP meeting
- c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Monthly CALC circular & Training courses
CALC AGM – 18th November 2017 in Carlisle
United Utilities event to shape Cumbria's water and Wastewater services. 21st November in Kendal.
Cumbria Minerals & Waste Local Plan (2015-2030) Adopted
- d) Neighbourhood Alerts
Cybercrime training
Kendal Fire Station Open Day
Ministry of Justice online questionnaire for Victims, closing 27th October 2017.

17/149 Forthcoming Events

The following event was noted:

6.30 pm on 18th October 2017 – Clerk's Forum at Derby Arms, Witherslack.

17/150 Date of Next meeting

The following meeting was noted:

Council meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday 1st November 2017 in Flookburgh Village Hall.

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