

Minutes of a Meeting of Holme Low Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 19 February 2013

Present:- Cllrs. J. Graham, M. Pearson, A. Sowden, D. Findlay & N. Dainton.
Also Wendy Jameson (Parish Clerk).

1. **Apologies:-** Cllr. M. Wright.
2. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
None
3. **Declaration of Interest**
None.
4. **Exclusion of Press & Public**
None.
5. **Minutes**
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 November 2012 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
6. **Matters Arising**
None.
7. **Police Report**
Newsletter sent by email.
8. **Requests for financial assistance**
The Parish Council considered the following requests for financial assistance:-
 - a) Citizens Advice Allerdale - It was agreed that a contribution of £30 be sent.
9. **Payment of Accounts**
Cheque payments to 19 February 2013 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.
10. **Financial Report**
The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £1922.32 in the bank.
13. **Correspondence**
 - a) CALC Circular - December - January 2013
 - b) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter - December 2012.
 - c) Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2013.
 - d) CALC Circular - February 2013
 - e) Copy of letter sent to Cllr. Graham by Sarah Betsworth of SPAND in response to Chairman's letter included with the Parish Plan.

- f) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Untidy and dangerous site at the Windmill, Causewayhead. As part of the complaints procedure this matter will be investigated and the Council kept informed as it progresses.
- g) Historic Counties Trust - re: Flag for Cumberland. Email thanking the Council for their support for the Cumberland flag.
- h) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Windmill, Causewayhead. The site was visited and Cumbria Highways have been contacted to see if they can do anything with regard to potential hazards the items may cause to highway users. In addition the owner can be asked to tidy the site under section 215 of Town and Country Planning Act however they will wait to see what powers Highways can use before contacting the property owner.
- i) Flag for Cumberland - Email to confirm that the Cumberland Flag was accepted into the UK Flag Registry.
- j) Email from Geoff Betsworth - SPAND (Solway Plain Against Nuclear Dump) is staging a music event at the Social Club in Silloth on Saturday 19th January 8.00pm £5.
- k) Cumbria Highways - notice of an urgent road closure on the C2052 Skinburness Road, Silloth for a period of up to 5 days from 14 January 2013.
- l) CALC - re: Police and Crime Plan Public Consultation launched on 15 January. There will be a number of road shows across the county and an online survey which will be hosted on www.cumbria-pcc.gov.uk. Consultation will be open until 20 February.
- m) Email from Geoff Betsworth - Anti Nuke Dump Day of Action 19 January : Bowness to Silloth and beyond.
- n) CALC - MRWS Update.
- o) West Cumbria MRWS - work of the West Cumbria MRWS is now complete but Allerdale, Copeland and County Council are due to make their formal decisions about whether to participate in the next stage of the process on Wednesday 30 January.
- p) CALC - Decisions on MRWS. The two Borough Councils said 'yes' to proceeding into Stage 4 and the County Council said 'no'. The agreement with Government is that progress into Stage 4 requires a Borough Council, the County Council and the Government all to say 'yes' – i.e. 'three green lights'. This has not been achieved for either borough area and the Secretary of State confirmed in statements yesterday that the current MRWS process in West Cumbria will not proceed.
- q) Hopes of Wigton - Lettings of Stints and grassland for 2013 season - Auction will be held on 27 March 2013 at 7.00pm at Greenhill Hotel, Wigton.
- r) Allerdale Borough Council - Summarised funding requirement for Holme Low for 2013/14. 2013/14 is a new basis of allocation with the introduction of the Local Council Tax support scheme being introduced from 1 April 2013.
- s) Allerdale Borough Council - re: Windmill, Causewayhead. Email asking if the requirements of Cumbria Highways have been met. Copy of the letter sent to the occupier by Cumbria Highways regarding illegal scaffolding and clutter on Highway land. Nothing has been done. Follow up email to notify Allerdale that nothing has changed.
- t) CALC - Allerdale Area Working proposals - Draft Area Groups revised proposal -

Parish Council's views required.

- u) Allerdale Borough Council - Draft Council Plan 2012-2015 - to identify the key projects and actions that it will undertake in 2013-14. Comments required on the proposed projects. It was questioned where the new leisure centre at Workington is to be sited and what the 'living over a shop' project involves. No comments to be sent.
- v) Email from Philip Tibbetts asking if the Council might be interested in designing a flag for Holme Low. It was not felt feasible, as there is no town within Holme Low.
- w) Longcake Educational Foundation - Letter to inform the Council that the four year appointment of Mrs Margaret Wright as the trustee representing Holme Low Parish ends soon. Can the Council arrange for her reappointment or the appointment of another trustee. It was agreed that Cllr. Wright be nominated to continue as trustee representing the Parish Council.

14. Planning Applications

a) The **Parish Council** have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2012/0864 **Applicant:** Mr Terry Connor **Proposal:** Replacement of fire damaged building workshop **Location:** Oakline, Blackdyke, Silloth

Ref No: 2/2013/0080 **Proposal:** Single storey side and rear extension to replace existing extensions **Location:** Wath Head, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Stephen Fysh

Ref No: 2/13/9002 **Proposal:** To replace extant planning permission Ref 2/09/9031 in order to extend the time limit for implementation **Location:** Blackdyke Industrial Estate, Silloth.

15. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Longcake Education Trust - Cllr. Wright attended a meeting on 14 February.

Donations were given to the four schools of £220 each and donations of £75 each were given to the three Sunday Schools.

Sea Dyke Charity - No meeting. Everything is running smoothly. No complaints received.

Neighbourhood Forum - Next meeting on Tuesday, 26 February at Silloth Primary School.

16. County Council Report

No report.

17. Update re: Parish Plan

An application for funding will be considered at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting next week. Margaret has done a lot of good work on the Parish Plan. Margaret to be asked to speak at the neighbourhood forum meeting. The Chairman has also received some positive comments about the new Parish website which has been put together by the Clerk.

18. Reports from Councillors

Hedge near Wilf Morgan's at the Retrieved needs cut back. Potholes are a problem around the Parish but particularly on the road up to the Windmill, on the road up to Wilf Morgan's and also at Wolsty. Potholes have been reported via the Highways

Hotline but a further letter from the Council also to be sent. Road to Blackdyke needs attended to, as this gets quite a lot of heavy traffic. Further letter to be sent to Highways regarding the width restriction sign on the road up to the Windmill. The 'advisory' sign has been put back up but this needs to be changed to a width 'restriction' sign. At one end of this road is a restriction sign and at the other an advisory sign. Wagons need to be stopped from going up this road as it is far too narrow and unsuitable for large vehicles.

19. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the Clerk for the work done in relation to the Parish Plan and Council work. The Chairman had received a lot of phone calls about the nuclear dump issue and was asked why the Council were not taking a parish vote in the matter. He was not willing to take a vote on the issue until there was an application to consider, as it would be costly.

20. Date of next meeting

Tues 14 May 2013 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.

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