

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 22 September 2021 in Holme St Cuthbert Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present: R Armstrong Chairman, S Donachy Vice-chairman, M Knoery, S Routledge, L Stevens, Clerk L J Housby

Apologies: Councillors Markley (Allerdale) and Lister (CCC)

Members of the Public: Joe Goulding Solfest Festival Director, Sam Johnston Solfest Festival Director, Nikki Orrell Solfest Crew Co-ordinator, Adrian Betoix Solfest Operations and traders, Annabelle Armstrong, Jackie Strick, Neil Armstrong, Clive and Chrissy Wylie, Diane Byers

RA welcomed members of the Solfest Committee

1. Two years ago signs were put up to direct traffic, but were taken down (not lawful) this year signage approval by CCC Highways showed one way system, much better but vehicles were getting to Tarns crossroads not knowing where to go, large vehicles turning towards Aldoth then backing across the B5301 towards Holme St Cuthbert to turn towards Aspatria to have access to Jericho road junction to get to Festival site JG the signs were neglected to be put up this year, priority for the future NA bothered by traffic at crossroads, needs stewards with hi-vis jackets directing traffic (not stopping to chat) AB trying to correct what has happened in the past, more local consultation JG one point of contact was given out they should have been contacted with these problems JG if we did not want to listen to local concerns we would not be attending this meeting JS better signage earlier on the roads, short of stewards and better traffic control SJ short of stewards, CCC Highways had to pre approve all signage, speak to traffic control and highways possible AA yellow signage There had been a site meeting two weeks before festival that Highways had raised concerns, all done in a rush in the end for the festival to go ahead
2. Use of field along the Goodyhills/Jericho road for kite flying and camping, CW concerned about the use of the single-track road for traffic leaving the festival site and going through Jericho and Goodyhills
3. The number of tickets sold – measured size of old site and the new site is much smaller, there are more caravans and campers these vehicles take up more space than tents, cars with tents can be parked in different area
4. CW Licencing areas -area where all licenced activities, stages, tents, vendors, play area etc – parking and camping are not on licence
5. More forward planning working more closely with CCC Highways
6. Asked could the festival be moved to another site, established on this site Harrisons did not want to be the sole landowners for the festival site done in conjunction with North Lakes
7. Access issues this year awaiting debrief with Highways, vehicles at Tarns crossroads, DA Harrison possible second gate onto site, need better signage, better access to fields from junction with B5301 to Jericho road (blockages to this road when large vehicles trying to get onto main festival field), sized pitches utilise space better
8. Kite site – kites are anchored to vehicles; they came through field gate onto Goodyhills road

9. Noise this year better at Goodyhills – Nook Farm had problems SJ to visit Speakers were moved this year noise depends which way wind is blowing
10. Solfest Local – there were no programmes (look on website) all info for locals at the licencing meeting promises were made for many things
11. Asked if it could be put on Local Site the possible times for sound checks etc for 2022 the festival will run Thursday/Monday again
12. Points of contact – Security got Covid just before the festival – Security were to only do perimeter checks, not go out into the community looking for someone (Goodyhills looking for youths)
13. Rubbish on local roads (plastic, glass, beer boxes, general litter) waste on site – lack of respect – staffing issues (litter pickers over the week end) The litter pickers are a separate entity
14. Waste Management Plan – hope for better in coming years Litter taken away by a local farmer to deal with waste JG said he had a licence to deal with waste farmer had just tried to burn the waste Solfest team thought it would be recycled his name was supplied by Claire McAvoy recycling AA took photos on the 07.09.21 of rubbish on farmers field no recycling this should have been done by specialist firm who deal with waste from festival sites
15. Issues with supply lack of volunteers – Covid etc
16. Cattle were still in field just before the start of setup for festival, according to licencing cattle should be out of fields three weeks before start (consideration to festival goers)
17. With rush towards the start of festival, they had passed the cut off point for cancelling the festival AB
18. There are always going to be disease breakouts 2019 it was Nora Virus, Covid seems to be something we are going to have to live with
19. RA there were small kite being picked up on the road and local fields also under electricity wires with long thin strings attached these were removed by approved people
20. Duty Manager phone kept in Duty Manager Office manned at all times
21. Two weeks after the festival flames could be seen from Westnewton SJ replied that this was the last of the rubbish wood etc tidying the site
22. Parcel deliveries not getting to site, no postcode for site, more organised next year
23. JS communication with Overby House and Sycamore House earlier in the year JG promised site would not encroach behind homesteads
24. JG either a list of local contacts – Possible meeting March/April 2022 – update on how things are going

Solfest Committee members left the meeting at 9.30pm

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2021 were proposed a correct record MK all in favour

From the minutes:

Speed limit signs H St C School – LS all three inlets to school have school triangles (with children) Drive through drop off and pick up working well implemented during Covid

Barking Dogs Mawbray – LS to send details to SD on Environmental Health

Play Area Fencing SR has replaced post and rails, repaired gate post, some repairs needed on wildflower area, when work finished to send in bill

Mawbray Banks update:

SD there is still water in the original pond. Cumbria Wildlife Trust were on site yesterday clearing thistles.

E-mail sent to clerk about waxcaps SD sent on to John Malley

Chairman's Announcements:

Solfest has been keeping everyone busy – list of problems brought to attention by locals – contacting Solfest Committee. Solfest used to be a not-for-profit JG business man (this is different to past operators)

Mawbray Play Area:

Diane Byers asked to speak at Parish meeting – asking for help with running the Play Area or even the Parish Council taking over

Funding in place this year to cover expenses, but looking to the future could struggle with repairs, there are repairs needed on the swings and main structure is getting old, AA said she would organise a Bingo night, DB

main problem she seems to be the only active member Parish Council explained did not want to take over the Play Area this would be contrary to Agreement signed by DB Play Area Committee with the Parish Council, the Parish Council would help with applying for grants for repairs etc, will also advertise on website and Parish Magazine for new committee members

Newtown Pond:

Brian Bailey has asked if Parish Council could support funding the digging of Newtown Pond deeper and help with new planters at seating area PC to apply to Cumbria Community Fund – Hellrigg via Community Group MK to help with application proposed MK all in favour

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm the next meeting to be held on 17 November 2021 at 7.30pm in Holme St Hall incorporate Budget/Precept 2022/23