

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2019**

PRESENT

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

19/131 **Apologies for Absence**

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

19/132 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

19/133 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

19/134 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved The acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2019 were agreed unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

The Chairman arrived and took the chair.

19/135 **Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

- a) Mr J Keith & Mrs C Pounder, local residents who live in Ravenstown, addressed the meeting in relation to the Planning Application SL/2019/0778. They advised that there is an ongoing problem with both surface water and waste water in Ravenstown, particularly at times of heavy rain. The result is that water is being extruded from the drains due to the inadequacy of the drainage system and surface water from the streets is flowing down the roads causing damage to the road surface. The location of the proposed development is at the place where the current surface water flows down from Somme Avenue, Arras Avenue and Jutland Avenue into a field. Mr Keith showed the Councillor photographs of the location illustrating the issue. The Planning Application's Drainage Report proposes to install a soakaway for the dwellings would not be adequate due to the water already flowing to that specific location.
- b) Mr T Austin addressed the meeting in relation to an elderly resident who was persuaded by cold callers to have some work done on his roof and though there is no proof that any work was undertaken the two men have been harassing him for payments. The incident has been reported to Trading Standards and the resident has been advised not to open the door to them and phone the Police immediately if they return. The men were driving a white van and a red landrover.

19/136 **Police**

PCSO Firth was absent and no report has been received.

19/137 **District and County Councillors**

No reports have been received.

19/138 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2019/0715. Former Ducky's visitor attraction, Airfield Farm Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LS. Conversion of pets corner in former stables to holiday accommodation using existing drive and septic tank.

Resolved To support the application as it will improve the appearance of the site and provide a suitable alternative use for a redundant building.

- b) SL/2019/0778. Land south of Jutland Avenue Ravenstown LA11 7LF. Erection of up to four dwellings and associated infrastructure.

Resolved

To advise the Planning Officers of the existing problems with water run off and drainage in Ravenstown, particularly at the location of the proposed development and recommend that no development takes place until these problems are resolved.

19/139 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2019/0620. 42 Main Street Flookburgh LA11 7LA. Formation of new vehicular access and erection of replacement detached garage. Granted with conditions relating to plans & materials.
- b) SL/2019/0601. Guides Farm Flookburgh LA11 7LD. Erection of two additional bays to sheep building. Granted with conditions relating to plan.

19/140 **2018/19 Audit**

- a) The Clerk reported that the Audit for the year ending 31 March 2019 has concluded and been approved by the External Auditor (PKF Littlejohn LLP).
- b) The Clerk reported that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit is being displayed on the Council's noticeboard and website for the required 14 days from 24th September 2019.

19/141 **Financial Reports**

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

19/142 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved

The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary (September 2019)	£304.80
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (September 2019)	£76.20
South Lakes Services – Toilets (September 2019) SO	£259.20
Waterplus – Toilets Water & Wastewater (28/5/19-8/9/19) DD	£142.07
Npower Electricity – Toilets (1/8/19-1/9/19) DD	£24.56
SSE Electricity – Street Lighting (2/8/19-2/9/19) DD	£51.19
PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit 2018/19)	£240.00

19/143 **Grant Request**

A letter has been received from Great North Air Ambulance Service outlining the services they provide in Cumbria and asking whether the Parish Council would support their services.

Resolved To grant £100 towards their services.

19/144 **Consultation**

The Clerk reported that South Lakeland District Council are consulting residents in relation to the Polling Stations for each Parish. The Polling Station for Lower Holker is Flookburgh Village Hall.

Resolved To support the continued use of Flookburgh Village Hall as a Polling Station.

19/145 **Highways**

- a) Reports requiring Highways Maintenance
The Road surface at the entrance to Green Lane opposite Cark Hall is deteriorating.
Resolved To report to Cumbria Highways.
- b) Reports requiring maintenance (not County Council)
- i) Vehicles which are not for disabled drivers/passengers are parking in the designated disabled parking space on Flookburgh Square.
Resolved A notice to be placed on vehicles not displaying a Blue Badge advising that they should not park in the space.

- ii) Several children are riding bicycles in the area either at dusk or after dark without any lights.
Resolved To include a reminder in the Parish Magazine and on Facebook.
- c) Highways matters in process with Cumbria County Council.
None.
- d) Highways matters in process (not County Council)
None.
- e) Parking enforcement
 - i) Vehicles/boats are being parked on the road by The Gardens on Winder Lane, despite allocated parking being available for residents and this is creating a hazard for other road users.
Resolved to contact Two Castles Housing Association to request that they remind residents to park in their allocated parking spaces.
 - ii) Numerous vehicles are parking on the double yellow lines near the Hope & Anchor.
Resolved To request increased parking enforcement from Cumbria County Council.
- f) Bus Service – 530 bus to cease on 27th October 2019
The Clerk reported that Stagecoach will no longer be providing this service as they have lost the school transport contract which enabled them to provide this additional service.

19/146 **Defibrillators**

The Clerk reported that 6 people attended the Defibrillator training at Ravenstown Club. The signs to indicate the locations of the Defibrillators have not yet been installed by Cumbria Highways staff.

19/147 **Noticeboard**

The Clerk reported she is still awaiting a quotation for installing the new Noticeboard.

19/148 **Cark Toilets**

The Clerk reported that the vandalism in the play area has been reported to PCSO Firth who reiterated the importance of reporting incidents to the Police on 101 at the time they occur.

19/149 **Flookburgh Community Playground/Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

The Clerk reported that Continental Landscapes have been notified that the grass cutting in the Playground is only required until the end of October. The 2 bins at the Playground (with sensors), emptied 13 times from April to Jun and 27 times from July to September. Only 1 sensor is needed as both bins are together and require emptying at same time. SLDC have advised they will be charging emptying by the site rather than the bin.

19/150 **Speed Monitoring**

The Clerk reported that speed strips were placed by Cumbria County Council on Moor Lane in summer but no data/feedback has yet been received so she has sent them another reminder.

19/151 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a Cumbria County Council
Non Native Invasive Species (Water Primrose) – report to Environment Agency.
- b South Lakeland District Council
Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (16th September to 1st November)
Rural Strategy Roadshow (11 am to 4.30 pm, 17th October in Kendal Town Hall)
Returning Officer for South Lakeland District Council is now Simon McVey.
- c Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)
Monthly newsletter and training.
CALC AGM (Wigton Market Hall, 10.30am Saturday 9th November)
- d St John's Hospice
Roadshow dates (6pm on 21st October at Shakespeare Centre in Kendal).

- e North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee
Business Plan for flood prevention (of over £300 million funding, only local project is for Windermere Road in Grange).
- f Cumbria Action for Health
Newsletter and events
- g Cumbria Arts & Culture Network
Newsletter
- h Tim Farron MP
Advice Surgery (dates and locations)

19/152 **Date of Next meeting**

The following meeting was noted:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 6th November 2019 in Flookburgh Village Hall.

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