

Holme Low Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 17 January 2017 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 – Parish Clerk (WEJ), Cllr. J. Cook and 3 members of the public.

1.	<p>Apologies None.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest None.</p>	
3.	<p>Exclusion of Press & Public None.</p>	
13.	<p>Planning Applications Plan No: 2/2016/0727 Proposed development: Outline planning application with All Matters Reserved for 5 no dwellings Location: Land at Blitterlees, Silloth, Cumbria Applicant: Mr A. J. Markley Mrs Downham addressed the Council, explained her concerns and provided copies of the letter submitted to Allerdale in response to the application. Other residents have objected to Allerdale about the plans. The Parish Council discussed the planning application at length. The main concern is drainage. All of the houses along here are piped into the main sewer which is pumped to the Blitterlees pumping station and then to the Airfield which is already overloaded as it is, without additional demand on the system. After heavy rainfall, the road often floods due to the beck overflowing. Parts of the beck have not been cleaned out in over 40 years which contributes to the problem. The land is unsuitable for building on, as it is often under water during the wetter months of the year. Access and visibility are not good along this stretch of road, particularly as there is a blind bend towards the Beckfoot end of the road which is a concern. Visibility would need to be improved to ensure the safety of vehicles accessing the site. The plans are for 3-4 single storey dwellings and yet it mentions in the plans that they are for older people. Houses are very close together within the site. Allerdale are encouraging people to apply for 4-5 properties rather than just one property. <i>RESOLVED that in view of the nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and that were instructed to withdraw.</i> After further discussion, it was RESOLVED that a letter of objection be sent to Allerdale Borough Council bringing up the concerns relating to access and visibility to the site, water, drainage and flooding. The Parish Council requests that a site meeting is held with representatives from Holme Low Parish Council and Silloth Town Council. The Parish Council also requests that the decision on the planning application is made by the Council's Development Panel, rather than by planning officers. Concerns were expressed about members of the public visiting Cllrs. individually prior to Council meetings which can often be late at night and is not convenient.</p>	WEJ

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