

**Minutes of a meeting of Holme Low Parish Council**  
**Held on Tuesday 14 February 2012**

**Present:-** Cllrs. J. Graham, M. Wright & A. Sowden. Also Wendy Jameson (Parish Clerk).

1. **Apologies**  
Cllr. M. Pearson.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
None.
3. **Exclusion of Press & Public**  
None.
4. **Minutes**  
Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on the 14 & 29 November 2011 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising**  
Check with Parish Council's insurance whether the Public liability covers Colt Park field, should a member of the public have an accident.  
Sign at end of Windmill lane - check with Highways.
6. **Police Report**  
No report.
7. **Requests for financial assistance**  
The Parish Council considered the following requests for financial assistance:-
  - a) North West Air Ambulance - A donation of £100 was given last year and it was agreed to alternate it each year with a donation to the Great North Air Ambulance this year.
  - b) Great North Air Ambulance - It was agreed that a donation of £100 be given.
  - c) Citizens Advice Allendale - It was agreed that a donation of £30 be given, as in previous years.
8. **Payment of Accounts**  
Cheque payments to 14 February 2012 were approved by the Parish Council.
9. **Financial Report**  
The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £2012.55 in the bank.
10. **Correspondence**
  - a) Cumbria County Council - Cumbria Rider Winter 2011/12.
  - b) Campaign to Protect Rural England - Planning Explained.

- c) Running Imp - Catalogue of Diamond Jubilee Mementoes and Party products.
- d) Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2012.
- e) Campaign to Protect Rural England - How to shape where you live: a guide to neighbourhood planning.
- f) Cumbria Rural Housing Trust - Letter detailing the progress of the Cumbria Community Land Trust Project.
- g) CALC - ½ day conference - Geological Disposal of radioactive waste in West Cumbria.
- h) House of Commons - re: Proposed Closure of the Cumbria Fire Service '999' Fire Control Room. Letter from Tony Cunningham to say he is in regular contact with the Fire Brigades Union to help put pressure in the County Council to reconsider their decision and will continue to help with this serious situation.
- i) United Utilities - re: Sewerage Treatment Works at Silloth. Matter will be investigated and will reply before 2 December 2011.
- j) United Utilities - re: Sewerage Treatment Works at Silloth. Some remedial work has been carried out but this has not rectified the problem. Major refurbishment of the screens is to be carried out which should be completed by Christmas. Apologies for any inconvenience this matter has caused.
- k) Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation - Information about the organisation.
- l) Cumbria County Council - re: Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework. Documents are being resubmitted to the Secretary of State for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate. List of policies is attached to the letter. Documents can be downloaded from [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk).
- m) westcumbria:mrws - Geological disposal of radioactive waste in West Cumbria Public consultation pack. Consultation closes 23 March 2012 and responses can be submitted online [www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk](http://www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk).
- n) Cumbria County Council - re: Bus Stop Infrastructure Information. Letter seeking information about the bus infrastructure that is currently in place. Only one shelter in the Parish which is owned by the Parish Council and was constructed over 50 years ago. Shelter is not used any more, as the bus into Silloth does not stop here but goes along West Causewayhead lane instead.
- o) Cumbria Highways - re: Community Travel Plans Review 2011. Letter asking for Parish Council's views on whether any issues or schemes can be deleted and where there are any new issues that have arisen. Request for HGV's to be stopped from going thro Edderside when main road is closed. This would not be an issue if the warning signs were used to notify motorists that the road at Dubmill point is closed.
- p) Cumbria County Council - re: Draft budget. Letter asking for comments on the draft budget. Disagree with resident parking permits. Adult social care, Children's services, Schools, Waste & recycling, roads and rights of way and Fire & Rescue services marked as priority services. The number of vehicles used by Highways contractors could be reduced to save money.
- q) Cumbria County Council - re: Proposals for changes to Cumbria's household waste recycling centres. Letter asking for comments on the proposals. The Parish Council strongly object to the proposal to close the Wigton centre. It was suggested that part-time hours be brought in so that manpower could be shared among the sites. Fly-tipping may become a problem within the Parish.

**11. Planning Applications**

**a) The Parish Council** are to consider:-

Re-Consultation on a Waste County Matter Application for planning permission  
Proposal: Section 73 application to vary planning consent 2/09/9031 to omit 1 digester tank and amend site layout Location: Blackdyke Industrial Estate, Silloth Ref No: 2/11/9017.

The Parish Council would like to emphasise the terrible state of the roads leading to and from the plant. Drains need to be put in along the road between Mr Morgan's (The Retrieved) and the junction with the Blackdyke road at Mr Connors. The lay-by's that were put in are far too short and are being chewed up by vehicles using them. The lay-by's were made long enough to accommodate a tractor and trailer but problem arise when tractors meet up with wagons going to or from Coulthards. The wagons pull in to the lay-by's and they get chewed up because they are simply not long enough. Road ends are also being used as passing places which is further chewing up the corners and churning up the roads. The road is not suitable for wagons and tractors.

**b) Allerdale Borough Council** approved the following:-

**Ref No:** 2/2011/0817 **Proposal:** Proposed side and rear extension to provide accommodation **Location:** 2 Wath Head, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Stephen Fysh

**Ref No:** 2/2011/0809 **Proposal:** Erection of single storey extension **Location:** Anville, Blitterlees, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Andrew Wickham

**Ref No:** 2/2011/0853 **Proposal:** Extensions/alterations to anaerobic digester plant to provide additional works relating to drainage, access track and re-located CHP Plant (part retrospective) **Location:** Dryholme **Applicant:** Montgomerie Feed LLP

**12. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Sea Dyke Charity - Meeting on 18 January. Meeting was called because the tenant had moved out and allowed his son to move in and thus breaking his tenancy agreement. Solicitor was called in re: agreement between the Sea Dyke and Abbeytown football club regarding the 30 year lease on the recreation field. Trustees had to be formed so that the agreement could be made legal.

Longcake Education Foundation - Meeting last Thursday 9 February. Grants were given to the three Sunday schools and 4 day schools. Grants were also given to Mawbray play park and Abbeytown pre-school. The honours board was also brought up. Cllr. Wright had spoken to Bill Jefferson. The board was in safe keeping with the AONB until a decision is made as to where it is to be sited.

Cllr. Sowden has applied to go on the panel for Hellrigg but has not heard anything yet.

**13. County Council Report**

No report.

**14. Update re: Parish Plan**

Cllr. Wright put together a parish plan compiled from the list of responses to the questionnaires sent out. The plan was gone through in detail and items marked in terms of priority and time scale. A copy is to be sent to Moira and then try to combine the two

plans. A joint meeting is to be arranged as soon as possible.

**15. Reports from Councillors**

A large number of hardwood trees have been felled illegally in West Causewayhead Lane. To cover the Parish Council, it was agreed that a letter be sent to Allerdale Borough Council to ask that they investigate the matter. At least 10 well established hardwood trees have been cut down between Stephenson's farm and Holme View.

**16. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. Also thanked the Clerk for providing the Agenda's etc.

**17. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting Tuesday 8 May 2012 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall. Annual Parish meeting to be held on Tuesday 17 April in Tanglewood at 7.30pm.

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