

Minutes of a meeting of Holme Low Parish Council
Held on 12 August 2013

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

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 14 May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

It was questioned whether there has been any progress regarding the new Parish notice board. The Clerk had forwarded details to Allerdale to find out whether planning permission would be required but not heard anything further. Clerk to follow it up.

6. Police Report

No report.

7. Requests for financial assistance

- a) Solway Plain Team Magazine – It was agreed that no contribution be made.
- b) Cumbria County Council Chairman's Appeal: "100 Defibrilators in 100 days" – It was agreed that a donation of £50 be provided.

8. Payment of Accounts

Cheque payments to 12 August 2013 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.

9. Correspondence

- a) Solway Coaster – Issue 13 Summer 2013.
- b) Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner – Newsletter.
- c) CALC Circular – June 2013.
- d) Skylines Magazine – Spring/Summer 2013.
- e) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2013.
- f) Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner – Newsletter – July
- g) Email from Cllr Tony Markley to acknowledge receipt of letter in relation to weight restriction on West Causewayhead Lane. Issues will be discussed with CCC officers and any information will be reported back to the parish council.
- h) Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) – Pre-submission Draft Consultation. Consultation period has been extended to 12 July.
- i) United Utilities – draft Water Resources Management Plan – Workshop at Washington Central Hotel, Workington on 19 June 2013.
- j) Department for Communities & Local Government – Local Planning and onshore wind - letter from Eric Pickles, Secretary of State, explaining Government proposals to give "a greater say for

local people and strengthen the role of councils in shaping where development should and shouldn't go."

- k) CALC - re: Footway Lighting. Email seeking information about any lights that have been removed from poles following ENW refurbishment works which are the parish councils responsibility.
- l) CALC – Allerdale District – Notice of general meeting at Embleton Village Hall on 25 June at 7.00pm and minutes of the meeting held on 26 March.
- m) Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust – information about its grants scheme.
- n) Connecting Cumbria – Outline for Community Build Schemes Process
- o) Cumbria County Council – Nominate a Neighbour Scheme.
- p) Caritas Care – Information about the Bridging the Gap project which provides free support to people with hearing loss. Posters about the project.
- q) Cumbria Highways – Email from Andrew Harrison seeking clarification regarding signage at the Windmill junction. The sign at the Causewayhead end of the Windmill lane which is already in place is a red warning sign. Another sign exactly the same (i.e. red warning sign) is required at the Blackdyke end of the lane. There would be no need to apply for a width restriction, as it is already in place.
- r) CALC – Election to CALC's Executive Committee. Nomination forms must be submitted by 11 October.
- s) Community Payback – Information about the scheme and how it works. Email to be sent suggesting that a team could undertake some litter picking around the Parish.

10. Planning Applications

The Parish Council are to consider the following:-

Ref No: 2/2013/0522 **Proposal:** Erection of two giga 133 11kw turbines on 18m hub and 25 tip height **Location:** Balladoyle Farm, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr RG Whitfield.

It was agreed that the application be refused (as with previous applications for wind turbines) due to the cumulative effect on the area, close proximity to AONB and Hadrians Wall buffer zone and the risk to birds.

Ref No: 2/2013/0526 **Proposal:** Alterations to partly completed stable block and change of use to boarding kennels for 12 dogs **Location:** Waitefield, Seaville, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr Martin Murray. It was agreed that the application be approved.

The Parish Council have approved the following:-

Ref No: 2/2013/0459 **Proposal:** Application for variation of condition 1 of Planning Approval 2/2012/0763 **Location:** Carrs Fertilisers, The Wath, Silloth **Applicant:** Carrs Fertilisers

Ref No: 2/2013/0461 **Proposal:** Partial demolition of existing building and erection of new building **Location:** Park Head, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr R Schoular

The following application for planning permission has been withdrawn:-

Ref No: 2/13/9002 **Proposal:** To replace extant planning permission ref. 2/09/9031 in order to extend the time limit for implementation of an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Plant **Location:** Blackdyke Industrial Estate, Silloth

11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Sea Dyke Committee – No meeting but everything fine.

Longcake Education Foundation – £700.00 was awarded to each of the four schools, with no other requests.

12. County Council Report

Cllr. Markley attended the meeting and gave a report on County Council matters. Cllr. Wright provided the Clerk with a letter she had received from the County Council regarding the West

Causewayhead Lane which was read out. HGV's and buses etc using the Lane is an ongoing problem but County Council are not in favour of a weight restriction being imposed. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Allerdale Local Committee strongly urging for a weight restriction before there is a serious accident. Letters also to be sent to haulage contractors asking that HGV's avoid using the lane which is not suitable.

13. Parish Plan

Funding is available from the Hellrigg Community Fund which is available to the parishes of Holme Low, Holme Abbey, Holme St Cuthberts and Silloth. Next meeting of the funding advisory panel takes place in October.

14. Reports from Councillors

Concerns have been raised about the fence at the Windmill. Permission was granted for the fence simply until the hedge had become established but that was 2-3 years ago. The hedge is now more than established but the fence is still in position. Letter to be sent to Cumbria Highways to confirm whether the fence is to be removed, as it encroaches on to the Highway.

15. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the Clerk for the work she had done.

16. Review of Parish Clerk's salary following receipt of new pay scales for 2013-14

It was agreed that the Clerks salary be increased by the 1% back dated to April as recommended by NALC and SLCC.

17. Date of next meeting

Parish Council meeting – Tues 12 November 2013 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall

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