

**Holme Low Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 January 2021 at 7.30pm via video conference**

**Present:** Cllr. J. Graham (JG)

**Councillors**

D. Findlay (DF), M. Wright (MW), C. Edmunds (CE), M. Orchard (MO) & G. Betsworth (GB).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Parish Clerk (WEJ).

	<b><i>In accordance with The Local Authorities &amp; Police &amp; Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority &amp; Police &amp; Crime Panel Meetings) (England &amp; Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting was held by video conference call.</i></b>	
	The Chairman welcomed the two new Councillors to the meeting - Cllrs. M. Orchard & G. Betsworth.	
1.	<b>Apologies</b> None.	
2.	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> None.	
3.	<b>Exclusion of Press &amp; Public</b> None.	
4.	<b>Minutes</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13 October 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
5.	<b>Matters Arising</b> None.	
6.	<b>Public Participation</b> There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
7.	<b>Financial Report</b> The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £3,295.91 in the bank on 12 January 2021. After a couple of questions the report was accepted.	
8.	<b>Requests for financial assistance</b> None.	
9.	<b>Payment of Accounts</b> Cheque payments to 12 January 2021 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.	
10.	<b>Budget 2021/22</b> The Clerk 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 £6,000 for 2021/22 – £2,500 to cover the Council's usual expenditure and £3,500 for community projects during coming year. With a Precept of £6,000 this would result in a charge of £44.53 on a Band D property.	
11.	<b>Correspondence</b> a) Newsletter for the Allerdale & Copeland Area – Issue 17 6 October 2020. b) Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter 28 October 2020.	

- c) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2020.
- d) Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter 4 November 2020.
- e) Allerdale and Copeland Newsletter – 11 November 2020.
- f) Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter 18 November 2020.
- g) CALC Newsletter – November/December 2020.
- h) Cumbria Arts & Culture Network Newsletter 17 December 2020.
- i) North West Coastal access Update: December 2020.
- j) Allerdale and Copeland Newsletter – 18 December 2020.
- k) Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Bulletin – 22 December 2020.
- l) Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Bulletin – 31 December 2020.
- m) Minutes of the annual meeting of the Allerdale district of the CALC and three tier meeting 17 September 2020.
- n) NHS North Cumbria – Press release: If you live with a health condition please get the flu jab to help you stay well this winter.
- o) CALC – NALC response to changes to current planning system policy consultation.
- p) Great North Air Ambulance – Letter of thanks for the grant of £100 from the Parish Council.
- q) Cumbria County Council – Covid-19 update: Barrow now high alert.
- r) Allerdale Borough Council – Review of Statement of Licensing Policy.
- s) Allerdale Borough Council – Workington Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation 23 October until 4 December 2020.
- t) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Dog fouling PSPO response – Copy of Public Spaces Protection Order put into place by Allerdale for a term of 3 years.
- u) CALC update re Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria.
- v) Local Government Reform in Cumbria – Consultation.
- w) Citizens Advice – Email thanking the Parish Council for the donation of £50.
- x) 2021 National Census – Information about the forthcoming census and welcoming the opportunity to explain the census plans in more detail.
- y) CALC – Launch of the 2020 Annual Public Consultation survey by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner and Cumbria Constabulary.
- z) Radiation Free Lakeland – Information about Copeland BC and Radioactive Waste Management looking at Ghyll Scuar quarry as a possible surface Geological Surface Facility.
- aa) CALC – Update from NALC regarding the legal position re holding parish polls.
- bb) CALC – Update on Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria.
- cc) Allerdale Borough Council – Email from Simon Sharp regarding the issues on the planning application webpages. Consultation periods will be extended for any applications which have been unavailable.
- dd) Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government – Letter from Rt Hon Robert Jenrick thanking Councils for their service to their local communities over the past months.
- ee) Cumbria County Council – Press release on behalf of the multi-agency SMAC (Strategic Media Advisory Cell) regarding the Government’s announcement that Cumbria has moved to Tier 4.
- ff) CALC – Standards Matter 2: Public consultation and public sector surveys. Consultation launched as part of its review into the institutions, processes and structures in place to support high standards of conduct. Deadline extended to 29 January 2021.
- gg) Solway Coast AONB – Research to understand objectives and functions for uses of the Discovery Centre prior to wider public survey.

	hh) Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation 2021/22. Consultation closes 15 January 2021.	
12.	<b>Planning Applications</b> None.	
13.	<b>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</b> <b>Longcake Education Foundation</b> – No meeting. <b>Silloth Coastal Community Team</b> – Any remaining funding after building the cycle path is to be used on a car park at Allonby. There is an issue with flooding on the road along the route of the cycle path which needs to be investigated. <b>Sea Dyke Charity</b> – The old byre has been knocked down and one new shed has been put up. Second shed has been recommended for approval. Last meeting at the cottage had to be cancelled. They were looking to renovate and let it or sell the cottage as it is. There has been a number of enquiries about it. A new robot milker has been bought for the farm which will be installed when new shed has been built. The charity owns Swinsty Farm and provides funding to the Convalescent Home to allow people to access care and give families respite.	
14.	<b>Allerdale &amp; County Councillor Reports</b> No reports received. County Council are starting work at Stanwix corner and are hoping to keep the road open and use traffic lights but they may need to close the road.	
15.	<b>Causewayhead Cemetery Building</b> Leave until Projects Group meeting later.	
16.	<b>Chairman's Announcement</b> The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all that she does and everyone for coming and especially Mark & Geoff.	
17.	<b>Reports from Councillors</b> Cllrs. Betsworth and Orchard were pleased to be at the meeting which they found both light-hearted and a breath of fresh air. Cllr. Wright brought up the condition of West Causewayhead road which is a disgrace with all the mud due to the heavy vehicles using it. The diversion will potentially make it worse. There are big vehicles going to the hangar on the airfield and then going to Aglionby. One particular guy in a tractor and trailer unit is often on his phone. A photograph and registration number of the vehicle would be needed for the Police to do anything. The road is not wide enough to have two big vehicles passing and there were concerns that the road will end up going into the beck. There are cracks in the tarmac now. The road is 60mph and a main bus route and yet the road doesn't even get gritted. There will probably be nothing done until there is an accident. The Parish Council tried to get a width restriction but it was refused. The Parish Council need to keep trying. 6ft 6" width restriction would be better and also ask the question why a 30mph speed limit could not be put in place. It was questioned whether it would be worth asking Harrisons & Armstrongs if they could use the lane in one direction only. There is a lot of sand along the lane and is likely to get worse. Sign at the end of West Causewayhead road is in need of repair, including the sign at Parkhead road which is rusted up and needs painted. Large sign near Seaville road end still needs to be replaced but needs replaced with a smaller sign as the previous one obstructs the view when coming out of the junction.	
18.	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 13 April 2021 at 7.30pm.	

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