

Holme Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 30 June 2025 at Holme Parish Hall

Present: Alan Williams (Chair), Karen Mason, Jane Mildwater, Liz Dale, Dave Beetham

Westmorland and Furness Councillor Vicky Hughes

4 members of the public

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 30 June 2025

636	/25	Election of Chair: Cllr. Williams as Acting Chair noted the resignation as Chair of Cllr. Sagar due to matters beyond her control. RESOLVED that Cllr. Williams was nominated and seconded and elected unanimously as Chair.	
637	/25	Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Declaration to be signed at next meeting due to absence of Clerk.	
638	/25	Election of Vice-Chair: Cllr. Mildwater nominated and seconded. RESOLVED that Cllr. Mildwater elected as Vice-Chair for 2025-2026.	
639	/25	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to record the apologies from Cllr Sagar..	
640	/25	Declarations of Interest: There were no interests to be declared.	
641	/25	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 28 April 2025: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 19 May 2025 be agreed as a correct record and a copy was signed by the chair.	
642	/25	Chairman's Remarks: There were no comments from the Chair	
643	/25	Westmorland and Furness Councillor Remarks: Cllr. Hughes had an email from Highways advising that the Stile by Holme Mills would be repaired by the end of the month. She was surprised as it was considered this had been attended to. It was noted that the gate at the bottom of the field needed attention. Cllr. Hughes questioned the progress on the SIDS. AW said that it was with Highways and they were ordering them. VH to take up with highways.	
644	/25	Public Session: Questioned progress on the bridge. AW noted that dates had been received , whilst it is two weeks work, it will be carried out between 4 Sept 2025 and finish 31 Oct 2025. It was noted this was after the schools return. It was reported the condition of the footpath down the side of the school to Hillside has deteriorated further, and sought action on this. AW stated that they would visit after the meeting and photograph. Noted she had encountered CRT staff repairing the handrail by bridge 151, and gathered from them that the access by the school was next on their list. DB reported encountering cyclists speeding down the towpath, and assumed this would dissipate once the novelty of the newness had worn off. LG noted concern over the potential for them to collide with families. Following discussion, it was resolved to contact CRT to build more of a relationship to see if something can be done on this, get better notice on their web site re cycle use and establish their plans for access repairs. It was noted by LD that the bridges are blind and this is a hazard that should be highlighted to all.	
645	/25	Finance: Account balances noted as: Current Account £20,665.54 Deposit Account £43,591.92 RESOLVED to authorise the following payments	

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		DH Forestry (Lengthsman Costs June 2025) £583.33 Scott Thornley (Salary June 2025) £680.23 Holme Parish Hall (Room Hire May 2025) £18.50 Scott Thornley (Expenses June 2025) £57.80 Westmorland and Furness (Playground Inspection 24-25) £583.20 Westmorland and Furness (Playground Inspection 25-26) £622.80 CALC (Training) £240.00 Questioned why there were two payments for Playground Inspections and advised that 2024-25 had not previously been invoiced	
646	/25	Planning: 2025/1012/FPA at Elmsfield Park, Holme - Variation of condition 1 (Approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2022/0071 (Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans), 5 (Drainage) & 7 (Soakaway) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0856 (Erection of two buildings for Use Class B2 (General Industrial) and Use Class B8 (Storage or distribution) with associated service yards and car parking provision) No comments. It was noted that the traffic along the access road to Faleton could be speedy. It was considered that there are restrictions on the road that are being ignored. AW noted this should be raised with Highways, and that the N Road towpath crossing should be also, as he had had two instances of near misses.	
647	/25	Other Matters: <u>Armed Forces Covenant</u> – Armed services covenant to be circulated to the Council for review before vote <u>Pump Track/Skate Park</u> – DB reported the meeting with W+F. The next step is to assess the interest in this. The proposal from W+F was that this is done via a 'pop up' track that can be arranged at short notice, It would be a week trail and at a cost. VH noted that W+F are seeing if they can find some money for this. It was resolved to obtain information from W+F on the cost and companies who can provide this. It was noted that this is to be advertised via social media due to the short notice of the arrangement to suit the weather. VH noted that W+F have advertised the pops ups also. <u>Village Square</u> – AW reported ENWL had confirmed they considered that 2 No 22 Kw chargers could be accommodated on the square. The formal work for this is being progressed. LD noted that the space must add to the village as it is a community space. AW said it should be considered as part of the community led plan. Db noted that the plan is date 2018, it was confirmed by AW and LGibbons that the bulk of this relates to work done may be 20 years ago, <u>Allotment Lease</u> – AW/SS met the chair of the allotment society. Neither party has money for repairs. It was discussed that both should make provision for this. It was agreed that a Structural Engineer should be approached to assess the condition.	

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		DB noted that deliveries are made across the bridge with vehicles traversing it. It was noted that this should not occur and heavy deliveries be left on the road side of the bridge. AW noted that the bridge needs to be kept in good repair as a collapse would affect the beck below. <u>Call For Sites</u> - Aw noted that this is the preliminary step. VH noted that all councils need a 5 year land allocation otherwise they can be approached by a developer on on designated land and they would not be able to refuse. Db gave a detailed break down of the areas shown on the W+F website. Following discussion, it was resolved that the land shown off Turnpike lane was outside of the village built boundary and would not be supported by the council. Discussion occurred over the type of housing and it was noted that there is a shortage of smaller units that would suit retirees. Conversation also covered the provision of affordable housing. VH noted that the need to meet BNG and energy efficiency drives cost up. It was also noted that the village infrastructure would need enhancing to support more houses. <u>Lengthsman</u> - It was RESOLVED to set up an Employment committed to review the contract and scope of the work. AW noted that the scope of the works needs to be defined as a lot appears to rely on goodwill, which may run out DB reported that he had spoken with the Lights and today and that the Dog Poo bins get emptied into W+F bins, which is very efficient. LD noted that the contract needs updating to fully cover the work and remuneration.	
648	/25	Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 30 June 2025 at Holme Parish Hall to commence at 7.30pm. Cllrs. Mildwater, Dale and Hughes all offered apologies for the next meeting VH noted she is a trustee of the Grundys Trust. This provides funding to people in need. Applications are requested, as they are currently under spent. AW to contact School to see if referrals can be made KM reported that on her latest inspection of the playground there is minor damage at the top of a climbing ropt that needs to be attended to.	

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