

Minutes of a meeting of Holme Low Parish Council
Held on Monday 14 November 2011

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

1. Apologies

None.

The Chairman welcomed Andrea on to the Parish Council and hopes she enjoys her time on the Council.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Exclusion of Press & Public

None.

4. Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16 August 2011 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

No further correspondence has been received regarding the church yard.

6. Police Report

No Police Report received although they will be emailing their report prior to Parish Council meetings. Clerk to provide them with a list of dates for the coming year.

7. Requests for financial assistance

A letter had been received from Silloth Community Craft Show 2011, asking for the continued support of the Parish Council. It was agreed that a donation of £15 be provided, as last year.

8. Payment of Accounts

Cheque payments to 14 November 2011 were approved by the Parish Council.

9. Financial Report

The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £2255.23 in the bank.

10. Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2011

The Parish Council considered the issues arising from the audit for the year ended 31 March 2011. Audit Commission to be notified that the Parish Council are the sole trustees for Colt Park. Fidelity guarantee insurance to be increased. Check re: insurance cover for the field.

11. Budget 2012/13

The Clerk had produced some draft figures based on previous year's accounts and the

current year's spending. After some consideration it was agreed to raise a precept of £1500 for 2012/13 which was the same as last year.

12. Correspondence

- A) Solway Coaster - Issue 11 - Summer 2011.
- B) Cumbria County Council - Local News and Views Parish Councillor newsletter - Edition 4 - Autumn 2011.
- C) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons - The Guide to taking part.
- D) Community Green Spaces: Essential Green Infrastructure.
- E) Campaign to Protect Rural England - How to respond to planning applications: an 8 step guide.
- F) Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2011.
- G) Cumbria Playing Fields Association - Annual Report 2010-2011.
- H) Email from Andy Sowden informing the Parish Council that her Spanish course is now on a Thursday, if members would prefer future meetings to revert back to Tuesdays.
- I) Allerdale Borough Council - Local Validation Checklists. The purpose of the document is to achieve a quicker, more predictable and efficient planning service.
- J) Allerdale Borough Council - Planning & Policy Department are relocating to Allerdale House, Workington from 16 September 2011.
- K) Cumbria Highways - re: Weight Limit Request - West Causewayhead Lane, Silloth. Presently consulting on that actual restriction as part of the North Allerdale Traffic Regulation Order Review. There is a width limit on the Windmill road. There is a red sign on one end of the road but a blue sign on Schoular's end which is simply a recommendation. Wagons are being sent up there by their Sat Nav's when looking for Farmgen which is totally unsuitable for HGV's. Letter be sent to Cumbria Highways to ask for a red sign to be put up or for a "No access to HGV's" sign. Cllr. Findlay asked for permission to put a sign up directing them to Farmgen.
- L) Cumbria Police Authority - Independent Custody Visiting Scheme. Poster about the scheme for display.
- M) NatWest - Information about the Fixed Rate Deposits.
- N) Cumbria County Council - Cumbria Minerals & Waste Development Framework - Comments on the Site Allocations Policies and Proposals Map to be received no later than Monday 5 December 2011.
- O) Fire Brigades Union - Letter about the proposals submitted by Cumbria County Council to terminate Cumbria's Fire Control Room function in June 2012. The Parish Council do not want to see the Control Room move out of the County. Proper consultation and investigations have been done. Cumbria County Council have saved £40m this year and have another £19m to save. This cannot be done without something suffering. There are concerns that control room staff will not know the local area if calls are taken in Warrington. Letter to be sent objecting to the proposals.

13. Planning Applications

- A) The **Parish Council** approved the following:-
 - Ref No:** 2/2011/0600 **Proposal:** Erection of above ground slurry store **Location:** Pelutho Park, Pelutho, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Robinson
 - Ref No:** 2/2011/0621 **Proposal:** Outline application for single storey dwelling **Location:** Hayrigg Farm, Pelutho, Silloth **Applicant:** Mrs Muriel Sharp
 - Ref No:** 2/2011/0809 **Proposal:** Erection of single storey extension **Location:** Anville, Blitterlees, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Andrew Wickham

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

B) **Allerdale Borough Council** have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2011/0443 **Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2/2009/0753 **Location:** Balladoyle Farm, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr George Whitfield RG&W Whitfield

Ref No: 2/2011/0600 **Proposal:** Erection of above ground slurry store **Location:** Pelutho Park, Pelutho, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Robinson

C) **Allerdale Borough Council** have refused the following:-

Ref No: 2/2011/0621 **Proposal:** Outline application for single storey dwelling **Location:** Hayrigg Farm, Pelutho, Silloth **Applicant:** Mrs Muriel Sharp.

14. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Longcake Education - Cllr. Wright was not at the last meeting but went to the AONB re: Honours Board. AONB had asked if the board could be put up in the Community Hall but the Town Council felt it would be better placed in the AONB building. Bill Jefferson will be taking the matter up. Longcake Education Foundation was set up many years ago and has provided a lot of help to local schools etc. The Board was left and done up by a member of Holme Low and is part of the Heritage from Holme Low Parish. Letter to be sent to AONB asking if they would consider putting the board up in the AONB building.

Sea Dyke Charity - Lengthy discussions have taken place regarding the playing field at Abbeytown which is the property of the Sea Dyke. A lease of 30 years has been granted but it is now in the hands of the solicitors who have decided that it needs to go to the Charity Commission which takes time. Donations were given of £500 each to Mawbray Parish Hall, Newton Arlosh Parish Hall and Abbeytown Parish Hall. £1000 to the Convalescent Home fund. Also discussed the farm as the tenancy is up for renewal in March 2013. If tenant wishes to continue they must notify the Sea Dyke by March 2012.

Forum Meeting - Various grants were given out by the grants panel. £3000 to the youth club at Abbeytown. Solway Woodcarvers also got a grant. Extra funding is available to 0-19 year olds which has been allocated to Neighbourhood forums.

15. County Council Report

Highways - potholes have reduced from Jan to Nov from 20242 to 653 potholes. 96% have been repaired. Time taken to carry out repairs has reduced from 12.8 days in April to 8 days now. Amount of claims has gone down. Highways maintenance will be brought back in-house next year. 25,000 tons of salt on stock in Cumbria with 5000 tons stored outside and a further 5000 tons on reserve in Northwich. Still in contract with Amey but after March of next year, things will be reviewed. It was requested that a salt container be put on Causewayhead corner. Tony to take it up with Joe Wattleworth. Letter also to be sent to Cumbria Highways. £4.5m coming in for LEP. A lot of issues are being dealt with. It was asked whether the County Council would be willing to take over the Environment Agency. Mud on the roads has been a problem. It was questioned why when the Digester Plant was granted permission why the entrance was 20ft when artics cannot get in. This is a standard measurement by Highways Agency but on 12 December the entrance will be

widened. Artic traffic was initially for the construction. It was stated that no human excrement is put into the digesters despite rumours being put around. County Council has gone through a boundaries review. Silloth is called the Solway ward and will include Abbeytown, around by Kirkbride, Anthorn etc which is based on numbers of voters etc.

16. Update re: Parish Plan

A meeting took place but things are no further forward. Waiting for Moira to get in touch regarding the next meeting. Andrea has been in touch with Rebecca Stamper, who is the Walks for Health person. Missed this year's print run and is likely to cost in the region of £1500 for printing.

17. Reports from Councillors

United Utilities to be contacted about the unpleasant smell coming from the sewerage works at the entrance to Silloth.

When roads are covered in mud, signs need to be put up warning motorists but Police would not put signs up unless there had been an accident.

18. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. He thanked the Clerk for providing the Agenda's etc. Carolyn Byles (Vice Chairman) has now sold her property and will have no ties in the Parish. She is now moving to Rockcliffe and there will therefore be a vacancy on the council which will need to be filled.

19. Date of next meeting

Meetings to revert back to Tuesdays - 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting Tuesday 14 February 2012 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.