

Minutes of the meeting of Holme St Cuthbert Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 January 2016 at Holme St Cuthbert Hall at 7.30

Present: Mrs M Knoery (chairman), Mr R Armstrong (vice-chairman), Mr P Gibbons, Mr S Routledge
Mrs L J Housby (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr J Molyneux, Mr Strick Councillors Markley and Lister (Allerdale & Cumbria) and PC Nichol

Members of the Public: Mr D Hart

Mrs Knoery invited Mr Hart to explain why he is worried about flooding in the village of Mawbray he has had his property laser levelled from the beck it is two and a half feet above. He has also been in contact with the Environment Agency about culverts into beck from properties (Mawbray Cote and Beckside) they have no knowledge of these culverts, they are diverting water into the beck, (Environment Agency do not allow private culverts to be diverted into water courses). These culverts are on land not owned by anyone, they have been in use for tens of years and the pieces of land have been claimed by continuous use of subsequent land owners. Also said water was not getting away from the beck onto the shore into the sea, by the build-up of shingle by the movement of the tides, United Utilities do come and move shingle to keep water course clear, moves back with the next high tide, with the recent storms large amounts of debris have been washed down the beck, Mr Hart explained he has been clearing this from the beck to keep it flowing, he was thanked from this, Mr Armstrong and Mr Routledge will investigate the area marking on a map the culverts and report back to the clerk who would report the matter to Environment Agency, Mr Hart gave the name and contact details, when reply contact Mr Hart if before next meeting, proposed Mrs Knoery all in favour, Mr Hart left the meeting

Mr Bill James had been invited to the parish meeting after Mrs Knoery and Mrs Housby attended a meeting at Bankmill with Councillor Little and Karl Melville Highways Engineer about the lengthy closures of the road at Dubmill, and the effects it is having on business along the B5300, Mr James showed photos he had taken of the affected road, he also asked about diversion signs (some of the diversion roads were affected by flooding B5301 between Tarns and Overby 12 cars being stuck) on one of the diversion routes the Parish Council have put up temporary signs to stop HGV's from using the road between Jericho and Goodyhills, clerk to write to CCC Highways about these matters and to include the loss of passing place signs from Old Kiln to Edderside , also contact Allonby PC and Silloth Town Council asked if any businesses have reported any loss of income because of road closures

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2015 were proposed a correct record by Mrs Knoery all in favour

Chairman's Announcements:

The Disasters Relief Plan to be discussed at the April meeting

Allerdale CALC meeting street lighting, there are monies now available for more of the lighting to be reinstalled, that had recently been removed have contacted Allerdale about the No 4 light at Edderside, sent copies of letters and maps when originally installed, still no reply Clerk will send again

Highways conditions of the roads within Allerdale, attended meeting at Bankmill

Brought to the attention of the none mention of the Defibrillator at Holme St Cuthbert, on Christmas Eve when a parishioner had a heart attack in Goodyhills, contact emergency services about this, local paramedic finishing shift offered to help, ambulance already there

Payment of accounts:

The following payments were proposed by Mr Armstrong and the petty cash book signed all in favour- Holme St Cuthbert Hall grant, Culterham Hall grant, Mawbray Play Area, Holme St Cuthbert Hall use, Mr L J Housby internet use

Budget & Precept 2016/17:

Discussed and agreed a precept of £5000 proposed Mrs Knoery all in favour

MP Sue Hayman – Letter:

Please contact Mrs Hayman if you receive a letter from Lord Egremont claiming mineral rights on your property

Road Salt:

Please put in Community news letter 'If salt near you, please spread on roads' try to keep roads safe

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 March in Holme St Cuthbert Hall at 7.30pm

Addendum to Minutes:

Mr Armstrong and Mr Routledge checked out culverts B3500 end of Mawbray, they are both ok, while they were there Environment Agency had come to check them also on the 25 January 2016, these culverts are checked regularly and so are known by the Environment Agency - the bridge could do with some work and the route of the beck onto the shore had been cleared

Has the Environment Agency have checked the culverts it was decided not to write to them about this query, as they are checked annually or when required