

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH  
VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM ON FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Rowlandson, J Ryland, T Wilson (from 7.20 pm), County Councillor R Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, PCSO H Firth (Cumbria Police), Mr B Dawson and Miss A Airey.

**13/101 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies from District and Parish Councillor Gill Gardner were received and accepted.

**13/102 Requests For Dispensations**

None.

**13/103 Declarations Of Interest**

None.

**13/104 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> July were accepted unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**13/105 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

- a) Mr Rowlandson reported that overgrown hedges are impeding pedestrians on the Lane by the School, so much so that it is not wide enough for prams.
- b) Mrs Keith reported that Caton Lane is becoming overgrown impeding pedestrians. County Councillor Wilson advised he would report to the Highways department.

**13/106 Police**

- a) PCSO Firth reported that over the last 30 days, the following incidents in Lower Holker have been reported to the Police: 6 suspicious incidents, 2 assaults (1 verbal), criminal damage, 2 welfare concerns, 5 Antisocial behaviours, 3 Highways incidents, 1 attempted burglary, 1 road incidence and 2 civil disputes.
- b) 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.
- c) Police updates are included in Grange Now including problems with climbing on the school roof and damage to downspouts and the greenhouse.
- d) There is a new Youth initiative to build and install another park bench.

**13/107 County & District Councillor Reports**

- a) County Councillor Wilson reported that
  - i) The new Broadband initiative expects to provide superfast (24 mg) to 90% of properties and 10% of properties will receive slower (2 to 23 mg) Broadband. The date of delivery is anticipated to be 2014.
  - ii) A large number of complaints have been received about the hedge opposite the Church. Highways have now confirmed they are responsible for this and are organising a contractor to cut the hedge back.
- b) District Councillor Gardner was absent.

**13/108 Planning Application**

- a) EN010027 Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm Order. Up to 207 wind turbines to maximum height of 222m with landfall site at Middleton Sands near Heysham.  
**Resolved** to raise concerns with the Planning Inspectorate in relation to the potential effect on fishing, birds and the environmentally sensitive areas of Morecambe Bay.

### 13/109 Licensing Application

- a) Cockles Convenience Store, 2 Church Walk Flookburgh. Grant of a Premise Licence to sell alcohol. **Resolved** – No objections.

### 13/110 Planning Decisions

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2012/0680 Land to South of Sandgate Farm, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria LA11 7LD. Erection of Wind Turbine (34.2 m to blade tip). Not progressed.
- b) SL/2012/0863 2 Sunny Bank Cark-in-Cartmel, Cumbria LA11 7PF. Conversion And Extension To Outbuilding To Form Annexed Living Accommodation. Closed by SLDC due to length of time and no new plans submitted addressing impact on neighbouring properties.
- c) SL/2013/0404. Rear Two Storey Extension and Two Storey Garage to side. 25 Jutland Avenue, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands LA11 7LF. Grant with conditions regarding matching existing building.

### 13/111 Financial Report

The acceptance of the Financial Report as at 24<sup>th</sup> August 2013, which includes no deviations from the budget, was accepted unanimously.

### 13/112 Payment of Accounts

The authorisation of the following payments were agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary July & August 2013	£414.40
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE re July & August Clerk's Salary	£103.60
Photocopying re Community Led Plan	£15.00
South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) June 2013 (SO)	£247.26
E.On (Street Lighting - Electricity) 1/6/2013-30/6/2013 (DD)	£19.22
South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) July 2013 (SO)	£247.26
John Gilmore (grass cutting on Moor Lane)	£30.00
Flookburgh Village Hall (Grange Security) re new CCTV Camera	£373.00
T & M Rowlandson (Unblock Cark Gents Urinal)	£86.40
E.On (Street Lighting - Electricity) 1/7/2013-31/7/2013 (DD)	£19.74
Npower (Toilets – Electricity) 1/5/2013 – 31/7/2013 (DD)	£55.67

### 13/113 Dog/Litter Bin

A request to purchase dog or litter bin was made at the July Parish Council meeting.

**Resolved** to purchase a dog bin and defer a decision on the most appropriate site to the next meeting

### 13/114 Flookburgh Square

The Clerk reported that she has examined the Flookburgh Charter which states that a Market can be held on every Tuesday and two three day Fairs can be held each year in June and September. No specific location in Flookburgh is specified for the Market. The Clerk also reported that she has spoken with South Lakeland District Council who advise that any Street Trader who wanted to trade on Flookburgh Square would need to have a Street Trading Licence at a cost of £242 a year.

### 13/115 CCTV New Code of Practice

The Clerk reported that the Government have introduced a new CCTV Code of Practice which organisations need to comply with. As the new CCTV Camera installed on Flookburgh Village Hall has been paid for by Parish Council, the Parish Council and the Village Hall need to ensure that they have a written code in place. Mr Dawson reported that only 2 people, himself and the Village Hall Chairman, have keys to the CCTV and the recordings are for 10 days and are then recorded over and not kept. PCSO H Firth advised

that he has informed the local Police officers of this new CCTV camera. **Resolved** - Mr Dawson will prepare a written code and provide the Parish Council with a copy.

**13/116 South Lakeland District Parish Charter**

The Clerk reported that a new Charter has been drafted by South Lakeland District Council setting out the terms of partnership working between the District and Parish Councils and what the Parish Councils can expect the District Council to do and what the District Council expects the Parish Council to do. It include recognising the role of Parish Councils in representing local people and being a primary source of local information. **Resolved** – no objections to the draft Charter.

**13/117 Highways**

To receive reports on the following highways matters and decide what action to take.

a) Overhanging Trees – Cark

Councillor Keith reported that complaints have been received about overhanging trees between the bottom of Sunny Bank (Dobbie Lane) and Crook Wheel. **Resolved** – to write to the Landowners (Mr S Bird and Mr M Nicholson) to request the trees cut back.

b) Line Painting – Cark

A complaint has been received about the fading line markings in Cark, including the 'ghost footpath'. In addition there are requests for lines to be painted across driveways in Cark to prevent parking which impedes access. The Parish Council provided a list of fading line markings in the Parish to the Highways in March 2013 and these have not yet been refreshed. County Councillor has recently raised the faded lines with Victoria Upton. **Resolved** – to write to Victoria Upton emphasising the importance of the line markings being refreshed and request that lines be painted across the entrances to Brandywell and Mill Barn, Cark.

c) Speed Limits – Cark

A request has been received for the Speed Limit entering Cark from Cartmel direction to be reduced to 25 mph. County Councillor Wilson advised that there is a range of criteria which needs to be met for a speed limit to be changed. **Resolved** to consider the request in the overall Highways review as part of the Community Led Plan.

d) Vehicle Parking – Flookburgh Square

A number of complaints have been received by Councillor Airey regarding the inappropriate vehicle parking on Flookburgh Square. **Resolved** to consider the issue during the preparation of the Community Led Plan.

e) Pavement Blocking – Refuse Bins & Cones

A number of complaints have been received by Councillor Rowlandson regarding refuse bins being left out on Winder Lane and Main Street, blocking the pavements and emitting offensive odours. **Resolved** to contact South Lakeland District Council for their advice as to the regulations, advise District Councillor Gardner of the problem and reconsider the issue at the next meeting.

**13/115 Cark Public Toilets**

The Clerk reported that the blocked urinal has been repaired.

**13/116 Flookburgh & District Charitable Trust**

The Clerk reported that Daniel Purcell has cycled from Walney to Whitby to raise funds for the Trust. The next meeting regarding fund raising is on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10.15 am.

**13/117 Local Area Partnership**

Councillor Airey and County Councillor Wilson reported on the July meeting. An affordable housing working groups has been set up, the Broadband representative gave a fairly pessimistic report on progress. The LAP terms of reference were discussed. The importance of LAP members working together in relation to projects including the National Grid was emphasised. The next meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### 13/118 Lower Holker Community Led Plan

The Clerk reported on the last steering group meeting which was attended by representatives of local organisations. The representatives are now surveying their own groups and have re-opened the initial survey on the internet for information on local priorities prior to preparing a full survey. An application for Funds from South Lakeland District Council to support the preparation of a plan will be made. The next meeting of the steering committee will be held on 1st October.

### 13/119 River Eea Group

The Clerk reported that she has liaised with Mrs Youd and the Environment Agency regarding the maintenance of the River Eea. Mrs Youd is keen to set up a group of local residents to work with the Environment Agency to improve the River Eea through Cark. The first meeting has been arranged at 10.30 am on 16<sup>th</sup> September in Lower Holker Village Hall (Supper Room). Mrs Youd has asked whether the Parish Council would support the group by making a contribution towards meeting room hire. **Resolved** – the Parish Council will pay for the cost of hall hire for the first 2 meetings. Councillors Airey, Keith and Wilson aim to attend this meeting.

### 13/120 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted and action taken as follows:

#### a Cumbria County Council

i) Cumbria County Council Chairman's Appeal – 100 Defibrillators in 100 days. Request for £1000 to purchase the unit and box to be installed in Parish. To consider organising and publicising a fund raising event to raise £1000. **Resolved** – not to contribute.

ii) Free Electric Blanket testing, Grange-over-sands, 1<sup>st</sup> October. Book appointment on 01539 713594.

iii) Independent Living event 10 am – 2 pm, 11<sup>th</sup> September in Kendal Town Hall.

#### b Cumbria Police

Cumbria Independent Custody Visiting Scheme – Kendal LCV Panel – Seeking Volunteers.

#### c South Lakeland District Council

i) Notification of Empty Home Grants of up to £10000 available if empty for over 6 months and prepared to lease for over 5 years. Poster displayed in Cark Noticeboard. **Resolved** – to write to South Lakeland District Council to ask that empty home owners in the Parish be written to directly to advise them of the scheme.

ii) Community Governance Review – 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage to 22 October. SLDC recommendation for no changes in Lower Holker Parish. Poster displayed in Cark Noticeboard.

iii) Multi-Agency response to flooding event 7<sup>th</sup> November, Barrow.

iv) Power up your community scheme (3<sup>rd</sup>), Register by 15 October and the auction will take place on the 16 October 2013. To register visit [www.powerupyourcommunity.co.uk](http://www.powerupyourcommunity.co.uk)

v) How to effectively engage with the Planning Service – workshops in September /November.

vi) Have your Say on SLDC website (by 20<sup>th</sup> September)

#### d Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)

i) Nominations for CALC Executive Committee

ii) Notification of new Surveillance Camera Code of Practice including guidelines for CCTV

iii) Keswick Community Housing Trust – event outlining affordable housing scheme. 17 & 18 September.

iv) Post Office Community Enterprise Fund for community improvements.

v) Rural Fair Share Petition – petition regarding the Local Government Finance Settlement as urban areas receive 50% more support per head than rural areas. **Resolved** to support this petition.

vi) Environment Agency annual flood report for North West

vii) Community Payback scheme

#### e MP Tim Farron

Autumn/Winter surgery dates. Poster displayed in Cark Noticeboard.

#### f Neighbourhood Alert

- i) Dementia Drop in for people & Carers, 10 am to 2 pm, 11<sup>th</sup> September, Kendal Town Hall
  - ii) Warning to property renovators – tools being stolen
  - iii) Recall of Debenhams Sleeping Beauty Electric Blankets SB1001 SB1002
  - iv) Neighbourhood Watch website – details of where they are on [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)
  - v) Beware Cold Callers offering security services
  - vi) Telephone Scam re Sky Cards – false report of overpayment
- g Grange & Cartmel Neighbourhood Forum.  
Next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October in Grange, focus on health matters and considering grant applications from community groups.
- h Electricity Northwest  
Request for Inventory of Street Lights which the Parish Council are responsible for. Councillor Keith advised that this has been provided before so there should be a copy in the files.
- i BDS Fuels  
Offer to provide preferential LPG rates to communities on 12 month contract. **Resolved** – not to proceed due to small numbers of LPG users in Parish.
- j Bridging the Gap  
Organisation which supports people with Hearing loss, including equipment. Seeking Volunteers.

### 13/121 Forthcoming Events

The following events were noted:

26<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm, Gilpin Bridge Inn, CALC District meeting – guest speaker is new Police & Crime Commissioner

1<sup>st</sup> October, 7.15 pm, Flookburgh Village Hall, Community Led Plan Steering Group meeting

Date of Next meeting: To note that the next Council Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Lower Holker Village Hall at 7.00 pm

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