

Holme Low Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 10 November 2015 at 7.30pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present

Cllr. J. Graham (JG) – Chairman

Councillors

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

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ).

1.	Apologies Cllr. A.J. Markley & PCSO Nichol.	
2.	Declarations of Interest None.	
3.	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
4.	Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2015 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
5.	Matters Arising The sign for Wolsty has now been replaced, although the post for the old sign has not been removed. Water is still standing at Coulthards but the drains have been looked at. Cllr. Wright has attended two meetings of the Coastal Community Team. Bowles Green has been appointed as consultants. The main project out forward is to get the cycle path extended from Allonby to Silloth. A consultation event will take place as the consultants are looking for suggestions for projects. Tour of Britain – Letter to be sent to John Cook to thank him for his help in providing the sheep signs for Holme Low Parish for the Tour of Britain race. Silloth got very little publicity from the event which was disappointing. Recycling plastic bottles – An email was sent to Allerdale following the removal of the plastic bottle bin from the Silloth recycling centre. Residents of Holme Low are having to travel to Wigton as they are not provided with purple bags. Allerdale are looking at alternatives although a smaller bin has now been placed at the Silloth recycling centre.	
6.	Police Report Police Report was sent by email.	
7.	Financial Report The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £2,356.27 in the bank.	
8.	Requests for financial assistance None.	
9.	Payment of Accounts Cheque payments to 10 November 2015 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.	
10.	Audit for the year ended 31 March 2015 There were no comments raised by BDO following the external audit and therefore no action required.	
11.	Budget 2016/17 The Clerk had produced some draft figures based on previous year's accounts and the current year's	

	<p>spending. After some consideration it was agreed to raise a precept of £2,000 for 2015/16 - £1,500 to cover the Council's usual expenditure and an additional £500 for possible Community projects.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2015 Issue 101. b) Skylines – North West Air Ambulance Charity – September 2015. c) CALC Circular – September 2015. d) NALC – Transparency Fund – Monthly Bulletin. e) CALC Circular – October 2015. f) Connecting Cumbria – September 2015 Newsletter. g) Waver/Wampool Proposed Water Level management Board – Newsletter October 2015. h) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2015. i) CALC Circular – November 2015. j) Tidelines – Newsletter of the Solway Firth Partnership – Winter 2015. k) Copy of letter from Rod Donington-Smith on behalf of Cumbria Trust encouraging Councils to respond to the Call for Evidence issued by the Office of Nuclear Development's Geological Disposal Team. l) Ageing Well Work Group request for information about activities in the parish that encourage social participation, in particular those aimed at the 55+ age group. m) Office for Nuclear Development – re: Call for Evidence - Implementing geological disposal: Working with communities. Email to confirm receipt of response to the call for evidence. n) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Cemetery at Causewayhead – Letter has been forwarded to David Bryden for his attention. o) Cumbria Highways – re: Flooding at entrance to Coulthards – Call has been logged and details sent to local inspector. p) Cumbria Highways - Details of the road closures and restrictions for the Tour of Britain stage 3 route in Allerdale which starts in Cockermouth on 8 September 2015. q) New Hospital Open Afternoon for Stakeholders at West Cumberland Hospital in Whitehaven on Thursday 24 September 2015 from 2.00 – 5.00pm. r) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Car park at Wolsty banks – Confirmation that the car park is Allerdale's responsibility and the Property Services department have been asked to carry out repairs. s) CALC – Information about the latest round of ERDF funding opportunities in Cumbria. t) CALC – Copies of latest NALC legal briefings and the updated Legal Topic Notes. u) Allerdale CALC General meeting 24 September 2015 – Papers for the joint meeting with the district and county council. v) National Geological Screening Consultation - E-Bulletin. A workshop is to be held on 20 October at the Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle to help people better understand the consultation and provide better-informed responses. w) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Recycling. Allerdale are looking at communal purple bag collections in some of the outlying areas. x) Email from Pete Nichol re: Speed of HGV's. y) Minerals & Waste Local Plan – Supplementary Sites Consultation. Some additional sites were out forward for consideration which are to be consulted on, none of which are within Sillioth or the surrounding area. z) Riversmeet Community Cooperative – Resourceful Communities Household Recruitment – Riversmeet are taking part in the Resourceful Communities pilot project in conjunction with CCC's Waste Prevention team and are looking to recruit 3 households to pilot the training. aa) CALC – Invitation to the CALC AGM on 14 November 2015 at West Lakes Science and Technology Park, Whitehaven. bb) Cumbria County Council – New tourism development funding for rural Cumbria businesses through the European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). cc) CALC – Elections for 3 directly elected members of Smaller Councils' Committee 2016/17. Nomination forms to be returned by 5 November. dd) Cumbria County Council – Community Grants are available for voluntary, not for profit and community groups for community based projects which benefit the local area. North West 	

	<p>grants panel meet on Thursday 26 November 2016.</p> <p>ee) Cumbria County Council – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2014-2029 – Supplementary Sites consultation. Comments to be submitted by Monday 9 November.</p> <p>ff) Email from Inspector Richard Smillie who is our new Police Inspector following changes to the neighbourhood policing teams (NPT) from ten to three.</p> <p>gg) CALC – Proposed amendments to CALC’s constitution which relate to the process by which a casual vacancy among directly elected members should be filled, clarification on sending out agenda papers by email and the election of district association members of the Executive.</p> <p>hh) CALC – Notes from the September three tier meeting and the presentation by ENW provided to the meeting.</p> <p>ii) CALC – Elections for 3 directly elected members of Smaller Councils’ Committee 2016/17. Nomination forms to be returned by 5 November.</p> <p>jj) Cumbria County Council – Details of changes to the timetable on the Service 60 from Maryport to Workington from 21 December 2015 which will offer a more evenly spaced clockface frequency to the service.</p> <p>kk) CALC - Tesco Local Community Scheme - funding for green spaces.</p> <p>ll) CALC - Agenda and papers for the 41st CALC Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>mm) News and Funding from Cumbria Community Foundation - October 2015.</p> <p>nn) Email from Victor Barnes asking if VOSA can be contacted to ask for a tacho spot check for HGV’s in Causewayhead area which are travelling at speed and on roads marked unsuitable for HGV’s. Email be sent to VOSA to ask for spot checks to be carried out. It was also agreed the 40mph speed limit from the cemetery into Silloth should be reduced to 30mph, as well as a 30mpg speed limit along West Causewayhead lane. Letter to be sent to Cumbria Highways. Concerns were also expressed about Mr Terry Connor and members of his family who are riding after dark on roads within the Parish without wearing hi-viz which is putting themselves and other road users at risk, as well as the horse. Letters to be sent to Mr Connor, to the Police and the RSPCA.</p> <p>oo) Allerdale Borough Council – Conservation Areas, Supplementary Planning Document. Link to the document:- http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/planning-and-buildings/planning/conservation/conservation-areas-spd.aspx</p> <p>pp) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Cemetery at Causewayhead. Response to concerns raised by the Parish Council. Toilets at the cemetery are a disgrace and the water standpipe was removed. Letter to be sent to suggest that a new water supply be provided. The Parish Council do not want the building demolished and would like to discuss the options. There is a further 2 acres of land at the back for burials.</p> <p>qq) Email sent to Silloth Town Council by Pauline and Tony Park from Causewayhead regarding the increasing need for a 30mph speed limit on the B5302 just before the turn off for West Silloth and Blackdyke junction to just past the cemetery and church. Dealt with under item nn). Reply to be sent to Mr & Mrs Park.</p> <p>rr) CALC – Copy of letter from Windermere Town Council to the Minister in response to the recent publicity about cuts to the budget of Cumbria Police. Letter to be sent to the Minister to say the Parish Council are not happy with the cuts.</p> <p>ss) Cumbria County Council – Consultation on new Council plan, Budget Savings and new ways of working. All the savings proposals and further background are available at www.cumbria.gov.uk/budgetconsultation . Consultation will run until 22 January 2016.</p> <p>tt) Cumbria’s Health and Wellbeing Board is consulting on its Health and Wellbeing Strategy; an important strategy for the people and communities of Cumbria. Closing date for feedback 13 November 2015. http://healthwatchcumbria.co.uk/cumbria-health-and-wellbeing-strategy-consultation-have-your-say/</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Planning Applications The Parish Council approved the following:- Ref No: 2/2015/0624 Proposal: Rear extension to existing dwelling Location: Wayside, Calvo, Silloth Applicant: Mr Mark Harrison</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</p>	

	<p>Longcake Education Foundation – Cllr. Wright was unable to attend the last meeting. They are still trying to locate the honours board which has gone missing from the Discovery Centre. Article is to be put in the Buzz.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Forum – Next meeting is to take place at the end of November.</p> <p>Hellrigg Community Fund – Path to St Paul’s Church is to be funded. There is approx £5,000 left to spend in this current year and therefore an application could be submitted for a parish project.</p> <p>Sea Dyke Charity – New tenant moved into the farm 2 weeks ago and is making rapid progress. Plans are to be submitted for a new shed.</p>	
15.	<p>County Council Report No report.</p>	
16.	<p>Speeding HGV’s at Causewayhead and extension of 30mph speed limit Dealt with under item nn) in Correspondence.</p>	
17.	<p>Transparency Fund A fund has been set up to help small Councils with a turnover less than £25,000 to comply with the new audit arrangements. The Council agreed that an application be submitted to CALC to enable a laptop and All-in-One printer to be purchased at a cost of £374.98. Clerk to submit the application.</p>	
18.	<p>Parish Plan Plan will be updated in April.</p>	
19.	<p>Reports from Councillors An application will be submitted by Farmgen as now need permission to bring in whey permeate.</p> <p>Cllr. Sowden left the meeting.</p> <p>Comments have been received about grass cuttings being tipped opposite the Cups and saucers tea room at Seaville which is unsightly. Letter to be sent to Norman Hughes.</p> <p>School field – There is a mess at the gate. Wilf has been asked to get it cleaned up. The Retrieved is starting to look unsightly and it was agreed that a letter be sent to ask that it is tidied up.</p> <p>The question was raised about becks being cleaned out. They will be cleaning them out until June. A lot of farmers have pulled out of the plans for a drainage board and belief they can clean their own becks out cheaper.</p> <p>The smell coming from the sewerage plant needs to be reported which is terrible at the moment particularly when it rains. Letter to be sent to United Utilities.</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>
20.	<p>Chairman’s Announcements The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also thanked the Clerk for the work she does.</p>	
21.	<p>Date of next meeting Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 9 February 2016 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.</p>	

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