

**Holme Low Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall**

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

**Councillors**

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

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. A.J. Markley. <b>Absent:</b> Cllr. G. Betsworth.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> None.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b> None.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meetings held on the 12 July 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> None.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> There had been no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Financial Report</b> The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £15,195.08 in the Current Account and £270.11 in the Deposit Account on 11 October 2022. It includes £1,000 received from Cumbria County Council towards the cemetery building. Clerk to obtain details of the number of houses in the parish and the impact on the Precept. It was questioned if the Clerk's salary can be reviewed when the new pay scales have been agreed with a view to increasing the hours to reflect the additional involved with the Parish Projects group. It was also suggested that the clerk's wages and expenses be shown separately on the financial update.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Requests for financial assistance</b> Great North Air Ambulance – It was agreed that a donation of £100 be provided. They are planning to purchase new vehicles which will provide 24/7 coverage, particularly at night when the air ambulance is unable to fly.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Payment of Accounts</b> Cheque payments to 11 October 2022 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> a) CALC News – May & June 2022. b) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 4 July 2022. c) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 21 July 2022. d) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter July 2022. e) CALC - Training Programme September to December 2022. f) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2022. g) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 4 August 2022. h) Civility and Respect Newsletter 4. i) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 12 August 2022. j) ACTION with Communities in Cumbria - Update 5 August 2022.	

- k) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 18 August 2022.
- l) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 26 August 2022.
- m) Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2022.
- n) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 1 September 2022.
- o) CALC - Developing your Skills and Steve Parkinson Training – Sept to Dec 2022.
- p) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 15 September 2022.
- q) CALC NEWS July & August 2022.
- r) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 22 September 2022.
- s) Connecting Cumbria – September 2022.
- t) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 30 September 2022.
- u) Annual Meeting of the Allerdale district of Cumbria association of local councils 20th July 2022. Agenda and minutes of last meeting.
- v) Cumbria Highways – Enq Ref: EI/75524 Re: silage clamp at Hartlaw Farm, Silloth, CA7 4PH. Action now complete and has been closed.
- w) Cumbria Highways – Enq Ref: EI/76254 Re: large pothole near Lochinvar, Causewayhead, Silloth. Action now complete and has been closed.
- x) Cumbria Highways – Enq Ref: EI/76261 Re: overgrowing at The Windmill, Causewayhead, Silloth. Assigned to the Highways Team. The hedge has been trimmed but has not been cut back as far as needs to be.
- y) Environment Agency – Ref: 2082213 220725/JH01 Hartlaw Farm – The matter has been sent to the relevant team who deal with these types of reports and have knowledge of the area. The silage clamp is still leaking and needs to be reported again.
- z) CALC Annual General Meeting 24th September 2022 at 10.00am.
- aa) CALC - Climate Change - 3 Ways that Town and Parish Councils can respond using their powers and duties.
- bb) Cumbria Highways – Temporary Road closure – C2052, Silloth to allow CCC to carry out drainage repair works, to commence 22 August 2022 for 3 days. Road at Barracks Bridge was meant to be closed for 11 days but has gone on for a lot longer. The road has flooded since the sewerage plant was put in. The drainage was meant to have been sorted last year. The road closure has been extended due to issues with the drainage. The marsh road was also closed which resulted in part of the town being cut off. West Causewayhead lane was also closed due to damage caused by all the heavy vehicles going that way but was reopened quickly. There needs to be a weight restriction on West Causewayhead Lane which Holme Low have been fighting for, for many years.
- cc) Environment Agency - Notes & presentations from Cumbria Nuclear Sites Engagement Meeting - 18 May 2022.
- dd) Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements - During the previous 5-year period all smaller authorities were 'opted-in' to the central procurement regime managed by SAAA - no authority decided to 'opt-out' and follow the various complex procedures required under statute to appoint their own external auditor. To continue as part of the SAAA sector led auditor appointment regime no action is required, and the Council will remain part of the central scheme.
- ee) Cumbria Highways - Reactivation Road Closure - B5302, Wigton Road, Silloth – from 6 September for 11 days.
- ff) Cumbria Wildlife Trust – Cumbria’s Plan Bee – Engaging Cumbria to help our pollinators. Information about the scheme and opportunity to put forward ideas.
- gg) Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation.
- hh) CALC Annual General Meeting - Saturday 24th September 2022.
- ii) Draft Local Flood Risk Management Consultation - Rescheduled 20th September 2022.
- jj) CALC Annual General Meeting – Change of Date - 29th October 2022.
- kk) CALC - Questionnaire to help Cumbria LEP understand the level of impact that the rising and volatile energy costs are having across the public sector.
- ll) Adopt Coast to Coast – Email seeking support in promoting the services of Adopt Coast to Coast. Contact details of the Solway Buzz provided.

	<p>mm) Environment Agency - Cumbria Engagement Meeting 19 October 2022 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm on Teams.</p> <p>nn) Invitation for Town &amp; Parish Councils to Cumbria Flood &amp; Coast Forum on 20 October at Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.</p> <p>oo) Cumberland Council update on LGR on 15 November 2022 at 7pm on Teams.</p> <p>pp) Environment Agency – River Derwent salmon and sea trout fishing regulations byelaw consultation. Request for information to be included on the website.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><b>Ref No:</b> OUT/2022/0010 <b>Applicant:</b> Mark Orchard <b>Proposal:</b> Outline planning application for residential development with all matters reserved (Resubmission) <b>Location:</b> Land at Causewayhead opposite New Rose Cottage, Silloth - The application above will be considered at a meeting of the Development Panel on 6 September at 10.00am. The application was considered by the development panel on 6 September and Mr Orchard provided an update.</p> <p><b>Allerdale Borough Council</b> has approved the following:  <b>Ref No:</b> HOU/2022/0145 <b>Applicant:</b> Mr &amp; Mrs Michael &amp; Brenda Davison <b>Proposal:</b> Demolition of existing upvc conservatory to form new rear kitchen extension <b>Location:</b> Shaolin, Barracks Bridge, Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4NR.</p> <p>The <b>Parish Council</b> considered the following:  <b>Ref No:</b> FUL/2022/0222 <b>Applicant:</b> D A Harrison <b>Proposal:</b> Resurfacing and extension of the existing yard for storage of concrete products including new or replacement surfacing. <b>Location:</b> Hanger 43, Silloth Industrial Estate, The Airfield, Silloth, CA7 4NS. The application was discussed and the hours of work, volume of traffic and additional noise was questioned which may be an issue to residents living on Barracks Bridge and Lido Village. It was agreed that the questions be raised with Allerdale Borough Council.</p>	
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</b></p> <p><b>Longcake Educational Foundation</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Coastal Community Team</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Sea Dyke Charity</b> – There is nothing much to report. Cllr. Findlay had not received an agenda for the last meeting. The roof on the shed has not been sorted yet but the materials have already been paid for.</p>	
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>County Council &amp; Allerdale Reports</b></p> <p>No report.</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>Reports from Councillors</b></p> <p>Concerns have been raised about stones put along the roadside outside properties on West Causewayhead lane which should be reported to Cumbria Highways. If damage is caused to a vehicle the householder will be responsible. Cumbria Highways to be contacted.</p> <p>Cllr. Wright questioned if a new bridge had been put on the marsh near the cattle grid.</p>	
<b>15.</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Announcement</b></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all the work done by the Clerk.</p>	
<b>16.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.</p>	

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