

Minutes of a meeting of Holme Low Parish Council
Held on 19 February 2010

Present:- Cllrs. J. Graham, M. Wright, C. Byles, D. Findlay & M. Pearson. Also Wendy Jameson (Parish Clerk).

1. **Apologies**
Cllr. M. Little.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
None.
3. **Exclusion of Press and Public**
None.
4. **Minutes**
The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17 November 2009 & 19 January 2010 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
5. **Matters Arising**
No reply has been received following the letter sent re: garden waste recycling. It was questioned whether any reply had been received from Allerdale following the Parish Council's comments re: licence and routes etc in relation to the planning application at Dryholme. No reply received.
6. **Police Report**
No report.
7. **Requests for financial assistance**
 - a) Citizens Advice Allerdale - It was agreed that a donation of £30 be provided.
 - b) British Red Cross - It was agreed not to provide any funding at this time.
 - c) Great North Air Ambulance - Clarification required to find out which organisation the Cumbria Air Ambulance comes under.
 - d) Mencap - It was agreed not to provide any funding at this time.
8. **Payment of Accounts**
Cheque payments to 19 February 2010 were approved by the Parish Council.
9. **Financial Report**
The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £1797.65 in the bank.
10. **Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2009**
Following the completion of the Annual Return, the Parish Council considered the comments made by the External Auditor. a) A risk assessment needs to be carried out annually before the end of the financial year. b) Level of fidelity guarantee cover needs to be reviewed. c) Disclosure required to the Charity Commission that the Council is the sole trustee of the charity. d) Figures have not been shown correctly on the Annual Return to reflect the field rent. The comments were noted by the

Parish Council.

11. Correspondence

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2010.
- b) Allerdale Borough Council - Joint meeting with Borough Council on 4 November 2009 at 7.00pm in Allerdale House, Lonsdale Room, Workington
- c) Cumbria County Council - Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework Regulation 27 Consultations on site allocations policies and proposals map.
- d) Hopes Auction - Lettings of Stints and Grassland by Auction will be held on Wednesday 24 March 2010 at 7.00pm at The Greenhill Hotel, Wigton.
- e) Cumbria County Council - Building Schools for the future consultation leaflet.
- f) Cumbria County Council - re: West Causewayhead Lane, Silloth. Concerns expressed regarding the use of the lane by heavy goods vehicles will be recorded as an item to be included in the review of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Wigton, Silloth & Aspatria which is programmed to be carried out in the coming financial year. The condition of the road is getting seriously worse and corroding into the beck. Some of the cracks are a quarter of the way across the road. Maggie Mason phoned various heads of department and was told that no money was available to do any repairs. Letter to be sent to Highways Department to ask that repairs be done as a matter of urgency. The road is used more and more by heavy wagons.
- g) North West Air Ambulance - Letter clarifying where any money donated by Holme Low Parish Council would be spent. Further clarification to be obtained to find out which organisation the Cumbria Air Ambulance comes under.

12. Planning Applications

- a) The **Parish Council** are to consider the following:-
Ref No: 2/2009/0867 **Proposal:** Erection of two storey side and rear extensions
Location: The Windmill, Blackdyke, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr & Mrs Linden

- b) **Allerdale Borough Council** have approved the following:-
Ref No: 2/2009/0595 **Proposal:** Extension to rear of dwelling to create new kitchen and living room **Location:** Glenrosa, Barracks Bridge, Silloth **Applicant:** Mr M Buchan

- c) Response from **Cumbria County Council** re:
Ref No: 2/09/9031 **Proposal:** Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Plant **Location:** Blackdyke Industrial Estate, Silloth
The planning application has been discussed at the last two Parish Council meetings and other information has come in since the plans have been considered. Robert Shaw asked to speak at the meeting. He thanked Cllr. Graham for allowing him to speak. Mr Shaw lives right on the corner opposite where the site is to be. He gave his comments and handed a letter in. It was questioned whether the road is unclassified. There will be two engines operating at this plant and surely impossible for it to be quiet. Mr Shaw was not consulted on the application. It was questioned whether vehicles will stick to the routes they are meant to take or take the shortest route. It was questioned who will monitor this. Comments in writing are required from the Parish Council but a Cllr. can attend the meeting on Tuesday at Kendal but they will not be representing the Parish Council.

13. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Longcake Education Trust - Meeting held on 11 February at which grants of £65 were made to each of the Sunday schools and £125 to the four schools. Armstrong Watson bill was also paid. The old school notice board was discussed which is now in the care of Mr Montgomerie. Looking to see if it can be repaired and possibly sited in the Discovery Centre. Donations also made to Abbeytown play school and Holme St Cuthberts of £200 each.

Sea Dyke Charity - shed completed and paid for in full.

14. County Council report

No report.

15. Reports from Councillors

Highway Steward was in the Parish last week. He has cleaned most of the drains out and found a few more. Also cleaned gutters, washed signs and clipped branches from hedges. He only has 2 weeks in each Parish but really needs a month to do the job better. Needs more time in each parish and fewer parishes. Letter to be sent to Highways to pass these comments on.

Drain opposite the entrance to the block plant at Blackdyke needs jetted.

Road is sinking near the bridge on the Blackdyke road near Causewayhead corner.

Needs a couple of grips dug out to help the water run away.

6ft6' sign at Terry Connor's is in poor repair and needs replacing.

Sign missing at Calvo corner - there is a post but the sign is no longer there.

Sign at the end of the road up to The Windmill needs replaced.

Road through to Wolsty has been done and everyone is pleased with it.

Robert & Fiona Holliday have cut out some dykes but had planning permission.

Whitfield's have removed another dyke without permission.

Letter to be sent to Cumbria Highways to ask for their action on relevant matters.

16. Chairman's Announcements

John attended a meeting re: Parish Plan which is to include Silloth, Holme Low, Holme Abbey and Holme St Cuthbert. Abbeytown are not wanting to be involved as no-one wants to attend the meetings. Angus Emmerson represents Silloth, John Graham represents Holme Low and Linda Housby represents Holme St Cuthbert. They want to know if there is anything in the Parish that could warrant the need for a Parish Plan i.e. no pub, no village hall, closure of the church etc. An update will be provided as things progress.

The public left the meeting.

There is some barbed wire on the wrong side of the posts along the West Causewayhead lane, in fields belonging to Paddy Halpin and also Barbara Holliday. Fence has been damaged by vehicles at the Windmill. Vehicles are going too near the fence and the road is also sinking.

When the meeting took place with Maggie Mason, Cllr. Wright did a walk around all the various roads and listed all the defects.

Bale of hay at Sonny's field has been reported as unsightly. Letter to be sent to ask if he is going to remove it or do we have to report it as fly tipping in which case he will be charged for its removal.

17. **Planning Application - Ref No:** 2/09/9031 **Proposal:** Anaerobic Digestion (AD)
Plant **Location:** Blackdyke Industrial Estate, Silloth

There is a problem with the infrastructure in the area. Certain farmers will not take the suggested routes. It is a co-operative scheme and they should be able to police themselves. No consultation was carried out with residents and the Parish Council have since found out there is strong opposition to the application. Bob Skinner was meant to consult local residents in the vicinity but he didn't do it. Concerns have been raised about the lack of consultation. There will be exhaust fumes off the engine which will cause some smell. It is recommended that the silage clamp be moved further away from Robert Shaw's property.

18. **Date of the next meeting**
Tuesday 18 May 2010 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.

Signed..... Date.....