

Holme Low Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 11 August 2015 at 7.30pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present

Cllr. J. Graham (JG) – Chairman

Councillors

M. Wright (MW)

A. Sowden (AS)

D. Findlay (DF)

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

1.	Apologies Cllr. M. Pearson.	
2.	Declarations of Interest None.	
3.	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
4.	Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2015 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
5.	Matters Arising The drains at Coulthards are still blocked and the sign at Wolsty has still not been replaced. Further emails to be sent.	WEJ
6.	Police Report No report.	
7.	Financial Report The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £2,068.38. The second half of the precept of £1,000 will go into the account in October. It was questioned whether the hedge cutting should be put out to tender.	
8.	Requests for financial assistance It was agreed that £500 which had been included in the budget for Parish Projects, be paid to the Holme Low Parish Projects Group.	WEJ
9.	Payment of Accounts Cheque payments to 11 August 2015 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.	
10.	Correspondence a) CALC Circular – June 2015. b) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2015 Issue 100. c) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – Allerdale edition – July 2015. d) ACT Gazette – Issue 21 - Summer 2015. e) CALC Circular – July/August 2015.	

- f) CALC - Open letter to all parish and town councillors from the Chairman of NALC, Councillor Ken Browse.
- g) Cumbria Highways – Details of road closure re-activations to allow CCC safe access to undertake surface dressing works on various roads including U2029 Causewayhead (East) Silloth on 21 July.
- h) Cumbria County Council – re: Unit 25 Causewayhead. Unit 25 is being used for composting fine organic material from waste treatment plants at Hespian Wood and Barrow which is a similar process to that described in 2008 planning application. Unless Mr Miller can prove that he was operating the site by Jan 2012 he may need to apply for retrospective planning permission. The other hangar is being used for storage of agricultural lime which CCC don't normally deal with.
- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Copy of presentation used at Planning Training in March.
- j) Cumbria County Council – re: Unit 25 Causewayhead. Waste related operations did not start until 2013 but physical works to construct composting vessels were started in 2011. Details of activities being undertaken from the site. Hangar 26 does not have planning permission and further investigations will be carried out.
- k) NALC – Legal Briefing – The Local Government (Religious etc. Observances) Act 2015.
- l) Suncredit – Proposed Seaville South Solar Farm – Public consultation event at Silloth Community Hall on 23 June.
- m) Making Parishes Better Places - FOI Request – Email asking for a copy of the Council's organisation chart, detailing the structure of the Council and committee membership. Also asking that the information is published on the website.
- n) Copy of press release issued about the Success Regime in health services in North Cumbria.
- o) Email from Toni Magean, Town Centre Area Manager at Allerdale asking if there are any specific issues relating to the recent cuts to bus services.
- p) Cumbria Highways – Details of Temporary Road Closures which have been put in place to allow safe access to carry out surface dressing works.
- q) Invitation and Agenda for Tour of Britain Information evening on Tuesday 30 June at 6.30pm at Christ Church, Sullart Street, Cockermouth.
- r) Agenda for the Allerdale three tier meeting on 25 June at Bothel Village Hall at 7.00pm. Minutes of a meeting held on 26 March 2015.
- s) Cumbria Highways – Details of Temporary Road Closure on the U2028 Black Dyke Farm, Silloth to commence 13 July 2015.
- t) Tracks of the Iron Masters – activities schedule and publicity. Information about a National Lottery funded project about West Cumbria's industrial heritage and in particular the railways that served local industries and communities.
- u) Proposed Drainage Board for the Waver Wampool – Briefing for Parish Councils on 2nd July at Newton Arlosh Parish Hall.
- v) ACT Vacancy – Development Officer for South Cumbria.
- w) Letter from NALC chairman on The Commonwealth Flag Day on 14 March 2016 and encouraging all local councils to take part.
- x) Data Protection registration – Reminder to renew Data Protection registration.
- y) Email providing information about a system known as the Waste Action Reuse Portal

(Warpit) which provides a facility to claim or give away surplus resources to new homes in different organisations both from within the County and beyond.

- z) National Grid North West Coast Connections Project – The project is now at a stage where it is becoming important that National Grid engages directly with parishes to ensure they are kept informed.
- aa) Wigton Baths – Crowdfunding campaign has been launched.
- bb) Note from the Allerdale 3 tier meeting held at Bothel Village Hall on 25 June 2015.
- cc) North Allerdale Neighbourhood Forum – Thursday 23 July 2015 7-9pm at Golf Hotel, Silloth.
- dd) Cumbria County Council - Public Rights of Way. At a recent Silloth Town Council meeting concerns were expressed about access being denied to a footpath near Hartlaw Farm Problems have been reported which will be investigated and will try to resolve the issue.
- ee) NALC – Financial Topic Note re: Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Provided a council's income and expenditure was below 500,000 euros at 3rd July (around £355,000) then the Council's deposits will be covered for compensation in the event of a UKL registered bank going bust.
- ff) Copy of the latest bulletin from the Radioactive Waste Management team on the launch of a public consultation.
- gg) CALC Annual General Meeting on Saturday 14 November at 10.30 am at the Samuel Lindow Theatre, Westlakes Campus, Whitehaven.
- hh) ACTion with communities in Cumbria – Annual General Meeting on 11 September 2015 at Threlkeld Village Hall, Threlkeld, Keswick at 9.45 am.
- ii) Transparency Code – Government Support Fund. Government have promised financial support to help smaller councils comply with the Code.
- jj) CALC – Email from Samantha Bagshaw introducing herself as the new Chief Officer at CALC.
- kk) Connecting Cumbria – Deployment Map - 'Soft Launch' of Connecting Cumbria Deployment Map – Official Press Release to Follow.
- ll) Implementing geological disposal: A call for evidence on working with communities. The document provides background information on the process as well as asking a series of questions, centred on the issues of community representation, community investment and the test of public support. Closing date for the submission of responses is 4 September 2015. The Call for Evidence can be accessed via: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/implementing-geological-disposal-working-with-communities>. Response to be sent from the Parish Council to say no to a geological disposal facility.
- mm) Internal Drainage Board for the Waver Wampool – Water Level Management Board Justification Statement – Summary Report July 2015. Consultation responses to be returned by 28 August. Farmers are going to have to pay £4.75 per acre towards the cost of the IDB. Farmers will pay 61% of the costs, with Allerdale having to fund £97k. Response to be sent from the Parish Council. The IDB needs to be set up as the land needs to be drained. The management board will consist of 11 members – 7 farmers and 4 from local authorities.
- nn) Cumbria County Council - Information about the City Council super-connected city voucher scheme which allows small and medium-sized enterprises to apply for vouchers of up to £3,000 to connect to superfast broadband.

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	<p>oo) CALC – casual vacancy on CALC Executive committee. Nominations to be received before 16 October. No nomination from the Parish Council.</p> <p>pp) Silloth-on-Solway Coastal Community Team – Team have been successful in a bid for funding to help establish a team and develop a local economic plan for the area. Involvement by Parish Council in the CCT is welcomed and a representative from Holme Low is to be put forward. Next meeting of Silloth-on-Solway CCT is scheduled for 20 August at 6.00pm in Community Hall. It was agreed that Cllr. M. Wright will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>qq) Publication of reports on scope of Appraisal of Sustainability, and approach to the Habitats Regulations Assessment, of the Government's (to be developed) draft National Policy Statement on geological disposal facility infrastructure. Documents can be viewed online. Responses to be sent by 25 September if required.</p> <p>rr) Ulverston Town Council – Email in relation to the problem of derelict buildings and possible remedies. Parish Council agree with the issues raised in the email with some developers starting work on a site and then leaving it unfinished. Letter to be sent to Mr Halpin regarding the site at West Causewayhead Lane which is becoming an eyesore, with stuff being dumped that shouldn't be there. Letter to be sent asking that the site is tidied up.</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>WEJ</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>The Parish Council considered the following:-</p> <p>Ref No: 2/2015/0422 Proposal: Erection of chicken broiler unit Location: Fir Tree Farm, Seaville, Silloth Applicant: Mr Kenneth Storr – Letter to be sent objecting to the application as the Council feel there are more than enough chicken sheds in the Parish already. The proposed site of the shed is in what is otherwise open countryside which would spoil it. It should be sited near to his own farm.</p> <p>Notification from Allerdale Borough Council that an appeal has been made on the grounds refused to approve planning permission for the application: Installation of a 500kW wind turbine (67m to blade tip) and its associated infrastructure (crane pad, access track and meter house) Site at: Dundraw Farm, Dundraw Wigton</p>	<p>WEJ</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</p> <p>Longcake Education Foundation – Cllr. Wright attended a meeting on 11 June. Mawbray Play Park was given £70 and £500 given to each of the schools. The honours board which was being stored at the Discovery Centre has now gone missing but enquiries are to be made to locate it.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Forum – Meeting on 23 July concentrated on what is happening for the Tour of Britain. Huge posters featuring Ralph the sheep will be placed around Silloth. Philip Groom talked about the travel plan. There have been various highway improvements. The junction at Blackdyke crossroads has been improved but not sure what has actually been done. Various grants were given out which included £750 Silloth Carnival, £500 STAG for plane cockpit, £1700 Anthorn Sports Club, £1585 Inner Wheel, £1000 STAG for bunting. Meeting was well attended.</p> <p>Sea Dyke Charity – A new tenant has been found for the Swinsty Farm who will be moving in at the end of September. Various meetings have taken place to interview prospective tenants but Daniel Tiffen from Aspatria came up with the best long term plans, was very keen and had an</p>	

	excellent interview.	
13.	County Council Report No report.	
14.	Parish Plan Nothing to report.	
15.	<p>Reports from Councillors</p> <p>Mr Morgan has put a sign on the gate of the parish field which is inappropriate. It was agreed that a proper A4 size dog fouling sign be obtained.</p> <p>The Old school house is a disgrace and needs tidied up. Letter to be sent to Michael Bowman.</p> <p>Causewayhead Cemetery – The Parish Council have previously asked A.B.C. to repair the burst water pipe but they refused. John put water barrels in for people to use but at this time of year they are often empty. Toilet building is also a disgrace. Further letter to be sent to request that action is taken.</p> <p>Tour of Britain – It was questioned what Holme Low could do for the forthcoming Tour of Britain. It was suggested that Holme Low join in with Silloth and obtain some of the Ralph the Sheep signs to display around the Parish which will need to be painted. Cllr. Wright to obtain details of costs and email everyone to make a decision.</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>MW</p>
16.	<p>Chairman's Announcements</p> <p>The Chairman has cut the grass at the parish seats for the third time and given them two coats of wood preservative. There have been a lot of empty cans of lager left at the seat at the Pond. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also thanked the Clerk for the work she does.</p>	
17.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 10 November 2015 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.</p>	

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