

Holme Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25 January 2021 via Zoom Video Conference

Present: Medwin Sherriff, Sally Sagar, Sue Wragg, Liz Breaks, Christine Herbert,
Ali Wood

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 22 February 2021

175	/20	<p>Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Hancock and County and District Councillor Roger Bingham.</p>	
176	/20	<p>Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare.</p>	
177	/20	<p>Minutes of the meeting on Monday 30 November 2020: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 30 November 2020 were a correct record and a copy will be signed by the Chair when it is safe to do so.</p>	
178	/20	<p>Chairman's Remarks: The Chair noted that the Parish Hall was urgently in need of a new Treasurer and that anyone who was interested should contact Pat Fell. Noted that a good discussion with Cllr Bingham had taken place. The Chair has been using the temporary Post Office regularly and the person running it seemed pleased with the support.</p>	
179	/20	<p>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 had been sent to all councillors.</p>	
180	/20	<p>Public Session: RESOLVED that there were no members of the public present.</p>	
181	/20	<p>Finance: Account balances noted as Current Account £3,559.29 Deposit Account £34,238.88</p> <p>The payments made since the last meeting were noted: HMRC (PAYE Q3 2020-2021) £227.31</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the following payments Scott Thornley (Salary and Expenses September 2020). £660.33 DH Forestry (Lengthsman Costs September 2020) £525.00</p> <p>The budget monitoring report for Q3 2020-2021 had been circulated and it was noted that the council was in a good position. It was suggested that some of the surplus available could be granted to local projects. It was suggested that immediately, the school may be in need of funding for laptops to support home learning. RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the school to offer financial assistance if required. Longer term it was suggested that a full grant scheme could be set up to offer grants to local groups and that this would be beneficial. RESOLVED that the Clerk will draw up a Grants Policy and that the first round of grants should be in November 2021.</p>	

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182	/20	<p>Planning: Applications</p> <p>SL/2021/0010 at 44 Mayfield Avenue, Holme – Planning permission for single storey rear extension RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application</p> <p>Decisions</p> <p>SL/2020/0658 at 4 Trinity Drive, Holme – Alterations including, raising roof height to create first floor living accommodation, 2 dormers to South elevation (one with glazed Juliet balcony), roof lights to North elevation, new boundary fence, vehicular access to front, widening of rear access and realignment of rear boundary fence/wall (Granted with Conditions)</p> <p>It was noted that further comments had been sent to SLDC regarding the height of any new boundary fence/wall not exceeding 600 mm due to the view around a blind corner being obscured.</p>	
183	/20	<p>Other Matters: <u>Noticeboard at Holme Mills</u> – Noted that this had now been lowered. <u>Ducks at Holme Mills</u> – Noted that there had been some ducks killed by vehicles and that some signage would help to stop this. RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact Cumbria Highways to ascertain the cost of signs. <u>Playground Gate</u> – Noted that this had now been repaired at a very reasonable price. <u>Speed Indication Devices</u> – Noted that the council was keen to get these installed but that without agreement from the Police and Highways Authority there was very little that could be done. <u>Parking at Holme Mills</u> – Noted that this situation had been mentioned to Kevin Jackson of Cumbria Police. Further noted that residents have been using the car park at the Social Club which has made the situation easier. It was suggested that we may be able to sort out a permit scheme with the Social Club. RESOLVED that Cllr Wood will make contact with the Social Club to discuss. <u>Square Project</u> – Cllr Wood presented new drawings and designs for the square with reduced car parking and increased visual amenities. It was noted that without a designated disabled parking bay there would be more space. Since there is currently no disabled parking bay it was RESOLVED to remove this from the plan to provide more generous parking bays. It was RESOLVED to accept Proposal 1 of the new plans but without the disabled parking bay and provided that Cumbria Highways agreed with the layout. RESOLVED that the Clerk and Cllr Wood will put together a Tender Document for this proposal in order to move this project along. <u>Flood Alleviation Project</u> – A brief description of the project was given and it was noted that investigation work had begun on North Road.</p>	

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		<p>Work is likely to be ongoing for some time. The Chair has spoken to the contractor and offered the council's help if required.</p> <p><u>Gritting</u> – It was noted that there had been some complaints on Facebook about the lack of gritting in the village. It was noted that the council has a grit spreading machine which had been used previously when former Cllr Duckett had offered to store grit.</p> <p>It was unclear what the current situation was with regard to gritting and it was suggested that the council ask County Councillor Bingham to find out from Highways. In the meantime, a note in the newsletter advising residents to use the grit bins and to report them if they are empty will be placed.</p>	
184	/20	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 22 February 2021 via Zoom video conference to commence at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21.14</p>	

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