

**Minutes of a meeting of Holme Low Parish Council**  
**Held on 11 February 2014**

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

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Exclusion of Press and Public**

None

**4. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 November 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**5. Matters Arising**

None

**6. Police Report**

PC Andy Robertson attended the meeting and provided a report on incidents of crime. PCSO 5299 Peter Nichol has taken over from PCSO Lyndsay Tuck.

**7. Financial Report**

The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £1911.92 in the bank.

**8. Requests for Financial Assistance**

The Parish Council considered a request from Citizens Advice Allerdale and it was agreed that a donation of £30 be provided as in previous years.

**9. Payment of Accounts**

Cheque payments to 11 January 2014 were approved for payment by the Parish Council. An additional cheque was signed as there is a bill to come in from Peter Holliday for hedge cutting.

**10. Correspondence**

- a) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – November 2013
- b) CALC Circular – December/January 2014.
- c) Tidelines – Newsletter of the Solway Firth Partnership – Autumn/Winter 2013.
- d) Cumbria County Playing Fields Association – Annual Report 2012-13.
- e) Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2014.
- f) CALC Circular – February 2014.
- g) Cumbria County Council – Urgent Temporary Road closure to allow urgent repairs to the carriageway B5300 Dubmill Point to Mawbray for a period of up to 5 days from Monday 11 November.
- h) DECC – Consultation –review of the siting process for a Geological Disposal Facility. Email to confirm receipt of the Parish Council's response to the consultation.
- i) North West Allerdale Neighbourhood Forum – Next meeting on Tuesday 10 December 2013 at 7.00pm at Aspatria Rugby Club.

- j) Hadrian's Wall Trust – Information about the forthcoming launch of Hadrian's Wall Trust fundraising programme.
- k) NALC – Council Tax Benefit Support Grant – Update following meetings with Brandon Lewis MP and Andy Sawford MP.
- l) Cumbria County Council – “Meet and greet” event at Lillyhall Depot, Workington starting at 9.30am on 19 December 2013.
- m) CALC – Copy of CALC's response to the Government Consultation Paper “Review of the Siting Process for a Geological Disposal Facility”.
- n) CALC - Allerdale three tier meeting to be held on 12 December 2013 at Bothel Village Hall at 7.00pm.
- o) Solway Coast AONB Partnership – Joint Advisory Committee – Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2013.
- p) Solway Coast AONB Partnership – Joint Advisory Committee – Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2012.
- q) West Cumbria Bus Users Group – Copy of a leaflet asking passengers to contact the County Council with their views about the proposed withdrawal of all subsidised services.
- r) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Parish Funding 2014/15. Information to assist in calculating the funding requirements for the 2014/15 financial year.
- s) CALC – re: Precepts. Full statement by Local Government Minister in his annual statement to Parliament about local government finance settlement for next year <http://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/provisional-local-government-finance-settlement-2014-to-2015>. There is £3.3 billion for Council Tax support schemes this year. They expect billing authorities to carry on passing on support to town and parish councils to help mitigate any reduction in their taxbase. The second part relating to town and parish councils is whether they will be caught by the principles relating to increases in council tax. They will be announcing the Council Tax referendum threshold principles in the New Year but this doesn't answer whether town council's expenditure could effectively be capped.
- t) Cumbria County Council – Details of roads closed due to the tidal surge.
- u) West Cumbria Rape Crisis – Email to thank the Parish Council for the donation.
- v) Allerdale Borough Council - Council Commitment to Local Communities 2012-15.
- w) ACTion with Communities – Information about the Neighbourhood Care Independence Programme funded by Cumbria County Council.
- x) Solway Tourism Development Event – 12 March 2014 12-15pm-3.00pm at Culterham Village Hall, Mawbray.
- y) Solway Coast AONB and the Solway Wetlands Landscape Partnership - Joint one day International Symposium to celebrate World Wetlands Day on Friday 31 January at Samuel Lindow Foundation Building (UCLAN) Westlakes Campus, Whitehaven from 10.00am-4.00pm.
- z) Cumbria Association of Local Councils – Information about possible ‘capping’ of precepts. Announcement by the Secretary of State will not be made until 17 February. Details of the options for parish councils.
- aa) Allerdale Borough Council – Re: Footway Lighting – Update on Council's position relating to footway lighting following a recent meeting with ENW. Any lights removed by ENW will not be replaced by ABC but ENW is making available £250,000 to replace lost lights. Parish & Town Councils will be able to apply should they wish. ABC is repairing all lights including those on ENW poles but will not replace any that are beyond repair.
- bb) Solway Coast AONB – Events guide for Feb/March 2014.
- cc) CALC – re: Allerdale's Budget Proposals 2014/15. Copy of letter sent to Allerdale by Geoff Smith, Chairman of Allerdale District Association of CALC.
- dd) Cumbria County Council – Our Area, Our Future: Budget Consultation. For further information on the draft budget, a detailed analysis of the consultation responses and other background information visit [www.cumbria.gov.uk/ourfuture](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/ourfuture)

- ee) Hopes Auctioneers – Lettings of Stints and Grassland for 2014 season – auction will be held on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 7.00pm at The Greenhill Hotel, Wigton.
- ff) United Utilities Drought Plan consultation. Closing date for responses 17 February 2014. Document can be viewed at <http://corporate.unitedutilities.com/documents/draft-drought-plan-2014.pdf> (194 pages). No comments to make.
- gg) Email from Clerk at Crosscanonby PC asking for support in efforts to persuade Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and Solway Coast AONB to further prevent erosion along the coastline. The coast is a mess with a lot of damage to the sea defences and car parks etc. There are concerns about the potential for further damage if action is not taken to carry out repairs. Letters to be sent to Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and AONB.
- hh) Cumbria Association of Local Councils - details about the planning training. The workshop is suitable for parishes inside and outside of the National Park and will be held on Thursday 15 May, 1.30pm-5pm, Penrith Fire and Rescue Headquarters. Only one person per parish can register. No-one wished to attend
- ii) Invitation to Hadrian's Wall WHS Management Plan Consultation. No one wished to attend.

## 11. Planning Applications

The **Parish Council** approved the following:-

- Ref No:** 2/14/9001 **Proposal:** Application for lawful development certificate for an existing use, principally the storage, recycling and transfer of inert waste materials eg soil, bricks, gravel, demolition arisings for DA Harrison **Location:** The Old Airfield, Silloth
- Ref No:** 2/2014/0002 **Proposal:** Demolition of building and extension to dwelling to form annex **Location:** Hayrigg Farm, Pelutho, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Paul Sharp

The following application has been withdrawn:-

- Ref No:** SL/2013/0906 Proposed wind turbine, land adjacent to Roerigg Tarn, Lowick Common

Invitation to speak at a meeting of the Development Panel at **Allerdale Borough Council** on 14 January 2014 in relation to the following:-

- Ref No:** 2/2013/0705 **Proposal:** Erection of single turbine with a height of up to 60m and a tip height of 86.5m with associated infrastructure works **Location:** Kelsick House, Kelsick, Abbeytown **Applicant:** Mr Malcolm Dockeray

## 12. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

**Longcake Education Foundation** – There is a meeting next week.

**Neighbourhood Forum** – Cllr. Wright attended the last meeting on 10 February at Aspatria. The following grants were awarded - £2000 Aspatria Rugby Union Football Club, £500 Soldiers in Silloth, £500 Aspatria Rural Transport, £1500 Silloth Rugby Union Football Club, £750 Wigton Youth Station and £1250 to Friends of Silloth Green. Next meeting is in March in Silloth.

**Sea Dyke Committee** – Meeting 2 weeks ago which was a long meeting. New windows are to be put in the farm house in the future which will be costly. Builder has been instructed to carry out repairs to the roof and gable end following storm damage. There was a problem with Dent's who had been supplying pigs but the matter has been sorted out. There was a report of a problem with rats but the rats are actually coming from the beck and were attracted by the pig feed.

## 13. County Council Report

No report.

## 14. Parish Plan

The Parish Plan will be reviewed at the annual Parish meeting at Tanglewood, as it was agreed to review it annually.

**15. Siting and installation of the new Parish notice board**

Cllrs. Graham and Dainton will attend to siting the notice board next to the entrance to the Parish field.

**16. Formation of a Community Group**

Moira from Holme St Cuthbert's Parish Council has spoken to Cllr. Wright about forming a joint Community Group with Holme St Cuthbert's which could then apply for funding from Hellrigg and the Forum. A representative from the Parish Council is needed and a meeting has been arranged for 19 February. Cllr. Dainton will try to attend. A Pie and Pea supper & quiz night is to be held at Mawbray Village Hall on 29 March to launch the group and raise funds for a defibrillator. In the past the Parish Council had tried to get a footpath to the cemetery but it would need to be a community group to apply for funding from Hellrigg.

**17. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr. Pearson had been asked if permission had been given for trees to be cut down near Mr Morgan's. The Highways had instructed for them to be removed. Some more are to come down but the weather has not been good enough.

Wolsty sign on the coast road is down again and needs attention. Clerk will report it to the Highways for their attention

**18. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also the Clerk.

**19. Date of next meeting**

Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.  
Annual Parish Meeting to be held at Tanglewood on Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 7.00pm.

Signed..... Date.....