Holme Low Parish Council Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 12 August 2014 at 7.30pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present

Cllr. J. Graham (JG) - Chairman

Councillors

M. Wright (MW) A. Sowden (AS) N. Dainton (ND) D. Findlay (DF) M. Pearson (MP)

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ), Barbara Hepburn – Holme St Cuthbert's and Cllr. Tony Markley – Cumbria County Council.

1.	Apologies None	
2.	Declarations of Interest None	
3.	Exclusion of Press & Public None	
4.	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2014 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
5.	Matters Arising The Clerk received a call from Mr Storr in relation to his trailer which he said was not parked on the Highway but the problem was that where it was parked was obstructing the view of motorists around the corner.	
6.	Police Report Police Newsletter was received by email.	
7.	Holme St Cuthbert's Community Group Barbara Hepburn attended the meeting and gave a report about the activities of the Holme St Cuthbert's Community Group. The group has raised enough money to purchase a defibrillator which is to be sited in the school. Holme St Cuthbert's is a scattered parish and it was hoped the Community group would bring people together and create a community spirit. They have had a Pie & Pea supper, a raffle and a poetry workshop, with a walk and orienteering organised for September. The purpose of the group is to support people in the Parish, to bring people together and facilitate things. There are four people on the committee but everyone in the parish is a member of the community group. They are open to suggestions from people in the parish. Holme Low does not have a community building and therefore no-where to meet which is a hindrance. Parish Council to be kept informed about what is going on and walks could also be arranged in Holme Low. Barbara was thanked for attending the meeting.	
8.	Financial Report The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £1629.89. Hedge Cutting was higher than in previous years as extra was done this year.	
9.	Requests for financial assistance None	
10.	Payment of Accounts	

	Cheque payments to 12 August 2014 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.	
11.	Correspondence	
	a) Solway Coaster – Solway Coast AONB – 50 th Anniversary Edition.	
	b) Briefing on West Cumbria Mining's coking coal project.	
	c) Solway Coast AONB - Ranger Service Events Letter - June/July 2014: Issue 58.	
	d) CALC Circular – June 2014.	
	e) ACT Gazette – Issue 18 – Summer 2014.	
	f) Cumbria County Council - Newsletter - Area Support - Spring/Summer 2014.	
	g) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2014.	
	h) Active for Life – Wigton & North Allerdale Community Newsletter – July/August 2014.	
	i) CALC Circular – July/August 2014.	
	j) Cumbria Highways - re: East Causewayhead Lane - Sign was added to the maintenance	
	list on 23 April and should be installed in the next few months, depending on how	
	busy the sign shop is and when the area team can put them up. Wolsty sign has still	
	not been repaired. Give Way sign at Blackdyke road needs replaced and Give Way sign	
	at Seaville road end needs repaired. Clerk to contact to Cumbria Highways to report	WEJ
	the additional defects.	
	k) Toma Fund – Letter of thanks for the Parish Council's donation of £20.	
	I) Local Government Transparency Code and Publishing Information – The code is	
	recommended practice for councils with an annual income and expenditure over	
	£200,000 and the Council will need to consider, to what extent it can reasonably	
	comply with the Secretary of State's request to publish the specified information.	
	m) National Grid: North West Coast Connections - Consultation is proposed for Autumn	
	2014 which will involve a number of information events at venues across Cumbria and	
	Lancashire. National Grid is keen to talk separately to town and parish council about	
	the proposals and two consultation events for parishes will take place in September.	
	n) Natural England - re: Coastal Access: Gretna to Allonby. Email providing information	
	about plans to improve public access to the English coastline by creating clear and	
	consistent public rights along the England coast. From June onwards work will start on	
	delivering coastal access between Gretna to Allonby which is 100km in length.	
	o) Email from Scott Norris regarding the application for a wind turbine at Dundraw.	
	p) Police & Crime Commissioner – Letter from Sandra Wiggin introducing herself as the	
	new Victims Advocate.	
	q) NALC – Energy Performance Requirements – Legal Topic Note 76 – May 2014.	
	r) Cumbria Highways - re: Winter maintenance. Winter maintenance programme is going to	
	Cabinet in July and email to request details of any changes in the existing gritting	
	routes for inclusion in the report.	
	s) Natural England - re: Intertidal surveys on the Solway Firth are due to take place from	
	16-22 June and 15-18 July 2014.	
	t) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Alleged unlawful development, dismantling buildings on	
	airfield and putting up new building. The matter will be investigated and we will be kept	
	informed as this progresses.	
	u) Three tier meeting – Agenda for the meeting on 19 June at Market Hall, Wigton and	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2014 at the Town Hall, Cockermouth.	
	v) NALC – Information concerning the submission of nominations for the 2015 Birthday	
	Honours List.	
	x) Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) – Inspector's Report has found	
	the Local Plan (Part 1) to be legally compliant and sound subject to the Inspector's	
	recommended modifications. Copies can be viewed at: www.allerdale.gov.uk/planning-	
	and-buildings/planning/planning-policy.aspx	
	y) Interim Cumbria Local Health Economy Five Year Strategic Plan for Cumbria.	
	z) Allerdale Borough Council – Adoption of Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) DPD and	
	accompanying amendments to the Proposals Map on 16 July 2014. Adopted plan can	
1	be viewed at www.allerdale.gov.uk/localplan	

aa)	CALC – Allerdale District – Minutes of a General meeting held on 19 June 2014 at Wigton Market Hall.	
bb)	National Grid – North West Coast Connections (NWCC) project. 12 week public consultation to be launched in September on the emerging routing options for the NWCC project.	
cc)	CALC - re: DECC's geological disposal siting review. Links to the governments response to the review and a renewed siting policy. BBC's take on the Government's new	
dd)	policy:-http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-28463042 Allerdale Borough Council – Consultation on the new Allerdale Local Plan – Drop in sessions at various locations including Silloth Library – Wednesday 20 August 2pm-5pm and Wigton Local Links Centre – Wednesday 3 September 2pm-7pm.	
ee)	Allerdale Borough Council - re: Biomass boilers on Silloth Airfield. Planning Compliance officer has met with Mr Harrison and having viewed the developments on site advise	
ff)	that they are permitted development. CALC – New Regulations – Open and Accountable Local Government – Draft protocol on the recording and filming of Council and Committee meetings and Draft Openness guide.	
gg)	NALC – The Bribery Act 2010 – Impact on Local Councils – Legal Briefing LO7-11 – updated 30 July 2014.	
hh)	Cumbria County Council – Details of various Road Closures in Allerdale Area which includes B5300 Dubmill to Mawbray which is expected to come into operation on 4	
ii)	August. ACTion with Communities in Cumbria – AGM on 17 September at Helsington and Brigsteer Village Hall, Nr Kendal at 10.00am.	
jj)	Cumbria County Council – Information about Food Waste Digesters available for sale to residents in Allerdale, Barrow and Eden.	
kk)	Poster giving details of surgeries Richard Rhodes is holding around the county during August and early September.	
11)	Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations – Allerdale are currently preparing a Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD). Consultation taking place on the Issues and Options Document until 30 September 2014. Document can be viewed at <u>www.allerdale.gov.uk/siteallocations</u> . There is an area identified for employment on part of the Airfield which is the only thing relevant to Holme Low Parish within the site allocations.	
mm)	Cumbria County Council – Consultation on proposed alterations to speed limits in Allerdale. Responses to be submitted by 22 August 2014. For further details:- http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/allerdale_speed_limits.asp. It was questioned why West Causewayhead Lane has not been included in the proposals despite the Parish Council having requested a speed limit on this road on a number of occasions. The Parish Council are in favour of the increase in speed limit from 30mph to 40mph at Waverbridge. Clerk to send a response to the consultation.	WEJ
nn)	Connecting Cumbria – Request for a broadband champion to represent the parish. There were no volunteers to take on the role of broadband champion but the Parish Council would like to be kept informed of any progress.	
00)	DECC'sgeologicaldisposalsitingreview–Government'sresponsehttps://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/geological-disposal-facility-siting-process- review.Renewedsitingpolicy:-https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/implementing-geological-disposal	
pp)	Department of Transport – Consultation on the proposal to raise the speed limit for HGV's on dual carriageways roads from 50mph to 60mph. It also intends to raise the speed limit for lorries on single carriageway roads to 50mph from 40mph at present. Deadline for responses 5 September. Consultation can be found at:- https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/increased-speed-limit-for-heavy-goods-vehicles-over-75-tonnes-dual-carriageway. The Parish Council are not in favour of the increase in the speed limit of HGV's particularly on single carriageway roads, as they	

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	the wards in August with Richard Rose, the Police Commissioner. There will only be three Forum meetings a year instead of four. Grants are now being awarded by Cllrs. and not done at the meetings, with a reduced amount of funding available. The Nuclear white paper has been released with the County Council now not able to veto it. Grid connections are out to consultation with the preferred route probably following the existing route. On-street parking is a big issue, with trials taking place in Maryport, Workington and Keswick. Allerdale local committee voted against it. There will be residents parking permits brought in and funds raised will go towards the enforcement of parking restrictions and traffic wardens etc. Any funding generated cannot go to fund Council activities but can fund Highways. Another £5m has been allocated for potholes.	
15.	Parish Plan No action required.	
16.	Reports from Councillors The light outside Longcummercattiff has been out for a month and was reported 3 weeks ago. There has been a van in the area repairing lights and may have been repaired. Cllr. Graham has cut the grass at the parish seat and treated both seats with 3 coats of Timbercare.	
17.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also thanked the Clerk for the work she does.	
18.	Date of next meeting Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 11 November 2014 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.	

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