

**Holme Low Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall**

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

**Councillors**

Cllrs. M. Cornforth (MC), D. Findlay (DF), K. Orchard (KO) & M. Orchard (MO).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Parish Clerk (WEJ) & 1 member of the public.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. C. Edmunds	
<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 9 April 2024 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 were 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 £16,286.92 in the Current Account and £284.74 in the Deposit Account on 9 July 2024.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Requests for financial assistance</b> The Parish Council considered a request for financial assistance. <b>RESOLVED</b> that a donation of £50 be provided to Citizens Advice Allerdale.	WEJ
<b>9.</b>	<b>Payment of Accounts</b> Cheque payments to 9 July 2024 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Financial Regulations</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council adopt the new Model Financial Regulations released by NALC.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> a) NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Newsletter - Integrated Care Board News - specialised services delegated to ICB to join up care. b) Cumberland Council – Partnership Information, LGR & Coronavirus – 5 April 2024. c) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter April 2024. d) Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2024. e) Tidelines – Newsletter of the Solway Firth Partnership – Spring/Summer 2024. f) Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Update – May 2024. g) Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Newsletter – Spring/Summer. h) Cumberland Council - Summer Environment and Climate Newsletter. i) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter May 2024. j) CALC News – March & April 2024. k) Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Update – June 2024. l) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter June 2024.	

	<p>m) Cumberland Council – Copy of slides from Public Space Protection Order presentation.</p> <p>n) Cumbria Highways – Enq. Ref: EI/20169 – re: Request for footway lighting to be installed between Silloth &amp; Barracks Bridge.</p> <p>o) Email from a local resident suggesting that in future any vacancies on Holme Low Parish Council could be better advertised.</p> <p>p) Cumbria Highways – Enq. Ref: EI/182823 – Re: Damaged sharp bend sign at Barracks Bridge. Temporary repair has been carried out and a permanent repair will be carried out in due course.</p> <p>q) NALC – April 2024 Legal Bulletin.</p> <p>r) CALC AGM 2024 – Save the date – 12 October 2024.</p> <p>s) Cumbria Highways – Enq. Ref: EI/20169 - There are no proposals to provide additional lighting in the reported location on the section of the B5302 between Silloth and Barracks Bridge corner. Irrespective of the speed limit there is no duty on the Council to provide lighting and the available road traffic accident data does not support the significant investment required to illuminate this stretch of road or outweigh the detrimental environmental impact this would have on a dark sky environment. The majority of roads in Cumberland remain unlit and the expectation is that users should take the appropriate precautions when using this section of road as they do for all other unlit sections of road. Footpath is being encroached by weeds and needs reinstated to its proper width. Issue to be reported to Cumbria Highways.</p> <p>t) NALC – Good Councillor’s Guide 2024.</p> <p>u) Cumberland Council – Urgent temporary road closure to allow urgent carriageway repairs from 23 May for 5 days at U2025 Brownrigg.</p> <p>v) CALC – Seeking nominations for the appointment of two Directors for the CALC Board Allerdale Area from October 2024.</p> <p>w) Cumberland Council – re: B5300 Maryport to Silloth. A temporary Speed limit has been put in place to allow Cumberland Council Highways Service to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 1st July 2024 and anticipated to take 3 weeks to complete.</p> <p>x) NALC – June 2024 Legal Bulletin.</p> <p>y) Cumberland Council – re: Holme Low Parish signs – Community panels would be unable to fund the refurbishment of the signs, but Highways have money set aside for the restoration of heritage fingerposts. It was suggested that an email be sent to Amber Sykes. It was agreed to wait until the Causewayhead building is finished before starting another project.</p> <p>Cumbria Highways have stated they are monitoring the gutter at the bottom of Kingside Hill but a wagon has caused damaged again. Something needs done about it soon.</p>	WEJ
12.	<p><b>Planning Applications</b>  <b>Cumberland Council</b> has approved the following:  <b>Ref No:</b> FUL/2024/0062 <b>Applicant:</b> Mr Storr <b>Proposal:</b> Erection of agricultural workers dwelling <b>Location:</b> Fir Tree Farm, Seaville, Silloth, CA7 4PT</p>	
13.	<p><b>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</b>  <b>Sea Dyke Charity</b> – The new shed at Swinsty Farm is nearly up. The builder has been given another £25k to finish it. The tenant is removing the old shed and relocating it. Sea Dyke are investing in their own assets and the tenant is also investing a lot of money.  <b>Longcake Educational Foundation</b> – No report.  <b>Hellrigg Community Fund</b> – No report.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Cumberland Council Report</b>  Cllr. Markley provided a report. Things are moving forward. He is no longer chair of scrutiny but is still chair of IFCA and the community panel. Carlisle Airport has been taken over by</p>	

	<p>Jenkinson's. There is to be a £5-6m investment to get it going again. The Solway Coast community panel has distributed all its funding in grants and 3 of its members are non-councillors. The Silloth/Maryport bus route has come to an end. Cumberland Council have received funding to support the route, but it is difficult to get new operators as it may not be viable. Cumberland Council are to get a big allocation of money over a period of years as a result of the cancellation of phase 2 of the HS2 project which is to be spent on highways. New roads are not needed but existing roads need better maintained. Highways Department is 60-70 staff down as they wouldn't allow new staff, but they have relinquished the decision and are now advertising. Cumberland Council are reviewing the winter maintenance programme which is to start next week. The Solway Coast National Landscapes (former AONB) is also a member of staff down, but they are now advertising for a new staff member.</p>	
<b>15.</b>	<p><b>Reports from Councillors</b> None.</p>	
<b>16.</b>	<p><b>Chairman's Announcement</b> The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Town Clerk for all the work she does. In the time Cllr. Graham has been Chairman he has worked with six Parish Clerks and things have changed a lot in those 50+ years. He has worked with Mr Sago, Kathleen Coulthard, Margaret Lawson, Lesley Hope, Margaret Wright and Wendy Jameson, who has been Parish Clerk for the last 22 years.</p>	
<b>17.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 8 October 2024 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.</p>	

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