

**Holme Low Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 October 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. Orchard (MO).

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

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. K. Orchard (KO). Also, Tony Markley (Cumberland councillor).	
<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 meeting held on the 11 July 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> No-one from Cumbria Highways turned up to the meeting to discuss the damage to the verge at the bottom of Kingside Hill, although a reply was received to say they had spoken to someone. Further email to be sent. Longwood Garden Centre does not appear to be used for horticultural or agricultural purposes.	<b>WEJ</b>
<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 £27,432.05 in the Current Account and £270.11 in the Deposit Account on 10 October 2023. This includes the following funding for the cemetery building: - £10k Lottery Community Fund, £10k Hellrigg Community Fund & £1k Cumbria County Council.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Requests for financial assistance</b> None.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Payment of Accounts</b> Cheque payments to 10 October 2023 were approved for payment by the Parish Council. The Cumberland Building Society now require the Parish Clerk to be verified and the “Add a party” form was duly signed by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, although the Parish Clerk will not have the authority to sign cheques.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> a) Action with Communities in Cumbria – Update July 2023. b) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter July 2023. c) CALC News – May & June 2023. d) Summer Newsletter Cumbria Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. e) CALC - Training & Development Programme - September - December 2023. f) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – September 2023. g) CALC News – August/September 2023. h) Action with Communities in Cumbria – Update July 2023. i) Cumberland Council – Enq Ref: EI/162101 – re: Damaged gully at bottom of Kingside Hill.	

- j) Cumberland Council - Enq Ref: EI/162169 – re: Request for 40mph road marking at Causewayhead, opposite the cemetery.
- k) Cumberland Council - Enq Ref: EI/162172 – re: Request for hedge to be cut adjacent to the cemetery.
- l) Environment Agency – Briefing regarding the change in the dry weather response status from normal to prolonged dry weather.
- m) Notice of Allerdale District Association Annual General Meeting to be held 26th July 2023.
- n) CALC – Letter from Mary Bradley Chair of CALC regarding the outcome of the Special meeting held on 22 July Re: Proposal for CALC to be Private Company Limited by Guarantee.
- o) Minutes of Allerdale District Association AGM held on 26 July 2023.
- p) CALC - County of Cumbria & D-DAY 80 – 6th June 2024 - Guide to Taking Part in D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024.
- q) Information about the Cumberland Council Community Panels and Community Networks, which have replaced the three local committees of Allerdale, Carlisle and Copeland.
- r) Cumberland Council - Enq Ref: EI/162169 – re: Request for 40mph road marking at Causewayhead, opposite the cemetery. currently assessing the viability and feasibility of this request and should have an answer within the next 6-8 weeks. They will re-open this case on 18th September 2023 and will provide us with further information, once they have received the relevant information.
- s) Cumberland Council – Enq Ref: EI/160080 - Confirmation that a team has attended the location reported on West Causewayhead and carried out a repair to the pothole on the carriageway.
- t) Notification about the CALC Annual General Meeting on 30th September 10.00am.
- u) Fire and Rescue Plan - Public consultation survey. [Fire and Rescue Plan Public Consultation Survey.](#)
- v) Cumberland Council – Enq Ref: EI/165708 – re: Obstructions and overgrown hedges near The Windmill, Causewayhead – Assigned to a Highways team.
- w) Environment Agency - Update on Sellafeld Ltd's Radioactive Substances Activities (RSA) Permit.
- x) Notes of the CALC Special General Meeting held on 22nd July 2023.
- y) Cumberland Council – Enq Ref: EI/165704 – re: Damaged gully at the bottom of Kingside Hill. Due to budget constraints, they will no longer install wooden posts or bollards unless there is a pedestrian safety issue. Happy to meet a representative of the parish council to discuss concerns about road gullies being damaged.
- z) Cumberland Council – Invitation to the Fells and Solway Community Panel Workshop at Wigton Market Hall on Wed 11 October from 3pm – 5pm.
- aa) Cumberland Council – Enq Ref: EI/165708 – re: Obstructions and overgrown hedges near The Windmill, Causewayhead. Update provided.
- bb) NALC - Invitation to take part in a new national data collection on the 2023 local elections. Completed by the Parish Clerk.
- cc) CALC - Place Shaping and Service Delivery- A Questionnaire for Town & Parish Councils.
- dd) Invitation to the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the Rheged Discovery Centre, Penrith at 10.30 a.m.
- ee) Cumberland Council – Enq Ref: EI/165709 – re: Overgrown hedges at The Windmill. Location has been added to the schedule of works to cut back overgrown vegetation.
- ff) CALC - short presentation on Community Panels & Networks created September 2023 by Cumberland Council.
- gg) Cumberland Council - Planned Road Closure - U2027 Seaville - Morrison Telecom Services to commence 11/10/23 for 2 days.

	<p>hh) Cumberland Council - Enq Ref: EI/162101 – re: Kingside Hill. Meeting took place as arranged. It is the landowner/ home owner's responsibility to deflect water to protect their property. The road mentioned has ditches for drainage and they will arrange for these to be cleaned in the next month but are unable to provide a date.</p> <p>ii) Cumberland Council - Enq Ref: EI/170506 – re: Pothole on West Causewayhead which has re-appeared since being repaired – assigned to a Highways team.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Speed Signs</b> None of the speed signs appear to be working. The solar panels are not big enough and there is not enough sun to charge the batteries. The alternative would be to install wind turbines or to charge the batteries. It was agreed to obtain another two lithium batteries so they can be swapped when the batteries require charging. Parish Clerk to obtain the required batteries.</p>	WEJ
12.	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> <b>Cumberland Council</b> has approved the following: <b>Ref No:</b> FUL/2023/0109 <b>Applicant:</b> M Sharp <b>Proposal:</b> Erection of steel portal frame roof over existing slurry store <b>Location:</b> Wolsty Hall, Silloth, CA7 4LW</p> <p><b>Ref No:</b> AGR/2023/0037 <b>Proposal:</b> Prior notification for a general agricultural building for crop and machinery storage <b>Location:</b> Stone House, Seaville, Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4PT <b>Applicant:</b> Middleton - Prior approval is not required from Allerdale Borough Council and therefore can proceed with the development subject to any other statutory consent (i.e. building regulations, etc) required.</p> <p>The <b>Parish Council</b> has considered the following:- <b>Ref No:</b> AGR/2023/0037 <b>Applicant:</b> Middleton <b>Proposal:</b> Prior notification for a general agricultural building for Crop Storage <b>Location:</b> Stone House, Seaville, Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4PT – No comments returned.</p> <p>The <b>Parish Council</b> are to consider the following:- Pre-application consultation letter re: Proposed base station installation at VF 36981 – Disused Tower – No objection.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</b> <b>Sea Dyke Charity</b> – Meeting will be arranged soon when the accounts have been finalised. The tenant will be invited to attend the meeting.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Cumberland Council Report</b> No report.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Reports from Councillors</b> The state of the becks around the parish were discussed which are no longer maintained and cleared. Letter to be sent to the Environment Agency to ask for an update in what is happening with the becks. There are pumps at Kingside Hill and Wolsty. The running cost and maintenance of the pumps is costly and the Environment Agency don't want to pay for them.</p>	
16.	<p><b>Chairman's Announcement</b> The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Parish Clerk for all the work she has done.</p>	
17.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Annual Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.</p>	

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