

HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Holme Parish Council on Monday 24th April 2017

Present: Cllr Medwin Sherriff (Chairman), Cllr's; Vic Brown, Sue Wragg, Alyson Churnside, Brian Cooper and Roger Bingham.

125.0 Apologies: Cllr's Hancock, Hodkinson and Taylor

126.0 Requests for Dispensations/Declarations of Interest: None

127.0 The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 27th March 2017 having been circulated to all Cllr's; these were accepted as a true record and signed as such by the Chairman.

128.0 Chairman's Remarks:

Tonight's meeting is the last of the first year of the new council. May is the Annual Meeting where the Chair and Vice Chair are elected, something councillors to think about.

A meeting was attended in Embsay near Skipton to discuss their 'Good Neighbours' scheme, they were very welcoming and informative. Cllr Brown now has all the details on how to set up a 'Good Neighbour' scheme. This now needs to be sent to CCC to look at the constitution. This scheme will be linked to the scheme the surgeries in Milnthorpe are running.

East of Milnthorpe Road Development – the Parish Council has worked with SLDC to publise this as much as possible.

Would like to remind councillors if they have any queries about council work to please contact the Clerk and/or Chairman who are quite happy to go through any queries.

129.0 County Councillor

There has not been a council session since the last parish council meeting. Complaints have been received about dog fouling and speeding, especially along Station Road and North Road.

These are long term projects.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bingham for all he has done and intends to do.

130.0 District Councillor

SLDC are doing well they have received a record income from car parking charges. The caravan site at Bowness is being extended so there will be additional income from there.

By the end of the summer 100% of the district will have recycling, currently it is 97%.

131.0 Finance

It was agreed to pay the following:

Expenses of up to £50 for Cllr Wragg to buy plants and compost – receipts needed.

Cllr Sherriff - £34.80 mileage to Embsay meeting – no further costs for this are expected.

Cllr Sherriff - £50.80 ink and paper for CLP.

S&L Trophies (Plaque) – slight amendment to font size.

DH Forrestry expense claim – Clerk explained as the contractor is self-employed expenses can not be paid these are his business costs. Cllr Sherriff suggested paying £250.00 and drawing a line under the matter. However, Cllr Brown questioned the legality of this but proposed the contract with DH Forrestry is re-negotiated for this financial year with an agreed hourly rate increase. Chair and Clerk to re-negotiate. Proposed by Cllr Brown. Seconded by Cllr Churnside. SLDC - £12.00

131.1 Bank reconciliation and statements were viewed by the council and signed by the Chairman. No budget queries.

131.2 It was agreed to transfer £600.00 from the Business Premium to the Current Account.

131.3 The Annual Accounting and Governance Statements were signed.

131.4 No proposals for amendments to Financials regs or Standing Orders. Clerk asked councillors to email any proposals before the next meeting to save time.

131.5 Internal audit fee of £75.00 as agreed.

Cllrs Bingham and Cooper left to attend to other business.

132.0 Other Items

132.1 Police Report was read out, no incidents were reported within Holme just the wider area. The report is available on the noticeboard on the square or the council website.

132.2 WW1 Tribute – this has been deferred to the next meeting due to Cllr Hancock's absence.

133.0 Community Issues

133.1 Cllrs met and had a full evening going through the CLP. There have been amendments to incorporate, 6/7 of the councillors have agreed the plan. The plan will be brought to the next meeting for approval; copies will be available on line and printed copies by request.

133.2 Decided not to take CCC up on their offer of managing our own road side grass verges.

133.3 Play area inspections – 2 quotations were obtained. Playdale quoted £195 for a yearly inspection, SLDC quoted £133.00 or £338.00 for monthly inspections. The council recognise the importance of regular inspections and quality of repair. It was agreed to take SLDC's offer this was proposed by Cllr Wragg and seconded by Cllr Brown.

133.4 Resident who raised concerns at the last meeting has passed his written comments onto Cllr Sherriff who has passed these to SLDC, with permission of the resident.

133.5 Playgroup have decided they would like to do something in the square, perhaps a cherry tree, Cllr Churnside is going to speak to Cllr Hancock. Cllr Brown suggested future plans for the square should be taken into consideration. The playgroup are going to put some sunflowers in the planters outside the Parish Hall.

133.6 The Clerk confirmed the noticeboard at Holme Mills is to be repaired at no expense.

144.0 Reports on Meetings

Cllr Brown and Hodkinson recently attended a LAP meeting. There were two excellent presentations on Community Housing (developing housing for local people). SLDC has finance available for housing schemes, also advisors are available. To be discussed at the June council meeting the specific local housing needs, at this stage just need to agree what the needs are and set up a working group.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 30th May 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 21.20