

**MINUTES OF LOWER HOLKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FLOOKBURGH VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2024**

PRESENT

Parish Councillors R Airey, D Butler, B Dawson, J Ryland, A Thompson & T Wilson (part), Parish Clerk L Prescott & Unitary Councillor J Boak & 1 member of the public.

24/116 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor M Brown.

24/117 **Requests for Dispensations**

None.

24/118 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

24/119 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved Acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting on 3rd September 2024 were approved unanimously and signed by the Vice Chairman.

24/200 **Public Participation**

A member of the public reported their concerns that a Cark resident has been spraying weedkiller on areas which are not within the resident's own property. Councillor Boak said she will make enquiries with the Unitary Council in relation to this action.

Resolved To await a response from the Unitary Council and if no action taken then send a letter from the Parish Council to the resident in relation to the concerns raised.

24/201 **Police**

The Clerk reported that the following incidents were reported to the Police in June 2024: Cark – 1 violent offence. Allithwaite Road – 1 violent offence. Ravenstown – 1 violent offence. Moor Lane – 4 violent offences, 2 criminal damage, 1 anti social behaviour and 3 other.

24/202 **Unitary Councillors**

Unitary Councillor J Boak reported:

She has received a response from Highways in relation to the railway bridge on Allithwaite Road. They advise that a footway on the road is not possible and significant funding would be required for an alternative solution, funding for which is not currently available. They are working on possible solutions to increase pedestrian safety.

She reported that the Screening Opinion for Lakeland Leisure is 'testing the waters' for possible future development. There are outstanding works for several lodges which have planning permission which are not yet finalised.

She will invite Highways Officers to the next Parish Council meeting in relation to road safety concerns at the railway bridge both generally and in relation to developments at Haven.

24/203 **Planning Applications**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

- a) 024/1663/SCREEN. Lakeland Leisure Park Moor Lane Flookburgh LA11 7LT. Screening Opinion for the proposed extension to the existing holiday park.

Resolved To support a full Environmental Impact Assessment for the proposed planning application for the following reasons:

Planning Policy Context – the proposal would be contrary to Objective 9 of Allithwaite and Cartmel Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022 – 2032 (ie not proportional to the size of the residential villages and hamlets.)

Landscape – proposed trees would take up to 25 years to screen proposed development.

Traffic and Transport – already inadequate and unsafe access on minor roads for the large numbers of vehicles.

Population and Human Health – existing impact on local GP services, electricity & water supplies, increased unsafe parking and crime during holiday season.

Waste – current sewage system is already inadequate resulting in discharges into Morecambe Bay.

Climate Change – no indication of any measures and lack of sustainable transport to the site.

- b) 2024/1672/FPA.84 Main Street Flookburgh LA11 7LB. Proposed conversion of attached outbuilding to 2 bedroom dwelling.
Resolved To support this application as it will bring an unused deteriorating building back into use by conversion into a residential property with off street parking.

24/204 **Planning Decisions**

The following Planning Decision was noted:

- a) 2024/1563/PAPP Land North of Chapel Island View Flookburgh Grange-Over-Sands LA11 7LD. Prior Notification under schedule 2, part 6, class A, for the erection of a detached portal framed storage building to match existing. Refused.

24/205 **Financial Report**

The Clerk reported that due to the Bank Statement not yet being received she will circulate the Financial Report to Councillors once it has been received and provide an updated report at the next meeting.

24/206 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolved To approve the following payments:

Clerk's Salary (September 2024)	£493.00
Eon – Electricity (Toilets) (1/8/2024-31/08/2024) DD	£41.90
Waterplus (Water & Wastewater – Toilets) (10/8/24 – 9/9/24) DD	£115.74
Orian (Toilet Cleaning August 2024)	£359.88
Viking (Printer paper, DL envelopes & C4 envelopes)	£89.62

24/207 **Training**

Councillor Thompson reported that his Module 2 course is being rescheduled. Councillor Butler advised his availability for the October or November Module 2 courses.

24/208 **Illegal Parking**

Councillor Ryland raised concerns regarding vehicles parking on double yellow lines and 'keep clear' markings in Flookburgh Square and as whether residents could photograph these vehicles and submit the photographs to the Police for action. Councillor Boak advised that she would ask Westmorland & Furness Council Officers to attend a meeting with the Parish Council in relation to this and other road safety issues.

Resolved To contact the Police in relation to reporting illegal parking.

24/209 **Westmorland & Furness Ward Boundary Review**

The Clerk reported that the areas within the current Unitary Wards are being reviewed. The Cartmel Peninsula is currently represented by 3 Unitary Councillors.

Resolved To support a continuation of the current arrangements.

24/210 **Highways Forum**

The Clerk reported that she attended the Highways Forum and that Westmorland & Furness Council are reviewing arrangements for snow champions, lengthsmen, snow ploughing, gritting and environmental works. This is not yet concluded and further information will be provided in due course.

24/211 **Highways**

- a) No highways matters reported.
b) No progress on highways matters reported.

24/212 **Flookburgh Community Playground/Flookburgh & District Recreational Charity**

The Clerk reported that the Charity will hold a Christmas Coffee Morning on 23rd November 2024 and Nearly New Sale on 15th March 2025 to raise funds for playground.

The Clerk reported an enquiry has been received in relation to using the football pitch on the Playing Fields for Under 10s Girls Football Training.

Resolved No objections to using the football pitch as outlined.

24/213 **Cark Toilets & Cark Park/Playground**

The Clerk reported that soap has been provided in the disabled toilet.

24/214 **Flookburgh Square**

The Clerk reported that the Unitary Council will replace the litter bin in the middle of Flookburgh Square in due course.

24/215 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) Westmorland & Furness Council
Highways Reports. Planning & Licence Applications. News releases.
- b) Cumbria Association of Local Councils
Training. Newsletter.

24/216 **Date of Next meeting**

Noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 5th November 2024 in Lower Holker Village Hall.

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