

Minutes of a Meeting of Holme Low Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 13 November 2012

Present:- Cllrs. J. Graham, M. Wright, A. Sowden, D. Findlay & N. Dainton.
Also Wendy Jameson (Parish Clerk).

1. **Apologies:-** Cllr. M. Pearson.
2. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
New Councillor, Mr Norman Dainton signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
3. **Declaration of Interest**
None.
4. **Exclusion of Press & Public**
None.
5. **Minutes**
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 August 2012 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
6. **Matters Arising**
Email addresses required to enable the Clerk to notify Cllrs. of meetings etc.
7. **Police Report**
No report.
8. **Requests for financial assistance**
The Parish Council considered the following requests for financial assistance:-
 - a) Great North Air Ambulance - It was agreed that £100 donation be provided for in the 2013/14 budget.
 - b) British Red Cross - It was agreed that a donation of £30 be given.
9. **Payment of Accounts**
Cheque payments to 13 November 2012 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.
10. **Financial Report**
The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £1415.58 in the bank.
11. **Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2012**
The issues arising from the audit for the year ended 31 March 2012 were noted. Clerk to make any necessary changes.
12. **Budget 2013/14**
The Clerk had produced some draft figures based on previous years accounts and the

current years spending. After some consideration it was agreed to raise a precept of £1500 for 2013/14 which was the same as last year.

13. Correspondence

- a) Cumbria County Council - Local News and Views - Issue 7 - Summer 2012.
- b) Clerks & Councils Direct - September 2012.
- c) Cumbria County Playing Fields Association - Annual Report 2011-2012.
- d) In touch with Allerdale - October 2012.
- e) Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2012.
- f) Allerdale Borough Council - Review of dog control orders and invitation to submit any requests.
- g) Letter from Cllr. Tony Markley re: West Causewayhead Lane. Matter will be looked into and will reply soon.
- h) Stagecoach - re: complaints about service 38 and vehicle types used. West Causewayhead Lane is used to allow to complete a loop that takes in the majority of Silloth, including Stanwix Park. Policy is for vehicles faced with oncoming traffic to pull up in the safest location they can. Instructed not to reverse the vehicle without supervision due to health and safety concerns. Commercial department are to be asked to review the size of the vehicles used.
- i) Cumbria County Council - Letter from the Leader of the Council in acknowledgement of the Council's objection to the proposed nuclear repository.
- j) Cumbria Highways- re: Various matters. Works highlighted have been noted and will be passed to relevant teams to be dealt with.
- k) CALC - Copy of letter sent to Cllr. Eddie Martin by CALC regarding "Managing Radioactive Waste Safely".
- l) Allerdale Borough Council - Statement of Gambling Policy.
- m) Audit Commission - BDO LLP have been appointed as external auditor to audit the annual returns for 5 years from 2012/13.
- n) Letter from Cllr. Markley re: Proposed vehicle restriction on West Causewayhead Lane. Local traffic team have been asked to look again at the issues raised and to consider whether the matter should be reconsidered by the Local Committee. Earliest that this could happen would be the November committee meeting. Parish Council will be kept up to date with any developments.
- o) Cruse Bereavement Care Cumbria - Information and poster about the service.
- p) CALC - AGM of CALC to be held on 10 November at Carlisle Racecourse, Carlisle at 10.30am.
- q) Email from Harry Dyke, Chief Executive of Allerdale Borough Council to acknowledge receipt of the Council's objection to the proposals for a Nuclear Repository.
- r) Update on the Managing Radioactive Waste Safely process in West Cumbria. Copy of recent Newsletter and copy of letter sent to Baroness Verma of Leicester by Allerdale, Copeland and Cumbria County Council.
- s) CALC - Copy of letter sent to Baroness Verma by CALC following the decision to 'pause' the MRWS process in West Cumbria.
- t) Electricity North West - Request for Council's views on how and where investment should be made in the local electricity network over the next 10 years. There have

been complaints at Wolsty and Seaville about mud on the road. Need to ring Dryholme Farm as it is nothing to do with the Farmgen digester.

u) Historic Counties Trust - Email seeking support for the inclusion in the UK Flag Registry of a flag for the historic county of Cumberland. The Parish Council support the inclusion of a flag for Cumberland.

14. Planning Applications

a) The **Parish Council** have approved the following:-

Plan No: 2/2012/0763 **Proposed development:** Erection of port cabin office block - Retrospective, re-siting of existing office block, erection of open storage shed, drive through gantry, steel perimeter fence and entrance gates. Formation of parking areas, installation of weighbridge, formation of earth screening bund and formation of new doorways in existing building. **Location:** Carrs Fertilisers Ltd, The Wath, Silloth **Applicant:** Carrs Fertilisers Ltd

Ref No: 2/2012/0813 **Proposal:** Single storey extension to front, side and rear

Location: Ambleside, Silloth Airfield **Applicant:** Mr R Batey

15. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Longcake Education Trust - A meeting was held on 11 October. Donations were given to the four schools. £100 was given to a pupil for books. Notice board is ongoing. It will hopefully be going in the Community Hall when it is sorted out.

Neighbourhood Forum - No meeting until March.

Sea Dyke Charity - Meeting was on 4th Thursday in October. £1000 was given to the Convalescent Home, £500 to Christ Church, £500 to St Paul's Church and £500 to Newton Arlosh Church. No donation to Holme St Cuthbert's as they were given £500 at a previous meeting towards the heating. Also dealt with the usual business regarding the farm, bungalow, allotments and playing field. Solicitor has moved to Penrith but the Charity will continue using the firm at Carlisle. The son has been granted tenancy of the farm as he lives in the farmhouse.

Hellrigg grant panel - The panel have met and various grants have been approved. There is £2500 to carry forward to next year. Grants were given to Abbeytown Youth group, Abbeytown Playing Field and also Silloth Community bus. Nothing was given to Silloth RUFC or the Silloth Vintage Rally.

16. County Council Report

No report.

17. Update re: Parish Plan

A meeting was held with Holme St Cuthbert's. Margaret has done an awful lot of work on this which is a good plan. The plan is to be sent out to every household shortly, together with a covering letter from the Chairman. Application to be submitted to the Forum towards the cost of producing the plan. It was also suggested that Cllr. Markley be asked to help towards the cost of producing the plan. A web site is being developed for the Parish.

18. Reports from Councillors

The road closure around Seaville caused problems for residents trying to get to their homes. Road closure orders have been received by the Clerk for Blackdyke and Skinburness marsh road. From the crossroads at Seaville and up to the Green the road was not re-surfaced and there are big holes in the road. When it freezes the road will break up. There is a volume of traffic on the road to the café at Seaville etc and there is a need for passing places.

A sign is still needed for the gate at Colt Park field - 'Enter at own risk'. Clerk to obtain a sign. The grass cutters who cut the grass verges did a good job. There are ongoing problems at the Windmill. The corner is dangerous and a hazard. There are bricks on the road side. The dike is seriously overgrown and the scaffolding is also a potential hazard. Letter to be sent to Allerdale Borough Council. Potholes along the lane to the Windmill are bad. There are problems with the drain at the new Rose Cottage with the road being constantly flooded. The sign at Causewayhead corner has been knocked by a lorry and needs repaired. Sign on the lane to the Windmill has been put back but needs to be changed to a no entry sign rather than an advisory sign. Pothole on the road outside Castle Lea, Wolsty also needs repaired.

19. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the Clerk for the work done. He welcomed the Councillor and hopes he gets involved in Council matters. Seats in the Parish to be treated.

20. Date of next meeting

Tues 12 February 2013 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.

21. Code of Conduct

The Parish Council adopted the code dealing with the conduct that is expected of members and co-opted members of the Council when they are acting in that capacity as required by section 27 of the Localism Act 2011.

Signed.....

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