

# HOLME LOW PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Holme Low Parish Council which is to be held on Tuesday 9 February 2016 in the Community Hall, Petteril Street, Silloth commencing at 7.30pm. Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

Yours faithfully



W.E. Jameson

Clerk to the Council

## Agenda

### 1. Apologies

To receive and record with a reason, any apologies for absence.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of members' interests in respect of items on this agenda.

### 3. Exclusion of Press & Public

To consider whether any items on the Agenda should be considered without the presence of the press and public, on the grounds of confidentiality, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1(2).

### 4. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2015, as a true record.

### 5. Matters Arising

To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

### 6. Police Report

To receive a report from the Police on incidents of crime since the last meeting.

### 7. Financial Report

To receive an up-to-date financial report

### 8. Requests for financial assistance

To consider any requests for financial assistance:-

- a) Great North Air Ambulance
- b) Solway Plain Team Magazine

### 9. Payment of Accounts

To authorise the payment of Accounts.

### 10. Correspondence

To receive the schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting and to note items marked as 'For Action' requiring action to be taken.

### **Publications & magazines etc**

- a) Connecting Cumbria – November Newsletter.
- b) North West Air Ambulance – Annual Update 2014/15.
- c) CALC Circular – December/January 2016.
- d) NuGen News – Newsletter.
- e) West Cumbria Mining Community Update Newsletter – December.
- f) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – 2016.
- g) Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2016 Issue 103.

### **For Information**

- h) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Recycling. [The plan is to provide communal recycling bins for co-mingled recycling \(plastic bottles, glass and cans\) in areas that don't have the purple bag scheme.](#)
- i) Cumbria in Bloom – Agenda for the AGM to be held at Newton Rigg on 16 November 2015.
- j) DVSA – re: Speed of HGV's. Email to acknowledge receipt of letter from the Parish Council.
- k) Email from Vic Barnes thanking the Council for taking action re: Speed of HGV's.
- l) Cumbria Highways - re: Speed of HGV's. Email from Philip Groom to say there is no scope to reduce the speed limit from Causewayhead to Silloth. As the existing 40mph is suitable for the nature of the road. Also no possibility of a 30mph limit on West Causewayhead Lane.
- m) NALC – Guide to understanding procurement – April 2015.
- n) Email from Pauline & Tony Park thanking the Council for taking action re: Speed of HGV's
- o) Allerdale Borough Council – Car Parking changes – Consultation.
- p) Open letter from health leaders across north Cumbria outlining commitments around the West Cumberland Hospital for patients and staff.
- q) Details of a Community Led planning seminar to be held in Ambleside on Tuesday 19 January 2016 7pm-9pm which is a FREE event aimed at Parish/Town Councils, Community groups and anyone with an interest in Community Led Planning.
- r) CALC – Copy of draft minutes of the AGM of CALC held on 14 November, together with a copy of the presentation made by Chairman on the Cumbria Deal and the wide impacts of devolution and presentation by John Scott on Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site.
- s) Allerdale District three tier meeting – Agenda for the meeting on 10 December 2015 at Allerdale House, Workington and minutes of the general meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015.
- t) CALC – Email following Storm Desmond with information about fund raising efforts and how CALC is part of the county-wide flood recovery programme.
- u) CALC – Email from Cumbria County Council with information on where to send donations and how to volunteer.
- v) CALC - Summary report on the North West Coast Connections workshop held in November which looked at the different ways in which the National Grid can mitigate the impact of the pylons.
- w) Connecting Cumbria – Getting businesses back trading following the aftermath of Storm Desmond.
- x) CALC - North West Coastal Access Monthly Update - December 2015.
- y) CALC – Web addresses for councils and households to use to apply for funding from the Cumbria Foundation. Application form for flood affected households <http://www.cumbriafoundation.org/archives/8422>. Application form for groups affected and supporting organisations <https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/GrantApplicationForm>
- z) NuGen News – NuGen has signed a major contract with Fugro, worth approx £20m, to carry out a thorough programme of sire characterisation work – starting in December.
- aa) CALC – Community Recovery Sub-Group initial meeting - More information about the Cumbria Foundation appeal, as well as application forms.
- bb) CALC – Email from the Chief Executive of NALC with an important update in that the government has made the decision that it will not cap parish councils in 2016-17.
- cc) CALC – Flood Recovery Update. Update on the work going on around the county regarding the impacts of flooding
- dd) ACTION with Communities in Cumbria – Updated funding information for those affected by the recent flooding in Cumbria.

- ee) CALC – re: Allerdale Local Recovery Group Meeting – Wed 23 December at Cockermouth Town Hall at 11am.
- ff) Allerdale 3 tier meeting is to take place at Allerdale House, Workington on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.00pm.
- gg) Allerdale Borough Council was due to forward the final 2016/17 council tax base figures in mid to late December. Due to flooding and ministerial decision to award Council tax relief to those affected, it will be necessary to recalculate the Council tax base to accommodate the impact of discounts. Updated figure will not be available until early in New Year.
- hh) Home Office – Reply to letter sent in relation to Police budget cuts. The Chancellor has since announced that police spending will be protected in real terms over the Spending Review period, when the locally raised police precept element of council tax is taken into account. This is an increase of up to £900 million in cash terms by 2019/20. Further efficiencies can however be delivered by forces.
- ii) First communications release from the Chairman of the company created to procure audit for smaller authorities. Deadline for councils to opt out has been extended to 31 March. The intention is that fees will not exceed those charges in the 2014/15 financial year.
- jj) NALC – Letter and guide about how parish and town councils can be involved in HM Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 21 April 2016.
- kk) CALC – re: Information about the LGA leadership programme for town and parish councillors from larger councils.
- ll) CALC – North West Coast Connections National Grid – formal consultation prior to the planning application will now not start before June 2016.
- mm) CALC – Details of additional funding available for flooded communities.
- nn) CALC – The Flood Advisory Group are bringing their 40ft wagon to Cockermouth between 9,10,11 February to raise awareness of practical solutions for homeowners and businesses to reduce their flood risk.
- oo) CALC – Low Carbon Neighbourhood Planning event – Finding Solutions to climate change in your community – Thursday 11 Feb 6.00pm – 9.00pm at Town Hall, Alston.
- pp) Silloth-on-Solway Coastal Community Team: Economic Plan – Comments requested on the draft plan.
- qq) CALC – Details of Healthwatch Engagements in conjunction with The Success Regime.
- rr) CALC - Second communication from the Chairman of Smaller Authorities’ Audit Appointments Limited.

#### For Action

- ss) Letter from Sue Hayman MP re: letters received by people across her constituency, from Lord Egremont claiming mineral rights on their properties.
- tt) Additional emails from Vic Barnes re: Speed of HGV’s at Causewayhead and copy of email from Philip Groom.
- uu) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Cemetery, Causewayhead. After consultation with bereavement services etc Allerdale is proposing to demolish the building due to the business case regarding the value of burial plots. A permanent water supply will be installed for cemetery users.
- vv) Allerdale Borough Council - Rural Parish Fund (2015-16). £50k has been earmarked for a scheme for parish councils to benefit villages all across the borough.
- ww) Email from Vic Barnes requesting the Parish Council consider co-funding fibre access in the community.
- xx) Cumbria County Council – re: Service 60: Skinburness – Silloth – Allonby – Maryort – Workington. Notification that the service will cease operation from 26 March 2016, with an explanation.
- yy) Email from Norman Hughes raising various concerns.

#### 11. Planning Applications

Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following:-

**Ref No:** 2/2015/0624 **Proposal:** Rear and side extension to dwelling **Location:** Wayside, Calvo, Silloth

**Applicant:** Mr Mark Harrison

**Ref No:** 2/2014/0544 **Proposal:** Erection of a 1.5 storey dwelling **Location:** Longwood Garden Centre, Silloth

**Applicant:** Mr M. Orchard

#### 12. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

#### 13. County Council Report

To receive a report from the County Councillor.

**14. Transparency Fund**

To receive an update following the application for funding.

**15. Parish Plan**

**16. To receive and consider reports from Councillors.**

**17. Chairman's Announcements**

**18. Date of next meeting**

Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 10 May 2016 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.