

Holme Low Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 11 November 2014 at 7.30pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present

Cllr. J. Graham (JG) – Chairman

Councillors

M. Wright (MW) A. Sowden (AS)
N. Dainton (ND) D. Findlay (DF)
M. Pearson (MP)

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

1.	Apologies Cllr. Tony Markley & PCSO Pete Nichol.	
2.	Declarations of Interest None	
3.	Exclusion of Press & Public None	
4.	Minutes After a couple of minor amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2014 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
5.	Matters Arising Cllr. Jefferson was looking into developments on the Airfield by Harrisons following complaints by local residents. It was agreed that Cllr. Jefferson be asked for a report to the Parish Council, following the recent site meeting.	WEJ
6.	Police Report PCSO Nichol sent his apologies and provided a Police update by email.	
7.	Financial Report The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £2305.03.	
8.	Requests for financial assistance The Parish Council considered requests for financial assistance:- a) Allerdale Credit Union – It was agreed that no donation be provided. b) Great North Air Ambulance – It was agreed that a donation of £100 be sent.	WEJ
9.	Payment of Accounts Cheque payments to 11 November 2014 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.	
10.	Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2014 A report was received from BDO LLP following the external audit which raised the matter of trustee information not being disclosed to the Charity Commission. The Clerk phoned BDO LLP to find out exactly what needed to be changed. Rather than individual Cllrs. being listed as trustees for the Parish field, the Parish Council is listed as trustee, with the Clerk as contact for the Council.	
11.	Correspondence a) CALC Circular – September 2014. b) North West Coast Connections – Project News – September 2014. c) CALC Circular – October 2014. d) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2014. e) Cumbria Community Foundation – Annual Review 2014. f) CALC Circular – November 2014.	

- g) CALC - New Regulations – Open and Accountable Local Government. Final version of CLG’s guide to the public’s new rights.
- h) CALC – External Audit & Data Transparency – Details of the proposals which apply if a Council has an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000.
- i) Cumbria Highways – Re: Signs at Seaville crossroads. Logged onto the system and assigned to the supervisor for the area to deal with.
- j) North West Allerdale Councillor Drop-in Day – 29 August 2014. Cllr. Markley, Police & Crime Commissioner Richard Rhodes and CCC Area Engagement Officer Hayley Bishop will be at Silloth Community Hall from 15.30-16.00.
- k) Information Commissioner – Confirmation of Data Protection Registration.
- l) Information about the Eden Project’s Big Lunch Extras programme which is designed to help individuals make a real difference in their neighbourhood, with a free 3 day residential training event at the Eden Project.
- m) News Release – Information about the North West Coast Connections Project.
- n) North West Coast Connections Project – Update concerning the National Grid’s public consultation events including various dates. 29 Oct 1.30pm-8pm at Wigton Market Hall. 30 Oct 1pm-8pm at Aspatria Rugby Club..
- o) Building Resilience – Now and for the future – Community Emergency Planning – A conference will take place on 9 October, 1.30pm-8pm at The Stoneybeck Inn, Nr Penrith. Anyone interested in attending must book a place before 6 October.
- p) Parking Policies – Government has published a discussion paper on providing a means for residents and businesses to challenge a local authority’s parking policies.
- q) Details of Grant aid available from the Solway Wetlands Landscape Partnership Community Fund to support projects across the Solway Plain
- r) The Accessible Britain Challenge Update – Formal launch 4 September. Information about the challenge and encouraging the Council’s support and involvement.
- s) National Grid – Information about consultation events.
- t) September three tier meeting will be held on 25 Sept at 7pm at Allerdale House, Workington. Also incorporating the annual meeting of the Allerdale association of CALC. Agenda and minutes etc.
- u) Cumbria Highways – re: Roadside barrier at Causewayhead. They are unable to install any safety barrier, as the section of road doesn’t lend itself to such a thing and there are no funds available for such significant civil works. Any such structure or major earthworks would be unlikely to restrain a wayward HGV.
- v) Invitation to CALC’s AGM on Saturday 15 November at The Market hall, Wigton at 10.30am.
- w) Solway Coast AONB – Invitation for a representative of the Council to the Solway Firth Partnership – Solway Coast AONB Joint Conference at The Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle on 14 November.
- x) Office for Nuclear Development - re: Geological screening events. Email seeking contact details of those interested in participating in one of these initial public events. Parish Clerk’s contact details have been provided so that the Parish Council are kept informed.
- y) Solway Coast AONB Partnership Joint Advisory Committee – Minutes of the meeting held in 22 May 2014.
- z) Cumbria Community Fund – Details of various funds administered by the Cumbria Community Foundation which are available to local organisations.
- aa) CALC – Information about the Local Council Award Scheme which will replace the Quality Parish Scheme in January 2015.
- bb) Cumbria County Council – Re: Charging for Residents Parking Permits. Copy of site notice the effect of which is to vary the following Traffic Regulation Orders in order to introduce an annual charge of £20 for the issue of each Resident (Exemption) Permit.
- cc) News release - National Grid reaches halfway point of consultation on new connections.

	<p>dd) CALC – Re: Neighbourhood Planning. Department for Communities and Local Government is keen to encourage communities to embark on neighbourhood planning and have made £100,000 available to enable groups to organise workshops.</p> <p>ee) CALC – Copy of the new transparency code for local authorities. The code will remain as recommended practice for parish councils whose gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is the higher) does not exceed £6.5 million. NALC is to clarify whether the code is intended to make the code mandatory for larger parish councils.</p> <p>ff) CALC – Notice of AGM on 15 November 2014. Minutes from AGM held on 9 November 2013 & CALC Annual Report 2014.</p> <p>gg) CALC Allerdale District – Copy of the minutes of a meeting held on 25 September 2014 at Allerdale House, Workington.</p> <p>hh) Cumbria County Council – Launch of the Council’s Public Budget Consultation ‘Securing our Future’. County Council are keen to hear views. Proposals are available at www.cumbria.gov.uk/budgetconsultation. Consultation will run until 20 January.</p> <p>ii) Cumbria Constabulary and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have launched a public consultation survey which will give people across the county the opportunity to have their say on frontline services. Responses by 7 November. Cllrs. to send their individual responses in.</p>	
12.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>a) The Parish Council have approved the following:- Ref No: 2/2014/0550 Proposal: Proposed shed to house agricultural machinery – resubmission 2/2014/0055 Location: Roddings House, Greenrow, Silloth Applicant: Eric Stanwix Ref No: 2/2014/0565 Proposal: Erection of slurry store Location: Balladoyle Farm, Silloth Applicant: Mr G Whitfield Ref No: 2/2014/0587 Proposal: Single storey extension to front Location: Pelutho Grange, Balladoyle, Silloth Applicant: Mr A Whitfield</p> <p>b) The Parish Council have raised questions in relation to the following: Plan No: 2/2014/0570 Proposed development: Application for hazardous substance consent Location: Origin Fertilisers, Silloth Industrial Estate, The Airfield, Silloth Applicant: Origin UK Operations Ltd. No response received to the questions raised by the Council. Everything is now in secure storage so safety shouldn’t be an issue.</p> <p>c) The Parish Council have refused the following:- Ref No: 2/2014/0293 Proposal: Installation of a 500kW wind turbine (67m to blade tip) and its associated infrastructure (crane pad, access track and meter house) Location: Dundraw Farm, Dundraw, Wigton Applicant: DJ Harrison</p> <p>d) Allerdale Borough Council have refused the following:- Ref No: 2/2014/0449 Proposal: Installation of a single small scale 11kW Gaia wind turbine mounted on an 18m lattice mast with a maximum tip height of 24.5m (resubmission of 2/2013/0754) Location: West House Farm, Silloth Applicant: Mr Colin Winter</p>	
13.	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies</p> <p>Longcake Education Foundation – Grants of £300 each were given to four schools. A grant of £150 was given to a student and £150 to Abbeytown pre-school.</p> <p>North West Allerdale Forum – No meeting.</p> <p>Sea Dyke Charity – Cllr. Graham gave a verbal report.</p> <p>Hellrigg Community Fund – Meeting of grants advisory panel took place on Monday at Abbeytown. Most of the funding allocated so far has gone to Abbeytown.</p>	

14.	County Council Report No report received.	
15.	Parish Plan It was suggested that a Community Group be set up to access funding as the Parish Council are restricted, as to what they can apply for. It was agreed that something be put in the Solway Buzz to get some support and find some volunteers. Need to judge support before can progress further. Consideration can then be given to possible projects.	
16.	Budget 2015/16 The Clerk had produced some draft figures based on previous year's accounts and the current year's spending. After some consideration it was agreed to raise a precept of £2000 for 2015/16 - £1500 to cover the Council's usual expenditure and an additional £500 for possible Community projects.	
17.	Reports from Councillors The sign warning of the sharp bend at Causewayhead corner, outside Tanglewood needs to be cleaned as it is green and unreadable. Report to Cumbria Highways. The sign for the MOT testing station has had to be removed. The light outside Longcummercattiff has now been fixed. Sign for Causewayhead at the end of West Causewayhead lane needs to be replaced as it has almost completely corroded. Report to Cumbria Highways. A sign is needed at Seaville to warn motorists of 'No through road'/dead end. Contact Cumbria Highways. Still waiting for a sign at East Causewayhead. There is a problem with two vehicles travelling at great speed through Causewayhead at 8.15am each morning, heading to Carlisle. Report to Police and request action be taken.	WEJ WEJ WEJ
18.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also thanked the Clerk for the work she does.	
19.	Date of next meeting Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.	

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