

**Holme Low Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall**

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

**Councillors**

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

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. M. Orchard.	
<b>2.</b>	The Parish Council expressed their sympathy to Cllr. Geoff Betsworth following the sad death of his wife in December.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> None.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b> None.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Minutes</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meetings held on the 11 October 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> None.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> There had been no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Financial Report</b> The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £14,486.92 in the Current Account and £270.11 in the Deposit Account on 10 January 2023.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Requests for financial assistance</b> None.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Payment of Accounts</b> Cheque payments to 10 January 2023 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Budget 2023/24</b> 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 2023/24. The council tax base figure for 2023/24 is 135.84 which will result in a charge of £44.17 on a band D property. Prior to the boundary change in 2019, the base figure was 107.99 which resulted in the charge on a band D property of £55.56 for the same precept.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> a) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 6 October 2022. b) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 13 October 2022. c) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – October 2022. d) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 21 October 2022. e) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 27 October 2022. f) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2022. g) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 3 November. h) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 11 November. i) Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update 29.10.22 to 11.11.22.	

- j) CALC News - September & October 2022.
- k) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 18 November.
- l) CALC – Developing Your Skills – Jan to June.
- m) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 25 November.
- n) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – December 2022.
- o) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 1 December.
- p) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 9 December.
- q) Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update: 12.11.22-02.12.22 and w/e 11.12.22.
- r) ACT Update - December 2022.
- s) Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter – 16 December.
- t) Peter McCall's Autumn newsletter.
- u) CALC News - November & December 2022.
- v) Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2023.
- w) Environment Agency – Ref: 2082213 220725/JH01 Hartlaw Farm. Information has been logged onto the system.
- x) Cumbria Highways – Enq Ref: EI/98315. Re: Large stones on roadside on West Causewayhead Lane.
- y) Cumbria Highways – Enq Ref: EI/90010. Re: Mirror on wall of St Paul’s churchyard. Assigned to highways team.
- z) Environment Agency – Silage clamp at Hartlaw Farm – Following an inspection, an action plan was provided for the farm to follow to bring structures into compliance and reduce risk of pollution.
- aa) Cumbria Highways – Urgent Road closure – C2015 – Blackdyke, Silloth for a period not exceeding 5 days from 20 October for urgent highway works.
- bb) Great North Air Ambulance – Letter of thanks following the donation of £100 by the Parish Council.
- cc) NALC - new report on the 2022 local elections.
- dd) CALC – Cumbria CVS AGM is on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Energis, Workington.
- ee) CALC – Parish Council communication regarding elections.
- ff) CALC - Boundary Commission for England 2023 Boundary Review. Consultation is open until 5 December 2022.
- gg) Cumbria County Council - Cost of living Crisis - Important Resources: Community Leaders Pack, Household Leaflet, and a film to share.
- hh) CALC - Chief Officer Roles - Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council.
- ii) Notification of external auditor appointment for the 2022-23 financial year for the 5-year period until 2026-27.
- jj) NALC Legal Update – December 2022.
- kk) Cumbria Highways – Enq Ref: EI/98315. A site visit took place on 07/12/22, and Cumbria Highways are now in the process of arranging the removal of the boulders on the grass verges.
- ll) Cumbria County Council - Cancer Community Champions Project has launched and they’re looking for people to become Cancer Champions.
- mm) CALC - Police and Crime Commissioner asks the public their view on budget proposals. Link to the survey can be found here: [Council Tax Consultation 2023-2024 \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk). The survey will close at 5pm on 20 January 2023. Individual Cllrs. to submit their own comments.

Complaints had been received about large stones along the roadside on West Causewayhead Lane which has been reported to Cumbria Highways. If vehicles are damaged as a result, it would be the responsibility of the householder. The road is collapsing on West Causewayhead Lane, and the full length of the road needs to be inspected – Report to

WEJ

	Cumbria Highways. A sign at the road end at Hartlaw was knocked over by a vehicle during the cold spell in December and needs to be relocated – Report to Cumbria Highways.	WEJ
13.	<p><b>Planning Applications</b>  <b>Allerdale Borough Council has approved the following:</b>  <b>Ref No:</b> HOU/2022/0189 <b>Applicant:</b> Teresa Storr <b>Proposal:</b> Proposed construction of sunroom and provision of photovoltaic panels <b>Location:</b> Swallows Waite, Seaville, Silloth, CA7 4PT.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</b>  <b>Sea Dyke Charity</b> – No meeting.  <b>Hellrigg Community Fund</b> – Grants have been distributed to the following: Silloth Parkrun £2,500 and Silloth-on-Solway Sports Association £4,910.80. Application from Silloth Rugby Union Club was rejected. Cllr. Betsworth agreed to be the Holme Low representative on the grants panel, replacing Cllr. Edmunds. The Parish Clerk will advise Cumbria Community Foundation of the change in representative.  <b>Longcake Educational Foundation</b> – No report, as Cllr. Betsworth did not attend the last meeting.  <b>Coastal Community Team</b> – No meeting.  <b>Sea Dyke Charity</b> – Cllr. Graham went to see the tenants of the farm. There had been problems with frozen pipes in the dairy during the cold spell. They are currently building a shed at the Gale. There are no issues.</p>	WEJ
15.	<p><b>County Council &amp; Allerdale Reports</b>  No reports.</p>	
16.	<p><b>Reports from Councillors</b>  The roads around the parish are a mess where vehicles have been chewing up the verges. There are two drains/manholes outside the block factory at Blackdyke, but one has disappeared and is full of debris due to the wagons leaving the factory which is causing the road to flood – Report to Cumbria Highways.</p>	
17.	<p><b>Chairman’s Announcement</b>  The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all the work done by the Clerk.</p>	
18.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b>  Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.</p>	
19.	<p><b>2022/23 National Salary Award</b>  The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new pay scales for 2022/23 which are to be implemented from 1 April 2022. The Parish Council agreed to increase the Parish Clerk’s salary in line with the new agreed pay scales.</p>	

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