

HOLME PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Holme Parish Council on Monday 30th October 2017

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

47.0 Apologies: None

48.0 Requests for Dispensations/Declarations of Interest: None

49.0 The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 25th September 2017 having been circulated to all Cllr's; these were accepted as a true record and signed as such by the Chairman.

50.0 Chairman's Remarks:

- CLP – on the point of completion. Awaiting comments from SLDC planning department.
- Good Neighbours Scheme – The steering committee have put together a simple questionnaire to find out what requirements and volunteers the village has.
- Fireworks Display – this has been organised for 5th November at 7pm. The quarry has once again made a voluntary contribution.
- Voluntary Car Scheme – This has a new co-ordinator
- Community Led Housing Fund (CLHF) – SLDC officer gave an insight to how the fund works at a meeting with Cllrs Sherriff and Brown.
- Milnthorpe Rd Development – SLDC are considering issues raised and will be holding a public meeting with proposals for issues raised.
- Parking – Highways and police have taken on board the issues.
- Highways Hotline – Contacted with trip hazard when advised it had been completed Cllr Sherriff visually checked to find it had not been rectified. Cllr Bingham to look into.

51.0 Cllr Bingham – CCC

- Floods – Cllr Bingham couldn't reach Holme 2 weeks ago. Recently had meeting in Burton regarding flooding with a new officer who seems to be looking at the source of flooding. However, in general it does seem information is still not been shared.
- Motorway Speed Restrictions – there is new legislation on its way for reduction of speeds on motorways to 60mph instead of the current 50mph when there are roadworks.
- Budgets – mid budget at present, there will be further cuts but not as bad as previous years.
- New Road Carpark, Kendal – the closure of this has caused no end of annoyance amongst everyone.

52.0 Cllr Cooper – SLDC

- Overview of Finances – These look good; the caravan site brought in an extra £30,000 and parking netted £40,000 more than anticipated.
- Housing - £2.7million is available for affordable homes, SLDC are asking parishes to look at ways to get affordable housing to those who need it. Cllr Sherriff pointed out Holme Parish Council have put their position very clearly in the CLP. Holme do have a real interest in supporting local housing needs.

53.0 Public Session

- A resident asked for an update regarding the Mayfield/Pear Tree Park play/kick about area. Cllr Sherriff advised the meeting that the area is still part of the planning brief. Holme Parish Council have made their feelings known regarding this and are waiting for a response from SLDC
- A resident advised the meeting they have noticed the pavements have been marked ready for re-surfacing but when is the work going to start. Cllr Sherriff advised that he didn't know; Cllr Bingham is going to find out. Cllr Brown made the meeting aware he has logged a complaint that patching of the pavements will not be acceptable as they need a proper re-surface.

- A resident has noted that the bin in the children's play area on Mayfield is used by dog walkers and feels the bin should be moved outside the play area. The clerk advised there is to be a meeting held with an officer from SLDC regarding bin provision and locations in Holme.

54.0 Finance

It was resolved to pay the following:

- Holme Parish Hall - £17.50
- CALC – Clerk's forum - £5.00

54.1 Bank reconciliation and statements were viewed by the council and signed by Cllr Hancock. No budget queries.

54.2 Precept – Cllrs Hancock and Brown proposed a total re-modelling of the square to include a larger area for the noticeboard, re-profile of the wall, felling of the birch tree, re-surface the square and low level lighting. Most of the work will be sourced within the village. The maximum cost of the scheme would be £11,000. A full costing with drawings will be presented at the next meeting.

B4RN – Cllr Brown has found a live link exists on the boundary of the village. Funds would need to be raised; Cllr Brown would like the council to consider donating a figure of around £5,000. Clerk to contact CALC regarding the legalities around donation of monies and any ongoing commitments/responsibilities.

54.3 Lengthsman – the present contract expires on the 31st March 2018. The council resolved to increase the total contract to £5,896. (Proposed by Cllr Hancock and seconded by Cllr Brown). Clerk to contact lengthsman regarding this.

55.0 Other Items

- The current police report was read out and is available on the council website and noticeboard.
- The council resolved the following members would make up the planning subcommittee – Cllrs Taylor, Churnside and Hancock.

56.0 Community Issues

56.1 WW1 Tribute - Cllr Hancock has priced a suitable beacon at £360.00+VAT. Cllr Hancock has approached the landowners of Farleton Knott but is awaiting an answer. It was also decided to investigate the possibility of putting it on top of the church as a lot of homes have no view of the Knott. Cllr Wragg to ask the PCC.

56.2 Dog Bins – SLDC will not provide any further bins to the village, the best they will do is move a bin to a different location within the village. Clerk is meeting with an SLDC officer later in the week.

56.3 The clerk advised the council that Tim Farron is still awaiting a response from Cumbria County Council.

56.4 The clerk advised that there are now five volunteers. The clerk to continue advertising to find at least one more person.

56.5 Cllr Sherriff advised that Highways and Police do not recommend putting rocks on grass verges. They suggested using wooden stakes. Cllr Wragg to monitor the situation.

57.0 Reports on Meetings

- LAP Meeting – this dealt with fairly mundane business this time. Cllr Brown did enquire of an officer from Traffic England about the resurfacing on the inside lane of the M6 to reduce noise. Cllr Brown is awaiting a response.
- Clerk's Forum – the clerk notified the council that the recent forum is the last one. Cllr Sherriff advised the council that they had gained a lot of useful information through these forums.

Date of next meeting: Monday 27th November 2017 at 7.30pm
Meeting closed 21.35