

# HOLME *ST* CUTHBERT PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Minutes of a meeting of Holme St Cuthbert Parish Council held on: Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 7.30pm**  
in Holme St Cuthbert Parish Hall

**Present:** Mrs M Knoery Chairman, Mr R Armstrong vice-chairman, Mrs S Donachy, Mrs L Stevens, Mr S Routledge and Mrs L J Housby Clerk

**Apologies:** Matthew and Kate Welsh

**Members of the Public:** National Trust ecologist

Minutes of the meetings held on 02 December 2020, zoom meeting 10 February 2021 with Chris Spencer AONB, 05 February 2021, 17 February 2021 were proposed a correct record RA all in favour

Chairman's Announcements:

MK has sent a reply from the Parish Council for the reorganisation of Local Government in Cumbria, after watching presentation and reading about all options (telephone conversation) to put forward the North/South Bay Option this equally divides the County similar numbers in each area, West coast industries are counteracted with the rural areas of the North, the South Bay Area has historical connections with Lancaster (old Westmorland county) all in favour

Proposed Parish Council send a good luck message on raising the monies and purchasing The Lowther Arms, Mawbray

Good News the Wildlife Area in Mawbray is being used by locals and visitor's photo's on Only in Mawbray  
MK has sent in letter of resignation as Chairman of Holme St Cuthbert Parish Council, she has been Chairman since 2008 Mrs Knoery will continue as a Councillor (hopefully for many years)

Update Mawbray Banks AONB, SSSI:

MK welcomed John Malley, National Trust a member of the ecological land management team, who lives locally in Abbeytown

JM as a telephone meeting with Joe Bilus on Friday 23 April 2021 about the waxcaps on Mawbray Banks  
Mawbray Banks have one of the National significant sites in England for waxcap colonies, the ones on the Banks can take 40/50 years to establish. They like low/nutrient soil/sand, undisturbed grass land, cattle are bad news for waxcaps, if the micellium is disturbed this can kill parts of the colony, the best colonies are where walker's, rabbits etc keeping grass down

JM had met with Chris Spencer project manager AONB Solway Coast in October 2020, saying vehicles had been parked on sensitive sites of waxcaps, CS did not fully understand the site is of local/national level foe waxcaps. National England are now aware that this is a National site of importance

CS did not know what was at risk, there was a decision to change the management plan, CS was not showing any interest in what JM was telling him, there had already been significant damage/ loss of one site of waxcaps, be increasing the size of one of the ponds for natterjack toads

There are also other sites of interest on the Northern Banks, Mawbray – Marine Lichens and Autumn Gentians  
Cattle are now not going onto the site until summer

JM stated that a bird survey should have been started a month ago, birds will now have started nesting  
Clerk to send an e-mail to Naomi Hewitt/Kay to find out who she reports too, who is her line manager, who are the steering group for this project

There had been no survey done before the disturbance, when the cycleway was dug up along the B5300

MK said she had contact with the local orienteering group, who map out the site, marking where bushes, rosa rugosa, other land marks etc, she will ask for maps to see if there are any significant changes in area sizes. JM has also orienteering connections and would be interested in the findings

If there is no response will go the media route and twitter also. SD to contact local reporter

Proposed MK all in favour

#### Planning Applications:

Review applications since last fully meeting

Cowgate Farm, Mawbray – proposed storage building

Heather Moor, Salta – adding first floor to existing bungalow to create Dorma bungalow and rear balcony area

North Lakes Country Park, Tarnside – variation of conditions 2 & 6 on planning approval 2/2018/0463 for revised layout and landscaping

Newtown Farm (Riley), Newtown – consultation of a small ground mounted solar array

No objections were given for any of the above application RA all in favour

#### Mawbray Cheese Shop:

Continuing to try and find any information about the planning application for this business, Clerk received a reply to one of the e-mails sent to Allerdale Planning COM/2020/0506 went on Allerdale Planning site 'Results not available' continuing search (COM – complaint received)

#### Payment of Accounts & Receipt and Payment Book

CALC 152.55 Annual Subs 2021/22

BHIB 425.52 Annual Insurance premium 2021/22

Community Heartbeat Trust 151.20 Defib Mawbray

Receipt and Payments Book signed by RFO and Chairman also AGAR Part 2 documents for audit. Proposed RA all in favour

#### Mawbray Telephone Box – Defibrillator:

Clerk has been contacted by the Community Heartbeat Trust not being able to contact Jay Anson at the Lowther, the Parish Council had also been trying to contact him saying we would be in a position to take over the defibrillator. Found out it had been out of order since 2018, and before that infrequent maintenance since 2016.

From correspondence received from local resident –

- Number of tickets sold
- Do numbers compare to 2019 festival
- In the past have run out of camping space, using any field available, with no regards to locals by Solfest Team – no toilet facilities etc
- Is the road leading to site from B5301 now selling day tickets, and day camping – this will increase vehicle movements
- Will the 'One way system' be put in place legally this time
- Security – Solfest Security have no authority over land not being used
- After 20 years not learnt from mistakes – change of site has not made it any easier
- Issues with large vehicle access along narrow single-track road

RA has printed the licence for Solfest 2021 dates on licence pertain to Solfest 2019 Also printed list of who sat on the Licence Panel, proposed write to each member, asking why the licence was granted, when there had been many complaints from local residents in 2019, noise in Goodyhills, disruption to roads, this years concerns with festival goers coming from all over the country, with the Country still in lockdown when this decision was made – local not happy that all these people in a small rural area – also the Parish Council were not consulted on this application

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm the next meetings will be held Wednesday 19 May 2021 in Holme St Cuthbert Hall at 7.30pm to include Annual Parish Meeting and Annual meeting of Holme St Cuthbert Parish Council and Ordinary meeting