

Holme Low Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 9 August 2016 at 7.30pm at Silloth Community Hall

Present

Cllr. J. Graham (JG) – Chairman

Councillors

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

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ) & Cllr. A.J. Markley.

1.	Apologies PCSO Peter Nichol.	
2.	Declarations of Interest None.	
3.	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
4.	Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2016 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
5.	Matters Arising None.	
6.	Police Report Police Report was sent by email and circulated to members of the Council. The Police were to monitor the speed of motorists between Silloth and Causewayhead but it had been mentioned on Facebook which forewarned people. Early morning is when there a real issue. The Council were surprised there was no mention of the fires on the Golf banks in the report a lot of which are within Holme Low Parish.	
7.	Financial Report The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £1,605.17 in the bank.	
8.	Requests for financial assistance None.	
9.	Payment of Accounts Cheque payments to 9 August 2016 were approved for payment by the Parish Council.	
10.	Correspondence a) North West Air Ambulance – Skylines Newsletter – May 2016. b) Tidelines Newsletter – Issue 44 Spring/Summer 2016. c) CALC Circular – May 2016. d) RWM e-bulletin 26 May 2016. e) CALC Circular – June 2016. f) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – June 2016. g) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2016. h) NuGen News – Issue 2 – Summer 2016. i) CALC Circular – July/August 2016. j) Great North Air Ambulance e-newsletter issue 5 June 2016. k) Waver/Wampool Proposed Water Level Management Board Newsletter June 2016. l) Local Council Review Magazine – Summer 2016. m) Allerdale three tier meeting – Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2016 at the Town Hall Cockermouth. n) Conference titled “The sense and Sensibility of place: Sustainable Development in Sub-regions”	

- is to be held on 10 June at the UCLan campus on the Westlakes Science Park, near Whitehaven.
- o) Email from Mark Hodgkiss to acknowledge request for new bus timetable for opposite Tanglewood.
 - p) Environment Agency – Email to confirm report of water contamination – Reference number 1434529. Water is stagnant in the beck but there is no smell now. Environment Agency have identified which becks they will be clearing out. Setting up of a water board is still in progress. Clerk to contact them for an update.
 - q) Allerdale Borough Council – re: Wagons leaving port. Richard Cain has spoken to Harbour Master who has confirmed that wagons should be sheeted before leaving the Port. He has spoken to Thos Armstrongs, DA Harrison’s and W Armstrongs and asked them to speak to their drivers. If problem persists, contact Mr Cain again.
 - r) Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation – Documents and plans can be viewed at http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/planning-environment/policy/minerals_waste/MWLP/Consultations2016.asp. Comments by 5 July 2016.
 - s) Email from Tim Shield at Cumbria Highways to confirm that work will be carried out to the footpath between Causewayhead corner and Silloth.
 - t) Department for Communities and Local Government – Call for applications for the 4th round of Coastal Communities Fund in England. Closing date 30 June 2016.
 - u) Centenary Fields Programme – Information about the programme and how to apply. The objective is to secure recreational space in perpetuity, in honour of the memory of the millions of people who have lost their lives in the conflict.
 - v) Cumbria Central Heating Fund – Information about the fund which may be useful for members of the community.
 - w) CALC – Changes to law re: bankruptcy. Information about changes to the law regarding bankruptcy being an automatic disqualification to serving as a member of a local authority.
 - x) CALC – Revised Legal Topic Notes – LTN 41 – Responsibilities of Councils as Landowners & LTN – 60 – Copies of Planning Documents.
 - y) Cumbria County Council – Bridges and Roads Update – 17 June 2016.
 - z) Allerdale three tier meeting – Agenda for meeting on 30 June at Bothel Village Hall at 7.00pm and Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2016.
 - aa) Email from Mark Hodgkiss with details of the changes to the bus service 60 between Skinburness and Workington from 5th September.
 - bb) CALC – Information about the Insurance Act 2015 which comes into force in mid-August.
 - cc) Allerdale Borough Council – Email to confirm receipt of proposals in relation to the Cemetery at Causewayhead.
 - dd) Letter from Sue Hayman asking if the Parish has good Broadband connectivity. CCC have been working with BT to get areas connected. Systems have moved forward now, with new systems available which may be quicker and cheaper. 5% of the area will not be covered. Broadband is available but coverage by superfast is not good. Solway Communications have put a mast up at Caldbeck which some people are accessing for broadband.
 - ee) CWGC - Information on the Living Memory project. Deadline is 18 November and too late to put anything together.
 - ff) Cumbria County Council are working with the Lake District National Park and other partners to develop a ‘Corridor Travel Plan’. Comments are requested. The aim is to provide better links into the National Park and get visitors out of the National Park and into the coastal areas which will help keep coastal areas alive. Bus services will hopefully be improved but there are no subsidies available from the County Council or Government and therefore often not feasible to run a service. Cycle route between Maryport and Allonby has been a waste, as a lot of cyclists don’t use the route and still use the road. Some are not keen to use the route due to the large amount of pedestrians. Some cyclists travel at speed and can be quite inconsiderate. Police may need to be aware of the issue. The number of cyclists is on the increase and they are being encouraged to visit the area. They need to be encouraged to use the cycle route and use it in an appropriate manner.
 - gg) West, North and East Cumbria Success Regime - Invitation to stakeholder update session. Stakeholder meeting will take place on 11 August – Carlisle (afternoon). Cumbria is a rural area and needs the small hospitals but based on statistics there should only be one hospital in the

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	<p>county. A lot of the smaller hospital beds at Wigton, Maryport and Cockermouth are being lost, as they are trying to reduce costs.</p> <p>hh) North West Coastal Access (NE) - England Coast Path: Gretna to Allonby consultation. Comments required by 19 September 2016.</p> <p>ii) Maryport Town Council are setting up a joint working party to consider how tourism can be better promoted in West Cumbria and asked if the Parish Council would be interested in taking part in such a proposal. Response to be sent to confirm that the Parish Council would like to be involved, to ensure the Council are kept informed of progress.</p> <p>jj) CALC – Nominations requested for members to serve on CALC Executive committee for a 3 year period. Nomination forms to be returned by 14 October. No nominations from the Council.</p>	WEJ
11.	<p>Planning Applications Allerdale Borough Council have approved the following:- Ref No: 2/2016/0198 Applicant: Mr G Whitfield Proposal: Proposed broiler unit Location: Balladoyle farm, Silloth</p> <p>Letter of objection sent from the Parish Council in relation to the following:- Ref No: 2/2015/0422 Applicant: Mr Kenneth Storr Proposal: Erection of chicken broiler unit Location: Fir Tree Farm, Seaville, Silloth Amendment: Ammonia Screening details and revised elevations showing silos.</p>	
12.	<p>Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies Neighbourhood Forum – Grants panel meets and money is allocated without the need for a forum meeting. Solway Coastal Community Team – A meeting took place on 7 June and the bid has gone in for stage 1 which had to be in by 30 June. Hoping to get the cycle track done from Allonby to Silloth. Longcake Education – A meeting took place on 9 June, with £600 given to each of the 4 schools. They want to be kept up to date with the Honours board which has been found at the AONB Discovery Centre. It could possibly be put in the building at Causewayhead cemetery. Konrad was waiting to receive proposals from the Parish Council regarding the cemetery which have been submitted but will also need some costs. Sea Dyke Charity – New tenant has settled in. Hoping to get a new roof on the house at Swinsty Farm which will be done in the next 10 days. Permission has not yet been granted for the new implement shed but hoping to get permission in the near future. Mike has resigned from the Seadyke but the charity will not be looking for a replacement at the present time because there is not a lot to do at the moment and it has been left in abeyance for a while.</p>	
13.	<p>County Council Report £105m received from Government for flood repairs, with £6.9m for roads and bridges. There are 35 bridges still needing worked on. The biggest problem is getting contractors. Cllr. Markley is pushing for 24/7 working. There has been a lot of restructuring within the County Council. Education – looking to rationalise. Ofsted have been in and improvements are needed. County Council has £200m less in funding but still delivering the same services. Moving into the new premises on Botchergate soon. Cumbria Highways cleared the footpath between Silloth and Causewayhead which is an improvement.</p>	
14.	<p>Parish Plan Nothing to report.</p>	
15.	<p>Reports from Councillors Hadrians Wall trail - People are being sent down to Seaville but there is nothing for them to see which is a waste of time and money. Request to be sent to ask for the signs to be taken down. The signs are at Seaville, Abbeytown and also opposite Terry Connors. Drains - Drains have grown over from Causewayhead corner to the old school house and need cleared. John has cleared the drains along West Causewayhead Lane but the verges are getting eroded away. Letter of thanks to be sent to Harrisons for the work they have done in clearing the area at the</p>	

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16.	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also thanked the Clerk for the work she has done.	
17.	Review of Parish Clerk's Salary RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk's Salary be increased by 1% for 2016/17 and a further 1% for 2017/18 in line with the National Salary Award agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) which equates to an increase of £7.92 for 2016/17 and £8.00 for 2017/18.	
18.	Date of next meeting Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 8 November 2016 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.	

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