

Holme Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25 July 2022 at Holme Parish Hall

Present: Medwin Sherriff (Chair), Christine Herbert, Sally Sagar, Liz Breaks

Clerk, Scott Thornley

3 Members of the public

To be presented for acceptance at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 22 August 2022

355	/22	Apologies for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies and record the reason from Cllr. Hancock and from County and District Councillor Bingham.
356	/22	Declarations of Interest: RESOLVED that there were no interests to declare.
357	/22	Minutes of the meeting on Monday 30 May 2022: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Monday 27 June 2022 were a correct record and a copy was signed by the Chair.
358	/22	Chairman's Remarks: The Chair noted that there had been a little bit of progress on the village shop with he and Cllr. Breaks meeting with letting agents to discuss. Prices and terms were now awaited. Noted that Cllr. Wragg had now left the village and the vacancy should be advertised.
359	/22	County and District Councillor Remarks: A report from County and District Cllr. Bingham had been circulated prior to the meeting.
360	/22	As 2 members of the public had attended to discuss a specific matter (Item 10(d) on the agenda, it was RESOLVED to bring this item forward: Holme Parish Hall Mrs Pat Fell had attended to brief the council on the situation with rising electricity costs for the Parish Hall. First of all she wished to acknowledge and thank Sue Wragg for all of her work both on the council and also on the Parish Hall Committee. Mrs. Fell noted that the Parish Hall was classed as a business and that therefore there was no price cap with regard to electricity. The current fixed rate deal was due to expire in September 2022 and the renewal quote had increased from £3,700 to £10,000. This had been negotiated down slightly but was still a vast increase. It was noted that the hall had claimed all of the grants available to them during the pandemic lockdowns and had at the moment a healthy bank balance, however, £4,000 had to be drawn from reserves this year to balance the books and with the increase in electricity this was likely to get worse. The committee had tried to think of every possibility for covering these amounts but raising hire costs risked losing bookings and grants for revenue were hard to come by. The committee wished to ask the Parish Council to consider assisting the hall if it became necessary in the future. It was RESOLVED that the Chair and Clerk would present a proposal to the council at the next meeting for consideration.
361	/22	Public Session: The situation on North Road was questioned and it was noted that a new contractor had been found and it was hoped that work would resume shortly. Ownership and management of the Kickabout Area on Mayfield Avenue was questioned as the grass is not regularly cut and maintained. It was noted that this belonged to SLDC who were responsible for it's maintenance. The council had agreement with SLDC for "Public Open Space" to be built into any plans for the extension of Pear Tree Park and it was questioned whether

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		the council would be able to do anything with it if the extension did not go ahead.													
362	/22	<p>Finance: Account balances noted as: Current Account - £10,575.78 Deposit Account - £35,074.17</p> <p>RESOLVED to authorise the following payments:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">DH Forestry (Lengthsman Costs July 2022)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£552.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Scott Thornley (Salary and Expenses July 2022)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£623.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Holme Parish Hall (Room Hire June Meeting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£18.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Parish Online (Subscription)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£72.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Viking Direct (Printer Ink)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£69.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Online Playgrounds (Spare Parts)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£249.40</td> </tr> </table>	DH Forestry (Lengthsman Costs July 2022)	£552.00	Scott Thornley (Salary and Expenses July 2022)	£623.13	Holme Parish Hall (Room Hire June Meeting)	£18.50	Parish Online (Subscription)	£72.00	Viking Direct (Printer Ink)	£69.28	Online Playgrounds (Spare Parts)	£249.40	
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363	/22	<p>Planning: <u>Applications</u></p> <p>SL/2022/0570 at 1 Primrose Bank, Burton Road, Holme – Erection of a detached dwelling with off street parking</p> <p>RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application.</p>													
364	/22	<p>Other Matters: <u>Police Report</u> – The latest report had been circulated and there were no logs of interest to the parish. <u>Platinum Jubilee Fund</u> – The headteacher at the school was delighted with the news of the fund and this year it would be put towards the purchase of a minibus for school trips. The school was partnering with St. Marys School in Kirkby Lonsdale who also have a minibus. It was RESOLVED that an agreement should be drafted and signed before the money is transferred. <u>Sheernest Lane</u> – A number of complaints had been received with regard to the cutting of verges on Sheernest Lane. The clerk advised that he had contacted Cumbria County Council who had agreed to inspect within 5 days. This needed to be chased up. Hedges and Pavement at Sheernest Lane – Noted that Cumbria County Council had not provided any further information and it was RESOLVED to chase this up. <u>Litter Bin</u> – There was some discussion regarding the location of a bin. However, it was RESOLVED to request the bin and for it to be placed next to the grit bin. <u>Village Shop</u> – Recent discussions with Spar had been positive but the space was not large enough for them to consider. They would supply the shop if required however. 2 letting agents were to visit to give advice and consider marketing on behalf of the owner. <u>Square Project</u> – The expected quote had not been received. Clerk to chase up Cllr. Hancock. <u>Footpaths</u> – The footpath running from North Road to Hillside has been assigned to a Highways Team for repair. The footpath on Moss Lane where stiles were broken – Cumbria Highways are working with the landowner to replace the broken stiles. <u>Playground</u> – Work was due to commence on Friday 29 July. <u>Church Tower Fund</u> – Cllr. Sherriff declared an interest in this item.</p>													

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		<p>It was agreed that the church was a very prominent feature in the village and was part of the community and should be looked after. RESOLVED to grant £500 immediately to the fund with a further £500 to follow later in the year.</p> <p><u>Wasps Nest</u> - RESOLVED to have this dealt with at a cost of £70.</p> <p><u>Parking on Duke Street</u> – A complaint regarding parkin on Duke Street had been received and it was noted that this had been discussed numerous times over many years but that the Parish Council had no powers in this area. RESOLVED to continue to put pressure on the Police and Cumbria County Council to do something about this.</p>	
365	/22	<p>Date of next meeting: RESOLVED that the next meeting will be held on Monday 22 August 2022 at Holme Parish Hall to commence at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 21.20</p>	

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