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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Holme St Cuthbert Parish Council held on: Wednesday 20 September 2023 in Holme St Cuthbert Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs L Stevens Chairperson, Mr R Armstrong, Mr S Routledge and Mrs L J Housby Clerk

Apologies: Mrs S Donachy (holiday), Mrs M Knoery (holiday) Mrs J Court (illness)

Members of the Public: Cumberland Councillor Kevin Thurlow

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2023 were agreed and signed a correct record proposed RA all in favour

Solfest Committee were invited to the meeting, no members have come to give report and get feedback from local residents RA – Solfest traffic through Edderside and New Cowper (narrow roads through farmyards), Thursday night gate open at Goodyhills to day parking field, was closed Friday and Friday and next weekend, queuing on Thursday along road from B5301 to check-in field

Clerk received query from Low Tarns Farm about an area around the Tarn that had been used for wild camping. Solfest weekend, could not confirm anything to do with festival, campers had left litter and cans the camp fire had not been put out properly and had caused damage burning into peat soil and there was damage to trees and vegetation, Local Fire Brigade had to be called out to deal with this incident

Chairperson's Announcements:

Spoke about poor broadband in the parish, and fibre optics that have been taken to the school, but no-one else has been offered this service

Lowther Arms, Mawbray has reopened, with new landlords and an update inside new seating area and tables Finally new chairman's course has been arranged for 11 October 2023 on line

Planning Applications:

North Lakes Country Park, Tarnside – comments have already been sent for original and another amendment Amended drawings No:2225.01, Revised sketch CA7 4NO, amended drawings No 2225.03 Planting and habitat Management Plan, Phase 2 received 18.09.23 comments already sent but RA stated that in Spring this area is covered in Blue Bells, no need for expansion still empty caravans – staycation not has popular no restrictions travelling abroad

Councillor Thurlow:

Brought to the Councils attention about Community Panels and Networks – monies available for projects and open sessions about Community Panels – looking for volunteers Open Day 11 October 2023, Wigton Market Hall 3.00 – 5.00pm contact Helen Esselmont – Helen.Esselmont@cumbeland .gov.uk

A595 Aspatria will be closed in sections from 9 October 2023

Parish Finger Posts – contact Amber Sykes Highways about possible Highways funding (there is a firm in Penrith that cleans and repaints – a lot of signs need sand blasted, repairs, arms missing etc) Clerk to contact Amber

Power outages in Mawbray Area:

Electricity company looking into the outages that regularly happen in this area. Will be kept informed by Councillors and Mawbray residents

There being no other business the meeting closed 9.10pm

This was the last Parish Council meeting to be held in the Church Hall, it has now been sold, at present meetings To be held in Culterham Hall, Mawbray

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7.30pm