

Minutes of Holme Low Annual Parish Meeting
Held on 8 April 2014 at Tanglewood, Causewayhead

Present:- Cllrs. J. Graham, D. Findlay, M. Wright, A. Sowden, N. Dainton, Wendy Jameson (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:-** Cllr. M. Pearson

2. **Declarations of Interests**

None

3. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23 April 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising**

None

5. **Financial Report**

The Clerk had prepared the Accounts for the Parish Council for the Year Ended 31 March 2014 which showed £992.92 in the Deposit Account and £895.52 in the Current Account. The Accounts were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Community Plan**

There is still a lot of fly tipping on the airfield but the market are not allowed to burn rubbish on the airfield following an incident last year when tyres were dumped and set alight. There was also a problem with youngsters lighting fires inside old tyres. The Police were phoned but were not willing to do anything because it was disused private land. There is not as much fly tipping on the road sides. The red warning sign up to the Windmill has still not been done. Email to be sent again. Mark Orchard asked if the Parish Council would have any issue with him putting a sign up under the West Causewayhead sign to point people to the garage. It would be a standard sign in the same point simply saying 'Garage' or 'MOT testing centre'. He has already spoken to Cllr. Markley and Andrew Harrison about it.

At the Silloth Town Council meeting the state of the path along Barracks Bridge was mentioned which is covered with weeds and the hedge is overgrown. Letter to be sent to Cumbria Highways. The verge is encroaching on to the footpath and needs dug back. The state of the Pond (layby) was also mentioned. Road planings and lumps of tarmac have been tipped there. Letter to be sent to Highways to ask them to tidy the area up.

New notice board is now in place and looks good. John was thanked for putting it up.

Andrea and Margaret attended the pie and pea supper at Mawbray. John announced at the Forum meeting that the Parish Council would be joining Holme St Cuthbert's. The Parishes will be able to access further funding. An additional notice board could be sited at the village green at Seaville next to the sign and letterbox.

7. Longwood Garden Centre

Mark Orchard is now the new owner of Longwood Garden Centre. It is proving to be a bigger task than they anticipated and a lot of work has been done. They want to build the business up and employ people but need some financial security. There is planning permission for a 4 bed roomed house but they want to reduce it to a single storey bungalow and move it back into the field. They want to build the bungalow and sell it to his wife's parents. There is currently a clause attached to the planning permission whereby the dwelling has to be occupied by someone employed at the garden centre or employed in forestry or agriculture. Mark would like the clause changed to 'local residency' and would like a letter from the Parish Council in support of the change of clause. Allerdale have relaxed the rules in recent years. The garden centre is the first business you see when you come into the Parish. Mark explained his plans for the business which will incorporate a tea room and farm shop. There won't be any need to have someone living there as he will be employing staff. Other people who were interested in buying the property wanted to flatten the site and develop it. Mark is looking to put an extension on the left of the garden centre building to extend the tearoom but he needs plans for the house changed to move the location. Cllrs to send their comments to the Clerk and a letter to be sent to Mark.

8. Issues Raised

The condition of the roads down to Seaville are bad and also the road to Park House. Roads used to have the gullies dug out but because they are not getting done puddles are forming which then causes potholes. Artic wagons are using the road down to Seaville to get to Ivinson's pig farm and cutting the corner. The road is not suitable for such big wagons. Wolsty road is also flooding. The problem is due to drainage but the County Council don't have the budget to do it. A water pipe has been put across the road at Seaville and a metal plate put over it. There is an artic trailer parked at the side of the road at Seaville belonging to Kenneth Storr. It is parked half on the road and half off and causing an obstruction. A letter is to be sent to Mr Storr to ask him to move it. A letter also to be sent to Highways to ask them to look at the situation with regard to the condition of the road to Seaville and the use of the road by artic wagons for which it is not suitable. The sign to Wolsty on the coast road is still in need of repair. Email to be sent. At the Windmill, the pig sty is washed out and washed across the road. There is stagnant water in the gutters and it stinks. Cars and cyclists are having to avoid that corner and it is impossible to walk that way because the road is always wet with pigswill.

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