

Holme Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28th January 2019 at Holme Parish Hall

Present: Councillors Medwin Sherriff, Alyson Churnside, Vic Brown, Ruth Taylor, Christine Herbert

District Councillors: Roger Bingham

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 25 February 2018

	Councillor Sherriff welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.	
51	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from Councillors Wragg and Hancock and District Councillors Cooper and Harvey	
52	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare.	
53	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 26 November 2018: RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a correct record and a copy was duly signed by the Chair.	
54	Chairman's Remarks: The Chair noted that it was good to see Councillor Bingham back after his recent illness. It was announced that local resident David Taylor had received the BEM in the New Years Honours List for his services to the Red Cross. It was noted that the council was not up for election this year as previously suggested. Elections would be May 2020. Moss House Residential Home – There had been some problems with some children from the home causing damage to cars and the shop window. An informal meeting had been held on Wednesday 23 January, chaired by the MD of the company that runs the home. It was a good meeting and the feelings of the public were understood. The MD wishes to improve communications with residents and intends to call another meeting in 3 months. The MD had given out his phone number publicly and advised he wished to be informed of any problems. Councillor Brown noted that he felt that by the end of the meeting, the public had a better understanding of the effects being in care had on the children. It was noted that Councillor Brown would be leaving the village at the end of February and would be resigning from the council. He had been very helpful to the chair for some time and would be missed.	
55	District and County Councillor Remarks: Councillor Bingham advised that he had been kept informed during his recent illness by Councillor Harvey. He had not been at the December District Council meeting where concern had been expressed about the future of K Village. New Road Common – there is now suggestions that it could be turned back into a car park. The plans to restore Grange Lido had been rejected. Concern had been expressed regarding flooding and attempts were being made to get the EA to pay for damage to private property. In terms of the County Council it was advised that there would be a budget meeting in 3 weeks with the expected budget to be £318m, with £600k allocated to highways in South Lakes. It was noted there had been a lot of patching of highways in Holme and that Milnthorpe Road was very bumpy. Adult and Childrens Services was a big pressure on the budget with a 2% increase in council tax. 88% of children's departments have exceeded their budgets. The situation in Cumbria is made worse by rurality and concerns were raised about the locations of foster care in relation to homes. Councillor Bingham had attended the Police and Crime Commissioners meeting and noted that the council tax would be increased by 10% (equating to £24 per year on a band D property) to provide a further 20 new officers. This had been supported by 3000 responses to the consultation, in contrast to the 1500 received in 2018. However recruiting could be changed by the fact that all new recruits have to be graduates which increases costs and could inhibit recruitment. It was noted that there had been a lot of reports of "boy racers" over the last 2-3 years. It was considered that these could be drug runners avoiding the cameras on the M6. Councillor Brown offered thanks to Councillor Bingham for work done at the top of North Road which now looks great. Councillor Bingham left the meeting at this point.	

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58		<p>Finance: RESOLVED to note the account balances as</p> <p>Current Account £17040.00 Deposit Account £6201.76</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the payments made since the last meeting</p> <p>Holme Parish Hall (Hire charges for November 2018) - £18.50 MD Hanafin & Sons (For gate and fitting at Allotments) - £543.18 Holme Parish Hall (Hire charges for September 2018) - £18.50 DH Forestry (Lengthsman charges to November 2018) - £1010.88 Scott Thornley (Salary for December 2019) - £396.00 Peter Clarke (Repairs to playground) - £210.20 Abloom Ltd (New planters) - £299.94</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve the Q3 budget monitoring report. The vice chair had sent apologies and so the bank reconciliation will be signed at the next meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Scott Thornley (Salary for January 2019)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">£396.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Scott Thornley (Printer Ink Cartridges)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">£33.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Medwin Sherriff (Gas Cylinder and Bugler for Battle's Over Celebrations)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">£40.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">HMRC (PAYE for Q2 and Q3 2018/19)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 2px;">£365.40</td> </tr> </table>	Scott Thornley (Salary for January 2019)	£396.00	Scott Thornley (Printer Ink Cartridges)	£33.76	Medwin Sherriff (Gas Cylinder and Bugler for Battle's Over Celebrations)	£40.99	HMRC (PAYE for Q2 and Q3 2018/19)	£365.40	
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59		<p>Planning: RESOLVED to approve the following application</p> <p>SL/2018/0827 – Storth Ltd, Moss Lane, Holme – Siting of a portable spray booth (retrospective)</p> <p>And to note the following decision</p> <p>SL/2018/0924 – Holme Farm, North Road, Holme – Single storey rear extension – GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS</p>									
60		<p>Other Matters: Police Report – It was noted that PCSO Boak was unlikely to make it to the meetings on a regular basis but will send regular reports. It was agreed that the Clerk will send a copy of the reports to all councillors. 40 incidents had been reported in the area with 5 crimes being submitted. Data Protection Fee – RESOLVED to agree to pay the ICO fees by Direct Debit. Council Finances – RESOLVED to allow the clerk to move surplus for the year to the interest paying deposit account after 31 March 2019. Speedwatch – The SID installed in the village had provided insufficient evidence to recommend a Speedwatch scheme, however, it was felt that one was still required. It was noted that there was a lot of speeding going out of the village and that this wasn't necessarily recorded. If a Speedwatch group is formed then any area can be targeted (provided it is safe to do so).</p>									

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	<p>It was agreed that there is a problem with speeding and that it is up to the community to do something about it. Schemes had been very successful in Milnthorpe and Endmoor.</p> <p>Parking was also discussed and it was thought that this was as big a problem as speeding. In a lot of cases the way cars are parked reduces speeding. Councillor Sherriff had been in touch with PCSO Boak regarding parking and a team has been out to Holme and don't consider there to be a problem. It was noted that depending on the time of day they attend and whether they are uniformed will make a difference.</p> <p>It was noted that a Traffic Regulation Order would have to come from Highways.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that Councillor Sherriff would speak with PCSO Boak regarding speeding and parking and that we should approach both of these problems together from the perspective of safety.</p> <p>SLDC Remuneration Panel – RESOLVED to adopt the recommendations of the panel.</p> <p>SLDC Standards Committee – RESOLVED that there were no comments to be made to the committee.</p> <p>Holme Football Club – Correspondence received from two members of the public looking to form a football club in Holme. Holme Juniors formed last year but were playing in Burton as Milnthorpe FC had refused to allow them to play on the pitch in Holme, which they currently lease. It was considered odd that Holme FC would not be allowed to play in Holme and some background to this was given by the chair. RESOLVED that Councillor Sherriff would make further enquiries and come back to the council at the next meeting.</p> <p>Canal Towpath – For security reasons, the Cricket Club does not wish to allow free access through their property and an alternative path had been identified next to the school. The Canal and Rivers Trust have been to look at this site and agreed to it in principle.</p> <p>Square Project – The noticeboard has arrived and Councillors Sherriff and Hancock are making arrangements for its installation. An evaluation form has been received from SLDC and needs to be completed once installed. It was noted that the noticeboard at Holme Mills needs to be replaced as it is leaking.</p> <p>North Road & Highways – It was noted that the footpath improvements were very pleasing, however, there were no signs of further work despite this being promised. RESOLVED to write to Peter Hosking at Cumbria Highways to find out what is happening with regard to Hillside to Burton Road and Trinity Drive.</p> <p>Succession Planning – It was noted that with Councillor Brown resigning and Councillor Sherriff having been on the council for 20+ years and wishing to step back, it was necessary to encourage members of the community to join the Parish Council. The Community Led Plan needs action and cannot be forgotten, however there is a resource problem. Elections will happen in 2020 but we need to plan for the future now. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a paper regarding planning for the future to all councillors and that there would be further discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Councillor Brown for his work on this so far.</p>	
61	<p>Next Meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 25 February 2019 at Holme Parish Hall.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.17pm.</p>	

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