

Holme Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27 July 2020 via Zoom Video Conference

Present: Medwin Sherriff, Ali Wood, Sally Sagar, Liz Breaks, Andrew Hancock, Christine Herbert

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 24 August 2020

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| 155 | /20 | Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from Sue Wragg. | |
| 156 | /20 | Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare. | |
| 157 | /20 | Minutes of the meeting on Monday 27 July 2020: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 27 July 2020 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair when it is safe to do so. | |
| 158 | /20 | Chairman's Remarks: The Chair wished to acknowledge the many helpers in the village over the last few months along with Sarah who has been manning the helpline, Lime Tree Stores, Grizedales, The Post Office and The Smithy Inn. The Parish Newsletter has not been produced for a few months but it is hoped that it can be restarted in September. The playground has now re-opened and is being well used. The Parish Hall has likewise been closed for a few months but there was to be a meeting the following evening to discuss the re-opening. | |
| 159 | /20 | County and District Councillor Remarks: There were no County or District Councillors present but Roger Bingham had sent a report. The Clerk read out some of the highlights of this report and a copy will be sent to all councillors. | |
| 160 | /20 | Public Session: RESOLVED that there were no members of the public present. | |
| 161 | /20 | Finance: Account balances noted as Current Account £10,081.09 Deposit Account £24,234.79 RESOLVED to authorise the following payment Scott Thornley (Salary and Expenses July 2020). £560.33 RESOLVED to agree the Budget Monitoring report for Q1 which showed the council £1376.85 ahead of budget. | |
| 162 | /20 | Planning: RESOLVED that there had been no applications or decisions in the previous month. | |
| 163 | /20 | Other Matters: <u>Representation on other committees</u> – With the resignation of two councillors and the co-option of two new councillors recently it | |

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| | <p>was considered time to look again at the representation of the council in other areas. It was RESOLVED to move this item to the August meeting and that the Clerk would provide a list of current representation.</p> <p>Whilst discussing the representation, Cllr Herbert updated the council on the improvements to the towpath project. The Canal and Rivers Trust are pleased that the Parish Council is interested in making improvements to the towpath. The area being looked at is from North Road through to Sheernest. It was questioned why it stopped at Sheernest and did not continue to Holme Mills as this would be a great improvement for residents in Holme Mills.</p> <p><u>East of Milnthorpe Rd Development</u> – It was noted that this project is around a year behind schedule with no signs of it starting soon.</p> <p>The Parish Council is not satisfied with the way that SLDC have dealt with the allocation of a recreational area in these plans and it is hoped that we will soon be able to have a meeting with SLDC, on site, to discuss this.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact Tom Harvey to ensure our voice is heard and should also find out when the next stage in the process is likely to be.</p> <p><u>Circus Visit</u> – The Chair gave a little background to this item and noted that the Circus owner had been in touch to say that they had been given the go ahead to tour again after the COVID-19 lockdown. It was questioned where parking for the event would be and it was noted that this would be on the hard standing adjacent to the field.</p> <p><u>Clerk Pension</u> – In line with legislation regarding workplace pensions for eligible employees, it was agreed to provide a pension for the clerk with NEST, the government saving scheme.</p> <p><u>The Square Project</u> – The council had made a resolution on this item previously, however, due to the addition of a new councillor with experience in this area, it was RESOLVED to re-visit this. This project has been on hold due to the pandemic. It was noted that Cllr Wood had a background in Garden Design and Landscaping and it was agreed that she would provide a new design for the Square.</p> <p>There was a lot of discussion regarding the provision of parking spaces in the Square and whether this was necessary. It was noted that a number of people walk or cycle to the shop and the provision of bike parking was also discussed. It was also noted that a number of older people need to use their car to get to the shop and would therefore need the car parking to remain.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the tree needed to be felled before any other work could happen and so this should be done in the next couple of weeks.</p> | |
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| | | <p><u>Use of Social Media</u> – It was noted that more and more people are getting information from Social Media and that the council may want to provide information in this way. RESOLVED that the Clerk will publish the monthly minutes summary on the Facebook Groups.</p> <p><u>VJ Day</u> – It was noted that this date is fast approaching and whilst no large scale celebrations can take place, the date should be acknowledged. It was suggested that the piper should play at the memorial again and Cllr Sherriff will try to organise this. It was unclear whether anything was happening at the Smithy Inn but councillors should let the council know if they hear of any other celebrations.</p> <p><u>Additional Items</u> – It was noted that there had been an incident of a cricket ball landing in the playground which was potentially dangerous. Cllr Sherriff will speak to the Cricket Club to see if anything can be done about this.</p> <p>Training for the two new councillors was discussed. Previous recipients of the CALC training had found it useful and it was agreed to provide the training once it had been rescheduled after the pandemic.</p> | |
| 164 | /20 | <p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 24 August 2020 via Zoom video conference to commence at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21.00</p> | |

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