

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 15 November 2023 in Culterham Hall, Mawbray at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Mrs J Court

Members of the Public: Cllr K Thurlow Cumberland Councillor

Clerk signed agreement for use of Culterham Hall informed price per hour or part of £10.00 and signed for key

Minutes for meeting held on 20 September 2023 were proposed a correct record by RA all in favour

From the minutes:

Solfest – Joe Goulding had contacted RA asked if any problems –

Usual access problems more vehicles travelling through New Cowper and Edderside

Mention was made about possible sand quarrying on fields used by Solfest, only had scoping and enquiries from Cumberland Council, Kendal Vivian Colman resident of Goodyhills, has found out about possible ground water problems

Chairman's Announcements:

LS informed Council that SD and her self will join an evening course on 20 November 'New Chairman'

Road flooding at West House, Pelutho – RA has cleaned out culvert (Monday 13th) still thinks there is a problem with the drain through fields from High Tarns, Clerk contacted Amber Sykes Highways, also told her about over grown verges on B5300 Salta junction (Changes when coastal footpath installed)

Payment of Accounts:

MK proposed the following payments made all in favour

H St C Hall	£157.50 Final Account use of Hall April 22 – September 23 (Hall now sold)
H St C PCC	£250.00 Grant Parish Magazine 2023/24
H St C Church	£250.00 Grant Grass Cutting 2023/24
H St C School	£250.00 Annual Grant 2023/24
Mawbray Play Area	£250.00 Annual Grant 2023/24
Mrs L Stevens	£150.00 Chairman's Allowance
Mrs L J Housby	£1650.00 Clerks Salary

Insurance Review:

BHIB Insurance are an Insurance Company for Town and Parish Councils

Policy up to date covering fences in Mawbray (Play Areas and Wild flower meadow) All street furniture around Parish, all notice boards, electrical equipment and all standard cover (Public Liability etc) no changes proposed SD all in favour

Clerks Salary Review:

Salary increased for 2023/24 increased last year, review possible increase next year for 2025/26 proposed MK all in favour

Budget/Precept 2024/25:

No increase to grants (Holme St Cuthbert no longer require grant, has been sold) the £250.00 saved will cover any annual increases Proposed Precept of £6000.00 for year 2024/25 by RA all in favour

Longcake Education Fund:

MK has agreed to continue on Longcake Committees, Mrs Liz Gilroy sent a message to put up notice about applying for grants for children in the Parish to help with their education (small grants help with books etc) proposed LS all in favour

Resilience Plan:

Will finalise a meeting date in 2024, Clerk asked if Councillors could make a list of vulnerable persons in Parish, Clerk could then contact relevant services (Electricity, gas, water, telephone etc)

Robin Rigg Community Grants:

Applications are now being taken for grants from Robin Rigg for environmental projects

Community Panels:

MK to attend a meeting in Wigton Market Hall, Councillor K T will also be attendance

Parish Bus Service:

There are no buses running along B5300, asked Councillor K T if there was any possibility of a new service being set up to serve villages along the B5300, at present no, but this could include the use of Community Buses Silloth/Wigton/Aspatria with a local driver sponsored by PC

AONB Mawbray Banks:

Councillor had been informed that one of the Galloway cattle butted her in the back, the relevant authorities have been informed (this happens when walkers make 'pets' of the animals, they begin to think all walkers should fuss them)

Dog Notice in Mawbray:

Barking can still be heard (worst when wind in different direction) no reported incidents of dogs running freely Without supervision, residents will keep monitoring

Road Flooding B5301:

A flood has been reported at Aikshaw Farm/Aikshaw Cottages on the B5301, water not getting away on the bend, making it difficult when travelling either way come upon flood, have to go round could cause accident Clerk to contact Highways

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.58pm the next meeting will be held on 17 January 2024 at 7.30pm in Culterham Hall, Mawbray