

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOWER HOLKER  
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT**

Parish Councillors R Airey, G Gardner (& District Councillor), M Keith, S Rawsthorn, J Ryland, T Wilson, Parish Clerk L Prescott, PCSO H Firth, Mr I Godwin.

**16/104 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor B Dawson and County Councillor S Sanderson

**16/105 Requests for Dispensations**

None.

**16/106 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**16/107 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**Resolved** The acceptance of the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 was proposed by Councillor Airey, seconded by Councillor Rawsthorn, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

**16/108 Public Participation (at the Chairman's discretion)**

The Chairman gave Mr Godwin leave to speak at item 15/118(h).

**16/109 Police**

PCSO Firth provided a Police report for the last month. In Flookburgh there were 20 calls for service including 4 crimes at Lakeland Leisure and 1 vehicle theft. In Cark there were 9 calls for service including 2 crimes (a theft from a vehicle and a domestic). PCSO Firth also reported that a pit bull type dog had attacked and injured another dog in Holker. Councillors reported that complaints have been received about the bus parked on the layby at Flookburgh Cemetery which reduces parking for those visiting graves and is seen as an eyesore by for those people wanting to enjoy quiet contemplation at the graveside of friends or relatives. PCSO Firth advised that there is no legal restriction on parking on the layby but he would speak to the owner of the bus about this matter.

**16/110 District and County Councillors**

- a) District Councillor Gill Gardner reported  
She has had a quiet couple of months other than a resident asking for help in finding work, who she referred.
- b) County Councillor Sue Sanderson was absent but provided the following written report:
  - i) Apologies as she is at a rural conference representing the County Council.
  - ii) She has informed Highways about a dropped kerb needed.
  - iii) She has worked with Tim Farron MP surveying local residents and the main issue reported was parking and inconsiderate drivers.
  - iv) She is continuing to work on improving Children's Services and support for looked after children.
  - v) County & District Councils are working together to support residents and avoid duplication.
  - vi) She has chased outstanding Highways items and identified the various Highways contacts for the different issues.

**16/111 Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) SL/2016/0596 12 Somme Avenue, Ravenstown, LA11 7LJ. Two storey side extension.  
**Resolved** To support this planning application.

- b) SL/2016/0793 6 Cark House Court Cark-in-Cartmel, LA11 7PE. Single storey extension to rear and side.  
**Resolved** To support this planning application.
- c) SL/2016/0817 Rescue Centre Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LT. Toilet and kitchen extension  
**Resolved** To support this planning application.

16/112 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

- a) SL/2016/0501 6 Cark House Court, Cark in Cartmel Grange-over-Sands LA11 7PE. Single storey side extension. Refused. Over-prominent and unneighbourly development.
- b) SL/2016/0384 8A Millstream Court, Cark in Cartmel Grange over Sands LA11 7NW Rear glazed balcony extension to form terrace. Granted.
- c) SL/2016/0468 Garden Cottage The Fold Cark in Cartmel Grange over Sands LA11 7PA. Erection of self-build dwelling. Granted with conditions relating to access, appearance landscaping, occupation, water & foul water.
- d) SL/2016/0214 Willow House, Moor Lane Flookburgh Cumbria LA11 7LS. Erection of storage building. Granted with conditions relating to Classification, delivery times, water disposal, storage and contamination.
- e) SL/2016/0626 Camp Road Garage Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LS. Single storey side extension. Granted with conditions relating to site investigation in relation to contamination.

16/113 **2015/16 Audit**

- a) The Audit for the year ending 31 March 2016 has concluded and been approved by the External Auditor (BDO).  
**Resolved** That the external Audit of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2016 was approved and accepted.
- b) Noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been displayed in the Council's noticeboard for the required 14 days.

16/114 **Financial Reports**

**Resolved** The Financial report, including budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 24 August 2016, was accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

16/115 **Payment of Accounts**

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

Clerk's Salary (July & August 2016)	£552.96
PAYE for Clerk's Salary (July & August 2016)	£138.20
South Lakes Services – Toilets Cleaning (July & August 2016) SO	£494.52
E.On Electricity (Street Lighting) (1/6/2016-30/6/2016) DD	£34.89
BDO Audit Fees 2015/16	£120.00
Parish Election Costs	£63.08

16/116 **N Power Contract renewal – Toilets Electricity**

The Clerk reported that the contract to supply electricity to Cark Toilets was due to expire on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and if not renewed the Electricity charge would double and the quarterly Standing Charge quadruple. She has negotiated a 3 year contract with an Electricity charge of 14.06 per kwh, a Standing Charge of £51.90 a quarter, with a £50 credit to be applied.

**Resolved** To ratify the contract with Npower as specified.

16/117 **SLDC – Environmental Partnership Fund**

The Parish Clerk is still awaiting a response from Cumbria Highways regarding the 2 proposed benches.

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## Highways

- a) The potential joint purchase of a radar gun by local parish councils  
Lower Allithwaite Parish Council Clerk has that they don't currently have the capacity or enthusiasm for this at present due to other projects.
- b) Speeding and unsafe driving affecting horses on Moor Lane  
The Clerk is working on arranging a joint meeting with Lakeland Leisure, Cumbria County Council and the Police regarding this issue.
- c) Cyclists causing issues with other road users  
The Clerk has contacted 6 local cycle clubs (from Barrow, Kendal, Kent Valley, Lakes and Lancaster (2)), and received a response from 2 advising that they will circulate their members and don't want to be identified with these problem cyclists.
- d) Road maintenance/Cleaning  
Blocked gulleys Holker/Old Park. Cumbria Highways report the fault has been logged and is being reviewed by the local Area Steward for appropriate action
- e) Safety of road layout near Cark Station Railway bridge on B5278  
Councillor Sanderson has reported this again to Cumbria Highways.
- f) Safety of B5278 road bridge over River Eea near the Engine Inn.  
Councillor Sanderson has reported this again to Cumbria Highways.
- g) Caravan deliveries to/from Lakeland Leisure outside specified hours (deliveries should only be between 10 am to 4 pm.) Meeting planned with Lakeland Leisure (see item b)
- h) Allithwaite Road Railway Bridge  
Mr Godwin had sent an email to the Clerk reporting his concerns about pedestrian safety when crossing this bridge. He suggests this could be improved by (when approaching from Flookburgh) the sign notifying no footpath be moved as it is deception and the tree on the left be cut back to improve visibility.  
**Resolved** To work with Cumbria Highways to improve the safety and consider cutting back the tree, moving the sign, cutting back the hedge on the opposite side of the road, having a ghost footpath.
- i) Bridleway alongside school ground – vehicles using/trying to use  
The Clerk has prepared a proposed plan for a bollard to be installed at the lower end of the bridlepath and written to Mrs Lynott (the owner of the bridlepath) for her permission. Mrs Lynott thinks the bollard should be further up the path to ensure they have full access to their gateway and they will mark this on the path. They also advise that a kissing gate used to be at the bottom of the path from The Croft which stopped children running out onto the bridlepath.  
**Resolved** To check the proposed location of a bollard (ensuring it can be lowered if required) and work with Cumbria Highways.
- j) Grass cutting (Caton Lane) – Cumbria Highways advise the report has been assigned for a local maintenance team or technical officer to programme and action.
- k) Parking on Double Yellow Lines/Keep Clear markings  
Mr Sharp who lives on Low Row in Cark has sent photographs of vehicles parking on both sides of Low Row which is causing an obstruction which could prevent emergency vehicles gaining access. PCSO Firth advised that there have been reductions in Police numbers however there are some new Parking Enforcement Officers employed by South Lakeland District Council and this could be reported to them. Proposed that cutting back the hedge on the opposite side of the road would improve access.  
**Resolved** To contact Mr J Keith and provided he agrees arrange for Mr T Dixon to cut back the hedge at the Parish Council's cost. No responsibility to be taken by the Parish Council for the wall.

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## Flookburgh Square

The Clerk reported that Tarmacing was undertaken in August, it needs to set then the lining/red surface will be undertaken 12/13 September 2016.

- 16/120 **Bus Services**  
 The Clerk reported that the a Local Area Partnership meeting was held on 28th July relating to the 532 Bus Services. Full costs of the Saturday service have been received from local parishes and payment has been made to Cumbria County Council for the yearly service. Usage figures have been received for paying passengers, but are waiting for numbers on concessionary users which will be circulated once received. The next meeting will be on 27th October at Grange Town Council at 10 am where Cumbria County Council will provide 6 month usage figures of service to identify numbers of users, concessionary users and to identify any shortfall in funding or usage of this service.
- 16/121 **Public Toilets & Cark Park**  
 Councillor Keith reported that one of the picnic benches has been set on fire, she has sent older people using playground equipment out of the park and advised the Police that the Parish Council will be installing a donation box on the Toilets.
- 16/122 **Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**  
 a) The Clerk reported that the Charity has applied to WREN for a £50,000 grant towards the project. WREN advised that as the Parish Council own the land and will take ownership and responsibility for the equipment once installed the Parish Council should be the applicant.  
**Resolved** To consent to the Parish Council being the applicant for this grant application.  
 b) Councillor Gardner reported that the site needs further draining, in addition to the drainage already installed, and quotations are being requested.
- 16/123 **Correspondence**  
 The following correspondence was noted:
- a) Cumbria County Council  
 Bus Service Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> October at Victoria Hall, Grange  
 Environment Agency Repair and Maintenance schedule.  
 South Lakeland Library Hours amendments.
- b) South Lakeland District Council  
 Parish Remuneration Panel – asking for any issues relating to Parish Councillor Allowances.  
 Standards Committee – reminder to update Register of Interests if any changes.  
 SLDC Housing Needs Survey Service (charges apply).  
 South Lakeland Flood Factsheet.  
 Local Area Partnenership Flooding Conference – 24<sup>th</sup> November  
 Empty Homes Guide – this has been prepared by SLDC to advise how to report empty homes and also what guidance and assistance is available to owners or empty properties. **Resolved** To report the following empty homes in the Parish – 2 Main Street, Flookburgh; house opposite Bridge House (Councillor Ryland to advise address).
- c) Cumbria Association for Local Councils (CALC)  
 CALC Executive Committee nominations – close 14<sup>th</sup> October.  
 Monthly Circular and Training Courses  
 ACT (Action with Communities in Cumbria) AGM – 9<sup>th</sup> September in Wetherall  
 Cumbria Constabulary Public Consultation Survey  
 Green Build Festival – week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> September.  
 DMU Councillor Commission – request for input from Councillors

- d) Grange Town Council  
Complaint received about noise nuisance from parachute planes, asking whether other parishes are affected. The Clerk advised them that last complaint received by Lower Holker Parish Council was in 2012.
- e) Lower Holker Village Hall  
Notification of new Facebook Page for the Village Hall.
- f) Tim Farron MP  
MP Surgeries poster.
- g) Neighbourhood Alerts  
New Chairman of the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch (Joe Murray). Advance Courier Fee Fraud, Fraudsters selling non-existent drones, Money laundering warning.
- h) Cumbria CVS  
Training courses, Funding & Flood Recovery Update
- i) Young Cumbria  
Courses available relating to young people.
- j) Unipart Dorman  
Traffic Calming through Speed Indicator Devices, cost around £2,000.

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**Forthcoming Events**

The following forthcoming events were noted:

8th September, 7pm at Gilpin Bridge - Cumbria Association of Local Councils District AGM

3rd October, 7pm at 17 The Gardens – Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity meeting.

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**Date of Next meeting**

The next meeting was noted:

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Flookburgh Village Hall.

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