

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2018**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, B Dawson, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland & T Wilson, County Councillor S Sanderson, District Councillor M Cornah & Parish Clerk L Prescott.

18/120 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO H Firth.

18/121 Requests for Dispensations

None.

18/122 Declarations of Interest

None.

18/123 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2018 was proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Ryland, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

18/124 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

None.

18/125 Police

PCSO Firth was absent, but he had sent a report on calls for Police service over the past 30 days in Lower Holker and Allithwaite: 27 total calls for service including Criminal damage 2, Suspicious incidents 4, ASB 3, Sexual offences 1, Concerns for welfare 10, Alarm sounding 1, Civil disputes 1, Highway disruption 1, Assaults 1, RTCs 1, Thefts 1.

18/126 District and County Councillors

- a) District Councillor Cornah provided an update on the two planning applications he reported at the July meeting - Crown Inn (SL/2017/1093) and Extra Care Housing (SL/2017/0715). The Crown Inn permission was originally granted dependent upon a report from the Society of Protection for Ancient Buildings, though this was not supportive, the decision was made to approve the application with specified conditions. No further action has been taken by the applicants for the Extra Care Housing.
- b) District Councillor Gardner reported that she has received several complaints from residents about the development on a field where planning permission for a building for alpacas has been refused, however the owner has installed a static caravan and appears to be undertaking building works. She has spoken to the Planning Department and will continue to investigate.
- c) County Councillor Sanderson reported
 - i) Some of the requested white lining in the Parish has been completed.
 - ii) She asked whether any traffic enforcement has taken place as some has been in Cartmel (none has been observed in Lower Holker), she will take it up with Victoria Upton. There are still outstanding issues at Cartmel which are also being pursued in relation to parking signage.
 - iii) Cartmel has been holding meetings about flooding/sewerage issues and she has mentioned the issues with the River Eea through Cark.
 - iv) She continues to work with a range of agencies in her cabinet role and visits schools. School funding remains a serious issue with growing demand. This replicates the growing pressures on the Council i.e. growth in Looked after children, children with SEN. She spoke at a NAHT summit held at Rheged about County school finances where all were agreed about the issues. As a County they are trying to develop solutions which will improve the situation in the long term.

- v) She has taken on additional responsibilities for apprenticeships and is beginning to learn about the County offer.
- vi) They have put out a lot of information about school clothing grants to remind people they can apply for them and to remind people that they need to also apply for free school meals as it triggers funding for the school. There are some concerns about how this will be affected by the rollout of Universal Credit.

18/127 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2018/0750. Land Adjacent to 47 Allithwaite Road Flookburgh LA117JR
Erection of dwelling and bungalow.
Resolved to support this application.
- b) SL/2018/0771. Bridgelands Cottage Station Road Cark LA11 7NY
Replacement of blown concrete render on a gable wall with a lime render to match neighbouring property and formation of door entrance in garden wall.
Resolved to defer a decision as insufficient information is available about the exact details of the planned works on the application.

18/128 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) TR/2018/0137. Station Yard, Station Approach, Cark-In-Cartmel LA11 7PT. Tree pruning works on T1 Sycamore & T2 Horse Chestnut. Granted.
- b) SL/2018/0635. Field shelter off Green Lane Flookburgh LA11 7JT. Siting of a welfare shelter and installation of a septic tank. Refused.

18/129 **2017/18 Audit**

- a) Noted that the Audit for the year ending 31 March 2018 has concluded and been approved by the External Auditor (PKF).
- b) Noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit was displayed on the Council's noticeboard and website for the required 14 days from 15th September 2018.

18/130 **Financial Reports**

Resolved The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 September 2018, was accepted unanimously.

18/131 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (September 2018)	£294.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (September 2018)	£73.70
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (September 2018) SO	£259.20
N Power – Electricity (Toilets) 1/8/18-1/9/18 DD	£25.31
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/8/18-31/8/18) DD	£52.04
Waterplus – Water & Wastewater (Toilets) (10/6/18-9/9/18)	£80.38
External Audit (PKF)	£720.00
Projector	£89.99
Postage Stamps	£6.96

18/132 **Highways**

a) Reports requiring Highways Maintenance

The following items were reported by the Councillors Keith/Rawsthorn:

- Lack of effective barrier to prevent vehicles driving into river near Cark House.
- Railings below Rose & Crown in Cark – foliage to be cleared, not just trimmed back to enable drivers/pedestrians to see approaching vehicles.
- Saplings growing in road Near Cark Manor (B5278)
- Pot hole in Bank Top Close
- Pot holes by The Steps behind Engine Inn, Cark
- Blocked drain by litter bin near Cark Hall

- Pot holes at top of Station Hill
- Pot hole by bus stop in Cark
- Wall around Cark Manor in Dobbie Lane is deteriorating (Cark House)
- 30 mph sign missing on Green Lane near Railway Bridge (previously reported)
- Manhole cover coming off under Railway Bridge past Cark House (United Utilities)

Resolved To report matters to Highways, United Utilities and Cark Manor as appropriate.

b) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council

The Clerk reported that white lining works have taken place including the ghost footpath in Cark near Cark Hall, which has been extended to the 30 mph sign; No Parking markings on the brow of Market Street and Give Way Markings in Flookburgh Square. The road below Sunny Bank has been examined by the Highways Engineers who advise that it is currently safe.

c) Highways matters (non County Council)

The Clerk has written to the residents about the issues raised at the September meeting. She has received a reply from the Southcott family who report that they are not responsible for blocking Manorside road with their vehicles causing the refuse vehicles to be unable to access properties further down. She has been contacted by a resident of Stockdale Farm about the uncut grass around Norman's Seat. The ownership of the land and therefore the responsibility is not clear. Cumbria Highways have not taken responsibility for this area. The Clerk has been in touch with Jack Manning who advised that Holker have cut the area previously and may do so again, he would ask them.

Resolved To ask if Holker would cut it and if not then engage Tony Dixon to cut the grass.

18/133 **Community Emergency Plan**

This has been reviewed and updated. Some of the details eg Radio stations, have changed and also bus services. The new District Councillor Michael Cornah will be added to the contacts. SLDC have delivered 100 sandbags to be stored at Sandgate Farm to be available for residents to use in case of risk of flooding, the contact will be Councillor Wilson and this will be publicised in the Parish Magazine. Councillor Wilson will speak to Mr Philipson of Canon Winder to ask if in the case of an emergency road closure that his new track could be used for access. The Clerk will update the Community Emergency Plan once all details are finalised and re-distribute.

18/134 **Defibrillator**

The Clerk reported that a Defibrillator is available through Grange First Responders for a cost of £861.25+ VAT and a storage box for £795 + VAT. The Parish Council budgeted for this cost in the 2017/18 budget.

Resolved To proceed with fitting at Cark Toilets (as previously decided). Engage T W Wilson to undertake the electrical work.

18/135 **Speed Monitoring**

Councillor Dawson and the Clerk reported that Speed Monitoring has continued to take place. Some drivers are still travelling well above the speed limit (up to nearly double). In one hour in a 30 mph zone, 30 were travelling at 35 mph or more, 15 travelling at over 40 mph and 2 over 50 mph. One speed monitoring group were spat at by a passenger in a vehicle. Councillors also reported speeding vehicles through Cark/Flookburgh.

Resolved To request Police attend and undertake speed monitoring at peak times so the speeding drivers can be fined.

- 18/136 **River Eea – water level**
The Clerk has contacted the Environment Agency with the queries from the September meeting about water extraction by Cartmel Racecourse and monitoring by the Environment Agency and is awaiting a reply.
- 18/137 **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**
The Clerk continues to examine Parish Council Documentation and remove if appropriate.
- 18/138 **Public Toilets**
The Clerk reported that the guttering at the rear of the Toilets has come loose, perhaps due to rot in the fascia board, but she has not been able to get close enough to examine. **Resolved** to engage a workman to undertake the repairs.
- 18/139 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**
Councillor Gardner reported that the large concrete balls in the Toddler Play area are being taken out of the ground. She is in contact with Kompan about repairs to these items.
- 18/140 **Cumbria Association of Local Councils**
The Clerk reported that she attended the recent District meeting. She also found in the Minutes of the previous meeting (which she had not attended) that Peter Hoskins of Cumbria Highways advised CALC that “they only have a budget sufficient to undertake gully cleansing on A, B and C roads and a few other “on demand”. Therefore if we receive a report of a blocked gully...we will attend to that gully but cannot undertake to cleanse all gullies in that road...it is the result of austerity”. Councillor Sanderson reported that this was not the information which had been given to County Councillors.
- 18/141 **Cartmel & Grange Wellbeing Group meeting**
The Clerk reported that the group has undertaken a survey of local residents and the main finding was the people were not aware of the help and services which are available in the local area. There was also concern about mental health, particularly in relation to young people. The Group covers the Cartmel Peninsula and will continue to work on these themes.
- 18/142 **Correspondence**
The following correspondence was noted:
- a Cumbria County Council
Grange & Cartmel Wellbeing Group meeting.
 - b South Lakeland District Council
Planning Applications.
SLDC Planning Committee Agenda.
 - c Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Monthly newsletter/training updates.
Nominations for vacancy on the CALC Executive Committee.
 - d Neighbourhood Alerts
Fake TV Licensing refund offers. Fake Netflix emails. Doorstep callers offering roofing work. Public Consultation Police Survey.
 - e Information Commissioner’s Office
Latest news.
- 18/143 **2019 Parish Council Meeting Dates**
The dates and the locations of the 2019 Parish Council Meetings were noted:
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| 9 January 2019 | Lower Holker Village Hall |
| 6 February 2019 | Flookburgh Village Hall |
| 13 March 2018 | Lower Holker Village Hall |

3 April 2019	Flookburgh Village Hall
1 May 2019	Lower Holker Village Hall
5 June 2019	Flookburgh Village Hall
3 July 2019	Lower Holker Village Hall
4 September 2019	Flookburgh Village Hall
2 October 2019	Lower Holker Village Hall
6 November 2019	Flookburgh Village Hall
3 December 2019	Lower Holker Village Hall

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Date of Next meeting

The following meeting was noted: The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 7th November in Lower Holker Village Hall.