

Holme Low Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall

Present: Cllr. J. Graham

Councillors

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

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

1.	Apologies: Cllr. G. Betsworth (no reason given). Also, Cllr. Tony Markley.	
2.	Declaration of Interest None.	
3.	Exclusion of Press and Public None.	
4.	Minutes RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on the 12 October & 9 December 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
5.	Matters Arising It was questioned whether the data from the traffic monitoring carried out on West Causewayhead Lane had been received. Cumbria Highways have been contacted but no update received. Further email sent. Large pothole opposite Stephenson’s Farm on West Causewayhead Lane still needs fixed. Already reported but will be reported again. Traffic lights just before the cemetery are due to the road falling into the beck. Potholes near the old Yates factory are so bad that motorists are driving on the opposite side of the road to avoid them which could potentially cause an accident. Already reported to Cumbria Highways but will be reported again.	WEJ WEJ WEJ
6.	Public Participation There had been no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
7.	Financial Report The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £6,308.51 in the Current Account and £268.37 in the Deposit Account on 11 January 2022.	
8.	Requests for financial assistance None.	
9.	Payment of Accounts Cheque payments to 11 January 2022 were approved for payment by the Parish Council. Also £6,000 to be paid to the Holme Low Parish Projects Group being two years of funding towards parish projects. The Holme Low website has been down for a few weeks but the Clerk spent a couple of days on it and it is now back online.	
10.	Budget 2022/23 The Clerk produced some draft figures based on previous year’s accounts and the current year’s spending. It was agreed to raise a precept of £6,000 for 2022/23 – £2,500 to cover the Council’s usual expenditure and £3,500 for community projects for the coming year.	

11. Correspondence

- a) CALC – Annual Report 2021.
- b) Cumbria County Council – Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 13 October 2021.
- c) Tidelines – Newsletter of the Solway Firth Partnership – Issue 55 Winter 2021.
- d) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – November 2021.
- e) Action for Health and Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin – 4 November 2021.
- f) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 5 November 2021.
- g) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 17 November 2021.
- h) NALC – Civility & Respect Newsletter.
- i) Action for Health and Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletin – 19 November 2021.
- j) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 25 November 2021.
- k) CALC Newsletter – November/December 2021.
- l) CALC - Developing Your Skills programme January to July 2022.
- m) Winter 2021 ACT Gazette.
- n) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 13 December 2021.
- o) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – December 2021.
- p) Cumbria Highways – Enquiry reference: EI/17733 re: potholes opposite the old Yates factory near entrance to the Airfield. The matter has been assigned to the Highways Team.
- q) CALC AGM to be held on Microsoft Teams on Saturday 16th October at 10.30am.
- r) CALC – Geological Disposal Facility process in Allerdale - Allerdale Geological Facility process working party have recommended to Allerdale Borough Council and Radioactive Waste Management (the developer) that a community partnership be formed in Allerdale to take forward the process of finding a suitable site and willing community to host a Geological Disposal Facility. RWM gave a briefing to parish councils on the 5th October 2021. Copy of notes from the meeting and the slides.
- s) Cumbria Highways Update regarding the HIAMS project and Highways England change of name.
- t) CALC – re: Apologies at meetings. Apologies with a reason for absence must be submitted in writing, to the clerk, before the meeting. The council should then be made aware of the apology and the reason for the absence and then they must either approve the absence or decline to give approval. This must be recorded in the minutes. Copy circulated to all councillors. An email would also be acceptable.
- u) The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons – Information.
- v) Citizens Advice Allerdale - Email thanking the Parish Council for their kind donation of £50.
- w) Great North Air Ambulance – Letter of thanks for the donation of £100 from the Parish Council to support the charity.
- x) Cumbria County Council – Local Government Reorganisation – Judicial review update.
- y) Email from Chairman of Barton & Pooley Bridge Parish Council seeking the views of individual councillors on the Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria.
- z) Allerdale GDF Working Group – Media release regarding the Silloth and Workington drop-ins. Silloth drop-in session will take place on Sat 30th October at St Andrew’s Hall, Silloth 1-4pm.
- aa) NALC – PC7-21 – Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016.
- bb) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Light No 1 Seaville. Email seeking confirmation from the Parish Council on whether the light should be replaced as it is no longer operational and in an dangerous position.
- cc) Email from local resident regarding blocked drain at Sea Dyke End.
- dd) Cumbria Highways – Enquiry reference: EI/25741 re: Blocked drain at Sea Dyke End. The matter has been assigned to the Highways Team.
- ee) Allerdale District of CALC AGM and three tier minutes September 2021.
- ff) Allerdale GDF Working Group – Press Release – Allerdale GDF Working Group recommends formation of community partnership.

	<p>gg) HM Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria – re: The Queen’s Green Canopy – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee – Letter encouraging support of the project and how to get involved.</p> <p>hh) CALC – Local Government Reorganisation – Invitation to an on-line meeting to update members on the progress of Local Government Reorganisation on Thursday 2 December at 7pm.</p> <p>ii) Allerdale Borough Council Statement of Community Involvement Consultation – 25 November – 23 December 2021.</p> <p>jj) ACT event - Fuel Poverty Awareness Day – 3 December 2021 10am – 11.30am on Zoom.</p> <p>kk) CALC - LGR Update on Parish Council Elections. The government is proposing that the dates of parish and town council election arrangements will not change as a result of the Local Government Reorganisation.</p> <p>ll) CALC - Information on changes to Coronavirus restrictions.</p> <p>mm) CALC – New Chief Officer - Sonia Hutchinson has been appointed to the role of Chief Officer of CALC.</p> <p>nn) Allerdale District of CALC three tier minutes 26 November 2021.</p> <p>oo) Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation 2022/23. Closing date for comments 10 January 2022.</p> <p>pp) Allerdale Three Tier Meeting – Provisional date 3rd February 2022 at 7.00pm via Teams.</p> <p>qq) Victim Support – Letter of thanks for the donation of £50 from the Parish Council.</p> <p>rr) Policing Element of Council Tax Consultation – Closing date for comments 21 January 2022.</p>	
12.	Planning Applications None.	
13.	Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies Coastal Community Team – No meeting. Longcake Educational Foundation – No report. Hellrigg Advisory Panel – Meeting on Wednesday. Sea Dyke Charity – A new roof is to go on the shed which will be done in the Spring. There have been a few problems with the sale of the cottage.	
14.	County Council & Allerdale Reports No reports.	
15.	Causewayhead Cemetery Building An update will be provided at the Parish Projects Group meeting later.	
16.	<p>Reports from Councillors</p> <p>Complaints have been received about the speed of vehicles travelling along West Causewayhead Lane which is an ongoing issue, but it has a 60mph speed limit and is a bus route. Sign says unsuitable for HGV’s but if there was a 6ft 6” width restriction it would stop HGVs. Letters to be sent to Harrisons, Armstrongs and Millers to request that the speed of their vehicles be reduced for safety reasons.</p> <p>The corner at the Windmill, Causewayhead is difficult to get around due to the overgrowing hedges and the verge being encroached. There are concerns about access for emergency vehicles particularly the Fire Service which would be unable to get around the corner. Further letter to be sent to Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>Security lights at Harrisons cement plant have moved are dazzling motorists travelling along the road. Email to be sent to ask for them to be adjusted.</p> <p>Pavement between Swirrel Rigg and Rose Cottage, Causewayhead is in a dangerous condition and looks as though it has been pushed back. Letter to be sent to Cumbria Highways.</p>	<p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p> <p>WEJ</p>

	It was questioned why there is no light between Barracks Bridge and Silloth farm. There was one there previously but it was taken down when the decision was made not to share poles. The light would be located within Silloth's boundary.	
17.	Chairman's Announcement The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all the work done by the Clerk.	
18.	Date of next meeting Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.	

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