

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, G Gardner, M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Rowlandson, County Councillor T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, Mrs S Bond and Mr M Stubbins.

**14/095 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors J Ryland, T Wilson and PCSO H Firth.

**14/096 Requests for Dispensations**

None.

**14/097 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**14/098 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 was agreed unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**14/099 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

Mr Stubbins and Mrs Bond both live close to the Cark Park and they reported that the inappropriate use of Cark park and playground and the anti-social behaviour has been the worst they have experienced in over 20 year's residence. The age specification is for use by children under 14 years, however older teenagers are using the park into the early hours, and in one case overnight, claiming to be caring for a younger child. These has been excessive noise, abusive and intimidating behaviour including to those with younger children who want to legitimately use the park/playground. There has also been excessive littering, despite South Lakeland District Council cleaning the area 3 times a week. The Police has been regularly informed and are now undertaking more regular patrols which has improved the situation at present.

**14/100 Police**

- i) PCSO Firth was absent and provided a written report that over the last 30 days the following incidents have been reported: Burglary Non Dwelling (2), Theft Of a Quad Bike (1), Suspicious Incident (1), Anti-Social Behaviour (5), Criminal Damage (3), Missing Persons (2), Road Traffic Collision (1), Theft (2), Concerns for Welfare (3), Road Related Offence (1), Sex Offences (1), Domestic (1), Assault (2), Theft from Vehicle (1), Highway Disruption (3).
- ii) The Councillors have received reports regarding the numerous incidents of anti-social behaviour in and around Cark Park and also a drunk person causing concerns in and around the Parish, including in the playgrounds at Cark and The Croft.  
Resolved To report these incidents to the Police and PCSO.

**14/101 District and County Councillors**

- a) District Councillor Gardner reported:  
She has received several complaints from residents regarding noise, disruptions, and parking problems caused by users of holiday homes. She plans to organise a meeting with all those people who have complained and possibly lobby MP Tim Farron regarding these issues.
- b) County Councillor Wilson
  - i) He has been working with the Health Scrutiny Committee.
  - ii) Stagecoach have taken on the 532 bus route from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The County Councillors are pleased that the service will remain, despite the removal of the £45,000 subsidy, any comments/concerns should be directed to him. The new timetable has a much reduced service on Saturdays and Ravenstown has no service on that day. Rod is happy to attend Flookburgh Friday Library to talk to residents.

#### 14/102 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2014/0690 Flookburgh Lodge, Station Road, Flookburgh Grange Over Sands Cumbria LA11 7JY. Single Storey rear extension. **Resolved** No objections.
- b) SL/2014/0813 Ducky's Park Farm, Moor Lane, Flookburgh Grange-over-Sands Cumbria LA11 7LS. Reuse and partial elevational alterations of a new building for educational, play and storage purposes (unimplemented part of planning permission SL/2005/1346) as 5 craft workshops. **Resolved** No objections.

#### 14/103 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decision made by South Lakeland District Council was noted:

- a) TR/2014/0090. 3 Dobbie Bank, Cark In Cartmel Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7PX. Proposal to fell dead horse chestnut (T1). Tree Preservation Order Consent.

#### 14/104 **Financial Reports**

The Financial Report as at 24th August 2014, included no deviations from the budget.

**Resolved** accepted unanimously.

#### 14/105 **Payment of Accounts**

**Resolved** The authorisation of the following payments was agreed unanimously:

Clerk's Salary July & August 2014	£514.16
HM Revenue & Customs PAYE re July & August Clerk's Salary	£128.40
South Lakes Services (Toilet Cleaning) June 2014 (SO)	£247.26
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E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/7/14-31/07/14) (DD)	£20.78
N Power Electricity (Toilets) (1/5/2014-31/7/2014) (DD)	£41.72
B Dawson – strimming grass south of Stockdale Farm	£48.00
Glasdon UK (Guppy Metal Litter Bin)	£323.58

#### 14/106 **Cark Public Toilets**

There was a reported problem with the lock on the disabled toilet but this is now working. Councillor Rowlandson is soon to examine the fittings on the taps to establish whether it will be possible to reduce the water flow and therefore the water costs relating to the toilets.

#### 14/107 **Highways**

- i) County Councillor Wilson reported that there is not yet a date set for the requested white lining works.
- ii) Areas of the newly resurfaced roads in Flookburgh, around the Square and the junction between Moor Lane and the B5277 became loose and degraded within a week of the works being done.  
**Resolved** County Councillor Wilson to report newly resurfaced road problems to Cumbria Highways.

#### 14/108 **Flookburgh Square**

- a) A meeting to draft proposals for the improved usage of the area of Flookburgh Square owned by the Parish Council and the surrounding Highways roads was held between Victoria Upton (Cumbria Highways), Councillor Gardner, County Councillor Wilson, Kelly Alty (Cumbria County Council) and the Parish Clerk. The proposals are to set out parking bays (to increase the safe and efficient use of the space by vehicles including buses), mark out a safe walking route from the lane by the Village Hall to Market Street (opposite the Chemist) and set up a trial One Way route round the sides of the Square not on Market Street or Moor Lane (One Way to start opposite Cockles and end by the Sandwich Shop). There would need to be a consultation before any of the works could take place and a Temporary Traffic Order would be needed for the trial One Way. County Councillor Wilson is prepared to contribute £3,500 from his annual budget and District Councillor Gardner is prepared to contribute £1,000 from her annual budget towards the scheme. The Cumbria County Council Local Committee will

be considering this. An addition of an information board was suggested by Councillor Rowlandson.

**Resolved** To proceed with the proposals as set out, subject to local consultation.

- b) Resurfacing quotations for the area of Flookburgh Square owned by the Parish Council have been received from Aggregate Industries (£12408 + VAT), Steven Hurst Tarmac (£7950 + VAT) and J Chaplow & Sons (£7920 + VAT, plus sealing joints @ £3/metre). There are some variations in the quotations regarding the preparation, depth and hardstone used. Some of bollards surrounding the seating are also damaged or missing and could be replaced at the same time. Councillor Rowlandson advises that he has received a recommendation for an additional contractor, Armstrongs of Workington.

**Resolved**

- i) Councillor Rowlandson to check whether the specifications are suitable and provide contact details for new contractor.
- ii) To check the specifications with the 3 contractors as to whether granite is used as the hardstone/chipping layer.
- iii) Request quotations from the 3 contractors for supplying and fitting new bollards.
- iv) Request quotations from additional contractor for resurfacing and supplying and fitting new bollards.

#### 14/110 **Flookburgh Recreational Charity**

The field has now been infilled and the Charity is making good progress with preparing funding applications.

#### 14/111 **Flookburgh Youth Club (Flocks 4 Youth)**

The Youth Club were advised in August that the funding for the Junior group is no longer available and it will cost nearly £6000 to run for a year. The Senior group will continue as normal from 11<sup>th</sup> September with funding from Cumbria County Council, but the Junior Club will not restart until funds are available. The Steering Committee are taking advice on applying for funds, use of volunteers to reduce the cost and fundraising.

#### 14/112 **Lower Holker Community Led Plan**

The Questionnaire is being redrafted based on the feedback from the trialling and

#### 14/114 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a Cumbria County Council  
Notification of withdrawal of support for 532 bus and changes from 14th October.
- b South Lakeland District Council  
Healthwatch Cumbria meeting, Town Hall, 10 am on 28th August.  
Development Brief Consultation – Site At Cross-A-Moor, Swarthmoor, 14 August to 25th September.  
Survey of Parish run toilets ie type, opening hours etc.  
Invitation to SLDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting re Health services. 2 pm, 17th September, Kendal Town Hall.
- c Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)  
Accessible Britain Challenge – letter from Minister of State for Disabled People inviting involvement in the Challenge, starting 4th September to provide a more inclusive and accessible community.  
New Regulations - Open and Accountable Local Government regulations published.  
Action with Communities in Cumbria year's AGM & Community Buildings Event. Helsington & Brigsteer Village Hall near Kendal on 17th September 2014.  
NALC Briefing re 2010 Bribery Act re Councillors.  
Vodafone invitation to apply for 3G in rural areas (closing date 14 October)  
NHS Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group 5 Year Strategic Plan
- d Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner (CPC)

Countywide Surgeries, locally at Westmorland Shopping Centre from 10 to noon on 28th August.  
Community Remedy Consultation – views sought regarding remedies for anti social behaviour and low level crime (online until 30th September).

Cumbria Police – setting up a Victim Services Consultation Group - seeking representatives who have been victims of, or been affected by witnessing crime or antisocial behaviour to meet quarterly to advise police.

Cumbria Together website – new site to bring together victim support organisations.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate consultation re proposed new inspection process for police forces.

Junior PCSO Scheme in Cartmel Peninsula area

Police & Crime Commissioner Surgeries (August/September) & Newsletter (June/July)

e Grange & Cartmel Neighbourhood Forum

Next meeting 14th October at Newton in Cartmel, main Speaker is CPCC Richard Rhodes

f Neighbourhood Alerts

Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch AGM, 8th November from 10 am at Junction 36, Kendal

g Tim Farron MP

Dates of Autumn Advice Surgeries & Summer Tour

h Environment Agency

Offer to provide information and advice on Flood prevention – invited to October meeting.

#### 14/115 **Forthcoming Events**

The following events were noted:

9th September, 7 pm, Flookburgh & District Recreational Trust Meeting, 32 Jutland Avenue.

11th September, 6.30 pm, North West Connections Project, Coronation Hall (Parish Councils)

18th September, 7 pm, CALC AGM & District meeting, Gilpin Bridge

20th September, 10 am to 3.30 pm North West Coast Connections Project, Cartmel Village Hall

22nd September, 7 pm, Community Led Plan Meeting, Flookburgh Village Hall.

#### 14/116 Date of Next meeting

Noted that the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st October 2014 at Flookburgh Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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