

Minutes of a meeting of Holme Low Parish Council
Held on 12 November 2013

Present:- Cllrs. J. Graham, D. Findlay, M. Wright, A. Sowden, M. Pearson & N. Dainton. Also Wendy Jameson (Parish Clerk), Cllr. Tony Markley & PCSO Lyndsay Tuck.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Exclusion of Press and Public

None

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 August 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

An email had received to say that planning permission would not be required for the Parish notice board but that confirmation would need to be obtained to check that building regulations would not be necessary.

6. Police Report

PC Andy Robertson emailed a police report but was unable to attend the meeting. PCSO Lyndsay Tuck attended. She apologised for the lack of Police presence at previous meetings but the Police are stretched. There have been a number of problems on the airfield but residents on the airfield and Barracks Bridge have been letter dropped and asked to report anything. PCSO has a good relationship with the school and is working with them. The airfield covers a large area and is difficult to Police but they have caught four culprits. An armed robbery took place at Kirkbride P.O. which involved various branches of the Police force. A chase took place and the car came through Silloth. Cllr. Findlay praised the driver of one Police car who had good control of his vehicle. A local police surgery is to be held to enable people to feed information into the Police

7. Financial Report

The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £2603.34 in the bank.

8. Requests for Financial Assistance

The Parish Council considered the following requests for financial assistance:-

- a) West Cumbria Rape Crisis – It was agreed that a donation of £50 be provided.
- b) Great North Air Ambulance – The request was for provision to be made in the 2014/15 budget. It was agreed that consideration would be given for a donation when their usual request was received.

9. Payment of Accounts

Cheque payments to 12 November 2013 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.

10. Year Ended 31 March 2013

The only issue raised by BDO LLP following the audit for the year ended 31 March 2013 was that the Council must update the trustee information with the Charity Commission to disclose the council as

the sole trustee of the charity. The Clerk has looked to see if the information can be submitted online but was unable to do so and will therefore write to the Charity Commission instead.

11. Annual Budget 2014/15

The Clerk had produced some draft figures based on previous year's 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.

12. Correspondence

- a) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Annual Report.
- b) Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2013.
- c) CALC Circular – September 2013.
- d) Skylines Magazine – Autumn/Winter 2013.
- e) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2013.
- f) CALC Circular – November 2013.
- g) Allerdale Borough Council – Re: Noticeboard. Email seeking confirmation that the notice board will not exceed 1.55sqm in area and whether it will be illuminated.
- h) Cumbria Trading Standards Electric Blanket Safety Tests – Various dates from 16 September including Wigton Methodist Church Hall on Thursday 3 October.
- i) Department for Communities and Local Government - re: Post Office Community Enterprise Fund – Information about the fund.
- j) Rural Services Network – Information about the Rural Fair Share Petition which can be seen at www.rsonline.org.uk/parliamentary/rural-fair-share-petition
- k) Cumbria Highways – re: Fence at the Windmill. Andrew Harrison is working for a different department so the matter has been passed to someone else in the office to deal with.
- l) Cumbria County Council – re: Weight Restriction at West Causewayhead Lane. Email to confirm that letter from Parish Council has been passed to Chair of the Allerdale Local Committee.
- m) Email from Clerk to Boltons Parish Council re: High Pow Wind Farm giving details of their objection to the application and offering someone from their Parish to attend a meeting. Letter in support sent from the Parish Council.
- n) Cumbria County Council – Letter of thanks for the cheque for £50 towards the Chairman's Appeal 100 Defibrillators in 100 days.
- o) Allerdale Team – Information regarding neighbourhood forums and dates of future meetings.
- p) Cumbria County Council – re: Changes to bus services from 2 September in relation to service 60 between Workington & Silloth.
- q) Information Commissioner – Email confirming Data Protection registration.
- r) Email from Sindy Phillips asking to speak at a Council meeting about the Carwath Wind Turbines at Rosley which will be visible from Silloth. Letter in support sent from the Parish Council.
- s) North West Allerdale Engagement Area – Email from Hayley Bishop providing further details on the changes to the engagement areas and how the forums will work.
- t) Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service and the Prince's Trust – recruiting for team 9 starting on 23 September.
- u) CALC – Allerdale District – Notice of joint meeting with Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council incorporating the AGM on 26 September 2013 at Crosscanonby Community Hall at 7.00pm.
- v) CALC – consultation on the detailed route corridors for the upgraded electricity connections from Sellafeld to the main national supply lines.
- w) Neighbourhood Planning Support – Workshop to be held on Wednesday 2 October, Ulverston, Cumbria

- x) Cumbria Resilience – Full day training and exercise event for those who respond at the tactical and operational levels in the acute phase of a flooding incident in Cumbria – 16 October 2013 at Whitehaven for Allerdale and Copeland responders.
- y) CALC – Invitation to AGM on 9 November at 10.30am at Rheged, Penrith.
- z) CALC – re: Parish Budgets 2014/15. Information following the changes to the budget process with the introduction of the local council benefit scheme.
- aa) VG Energy – Information on funds available for community renewable project which could include wind turbine, biomass or solar technologies.
- bb) CALC – re: Footway Lighting. Schedule and maps showing footway lighting within the parish.
- cc) Solway Wetlands Centre – Invitation to a familiarisation afternoon at Solway Wetlands Centre, Bowness on Solway from 1-3pm on 6 November.
- dd) Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – Information about the Cumbria Independent Custody Visiting Scheme – West Cumbria ICV Panel. Closing date for applications 29 November 2013.
- ee) Cumbria County Council – Emergency Temporary Road Closure B5300 Blitterlees, nr Silloth. Notice will be in force for up to 21 days from 21 October, although anticipated that it will only be required for 5 days.
- ff) Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan (Part one) submission to the Secretary of State for Public examination took place on 23 October 2013. Documentation can be seen at www.allerdale.gov.uk/localplan
- gg) Cumbria County Council – Reply from Karen Bowness following complaints about motorists using the road through Wolsty rather than using the diversions that are in place due to the Blitterlees road closure order.
- hh) Cumbria County Council – Emergency Temporary Road Closure C2015 Wolsty, nr Silloth. Notice will be in force for up to 21 days from 23 October, although anticipated that it will only be required for 2 days.
- ii) CALC – Annual General Meeting 2013 on Saturday 9 November in Pennine Room at Rheged, Penrith at 10.30am. Notice of meeting, Agenda, Minutes and Annual Report 2013.
- jj) CALC – Minutes of the CALC AGM held on 26 September 2013.
- kk) CALC – Invitation to stakeholder event on Governments consultation on revised siting process for a geological disposal facility (GDF). Event to be held at Penrith on 12 November.
- ll) Email from Mr Geoff Smith stressing the importance of each individual parish responding to the consultation, the deadline for which has been extended to 19 December 2013.
- mm) Thomas Armstrong (Aggregates) Ltd – Letter enclosing a copy of their drivers Code of Practice and inviting a representative of the Parish Council to their meetings at Westnewton Village hall. West Causewayhead Lane is quiet at the moment. 70-90 loads were allowed out of the quarry each day but there is nothing like that now. Armstrong's wagons are an issue with regard to the speed they travel and not giving way to other motorists. Any problems can be reported to Armstrong's with a note of the registration number of the vehicle. It was agreed that a request be sent to Cumbria Highways for a stop sign at Balladoyle corner as some HGV's are not giving way. Cllr. Dainton agreed to attend the quarry meetings on behalf of the Council.
- nn) Managing Radioactive Waste Safety: Consultation on the site selection process for a geological disposal facility. Consultation will run for three months closing on 5 December 2013. Consultation document can be found at: <http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/geological-disposal-facility-siting-process-review>
- oo) Email from Arthur Millie regarding the announcement on the GDP and providing a copy of the letter he has sent to CALC and his response to the GDP review.
- pp) North West Allerdale grants panel – Grants panel is to be set up and looking for one representative from each Parish/Town Council. Cllrs. Wright and Graham attend the neighbourhood forum meetings on behalf of the
- qq) Radiation Free Lakeland – re: Geological Dumping. Letter giving the opinions of Radiation Free Lakeland on the recent announcement of the new consultation and urging the Council to let the

Government know that we are not a willing community. Includes a briefing by Nuclear Free Local Authorities.

- rr) Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) – Site Allocations. Closing date for submissions 22 November 2013. No comments.
- ss) Email from Philip Jones asking the Council for help by objecting to the planning application for 85m wind turbine on land near Roerigg Tarn, Lowick Common, nr Lowick Green (Ref SL/2013/0906). Letter of support to be sent.
- tt) Allerdale Borough Council – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2013 – Consultation Friday 11 October to Friday 15 November 2013. The present arrangements are acceptable with the Polling Station at Tanglewood.
- uu) CALC – re: MRWS: Consultation on the site selection process for a Geological Disposal Facility CALC’s Executive Committee considered the issues and agreed a draft consultation response. A copy of the full paper is attached with the proposed consultation paper response set out in the appendix.
- vv) Cumbria County Council – Budget consultation. Comments and feedback by 20 January 2013. Savings of £80m have to be made over the next 3 years.
- ww) CALC – Invitation to stand for election to NALC’s Smaller Council’s Committee.
- xx) CALC – Consultation on Trading Standards budget proposals. Document can be found at www.cumbria.gov.uk/ourfuture. Consultation closes 20 January.
- yy) CALC – re: CALC AGM. One of the agenda items is CALC’s response to DECC’s consultation paper on the revised siting process for a nuclear repository. Links to draft responses by other bodies provided in the email.

13. Planning Applications

The **Parish Council** are to consider the following:-

Ref No: 2/2013/0745 **Proposal:** Installation of two 11kw Gaia wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 24.5m **Location:** West House Farm, Pelutho, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Colin Winter
West House is located within Holme St Cuthberts parish but the turbines will be visible from Holme Low parish. It was agreed that a letter of objection be sent, in line with previous applications for wind turbines.

Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2013/0461 **Proposal:** Partial demolition of existing building and erection of new building
Location: Park Head, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr R Schoular
Ref No: 2/2013/0459 **Proposal:** Application for variation of condition 1 of planning approval
2/2012/0763 **Location:** Carrs Fertilisers, The Wath, Silloth **Applicant:** Carrs Fertiliser Ltd

14. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Longcake Education Foundation – Cllr. Wright attended the meeting on 10 October. £450 was awarded to each of the schools.

Neighbourhood Forum – Cllrs. Graham & Wright attended the last meeting where the following grants were awarded:- Abbeytown play park £2000, Glasson Community association £1000, Cultram Hall £500, Baggrow & Blennerhasset £645, Anthorn Sports £1000 and STAG £500.

Hellrigg Advisory Panel – Grant panel met in October and money was allocated. An application for was given to John for Vintage Rally but it was difficult to fill in and was given to Jennifer Rowlands to complete but has not been received by the grants panel.

Sea Dyke Committee – No meeting but there will be one in the coming weeks as there is a problem that needs to be discussed.

15. County Council Report

Cllr. Markley attended the meeting and gave a report on County Council matters.

16. Parish Plan

Parish Plan to be discussed at the Parish meeting at Tanglewood

17. Reports from Councillors

Hedge opposite Morgan's is in hand but has not been done yet. Highways have been and agreed that 6 trees are to come out. Peter Holliday will be bushwhacking both sides but it needs someone to sweep the road afterwards. It will be done on a Saturday after the leaves have dropped so there is less mess.

18. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the Clerk for the work she had done.

19. Consultation - Review of the Siting Process for a Geological Disposal Facility - September 2013

The consultation is a review of the siting process and not a review of where a geological disposal facility would actually be sited. CALC have drafted a response to the consultation but they have been told that is not strong enough. Cllr. Markley has been to London to speak to Baroness Vilma. DECC did a presentation on Monday at The Wave centre. Silloth Town Council have met and put together their response which Cllr. Markley read out. The waste is currently being stored at Sellafield and it would make more sense to keep it where it is but in a retrievable underground safe storage facility. The whole issue was thrown out in January and therefore should not be at this point again. The Parish Council agreed with the views of Silloth Town Council and it was agreed that the Clerk put together a response to the consultation. The country is under pressure to take action in disposing of its waste. The possibility of a GDF at Silloth was never discussed but it was never ruled out. Copy of the response to be emailed to members of the Council.

20. Date of next meeting

Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 11 February 2014 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.

Signed..... Date.....