

# HOLME CUTHBERT PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Minutes of a meeting of Holme St Cuthbert Parish Council held on:** Wednesday 18 September 2024 in Culterham Hall, Mawbray at 7.30pm

**Present:** Mrs L Stevens Chairperson (LS), Mr R Armstrong (RA), Mrs J Court (JanC) and Mrs L J Housby Clerk

**Apologies:** Mrs S Donachy Vice-Chairperson (SD), Mr J Coghlan (JC), Mr S Routledge (SR) Mrs M Knoery (MK) and Cumberland Councillor K Thurlow (KT)

**Members of the Public:** Mrs D Scott, Mr C Atkinson, Mrs A Yarnold and Members of Solfest Committee – Sam Johnston, Kevin Blackburn, Adrian Boiteux and Dean Campbell

(LS) Thanked the Solfest Team for attending the meeting

Weather – worst weather all week leading up to festival during build – managing safety on site

Wednesday night storms – 8.00am call – Thursday morning cancelled, Thursday evening performances and

opening cancelled to make safe, causing traffic problems, long distance travellers were allowed on site to camp

Friday morning localised flooding had the knock-on effect to queuing along B5301 towards Westnewton, making it difficult for locals and businesses to operate

The churning of field gates, putting down track matting and wood chips at entrances and exits caused stoppages in traffic flow

Looking forward – better traffic management, getting vehicles off the roads, issue of car parking tickets and wristbands – process people quicker – looking to what could be done better

Local residents concern they could not contact Management Committee – telephone number not on the letter which was sent out, DS said also difficult to find on the website and info

Traffic using Goodyhills, Edderside and Holme St Cuthbert Road, also causing problems on the Edderside road, issued with tickets showing advised routes to and from site

Adrian and Sam to meet with Parish Councillors to visit problem areas

(RA) pointed out that four delivery wagons blocked cross roads at Tarns when turning to access and leaving the site, this should not have happened at all as large vehicles were sent at intervals

(AB) said this was a 'Perfect Storm' could not fully have been planned for, but tested their management of site.

Thanked all crews for their safety work, and locals for help and donations of tents etc when the weather was the worst, could have been managed better learning for the future

Environmental Health visited the site twice to check safety etc before being signed off

Solfest Committee, DS and CA left the meeting at 8.30pm

Will contact Parish Council in the New Year

Future minutes – John Coghlan will be (JC) and Janet Court will be (JanC)

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 July 2024 were proposed a correct record by (JanC) all in favour and signed

**From the Minutes:**

suggested, Edderside, Mawbray (main road), Mawbray (near Lowther Arms) will keep Parish Council informed  
Verge Grass Cutting – Some areas in Parish have been cut others so far have been left, long after the wild flower seeding times, Clerk again to contact AONB and Highways

Mawbray Grass Cutting – Clerk contacted Julian Smith, Allerdale about the cost for cut and collect for season 2025/26

PCSO Peter Nichols reply – speeding through Beckfoot and Mawbray along B5300 – Change of speed limit for B5300 areas will not be discussed between Police Authority and Highways until 2026, Clerk will continue to push for reduction of speed limit through Mawbray/Dubmill

(SD) Sent a message that she has just had a message from Environmental Health, the dog's owner has agreed to reduce the number of dogs she has from 20 to ten, not sure how long this will take, will confirm all at next meeting

#### **Chairperson's Announcements:**

Bill James, Bankmill concerned about the loss of the road at Dubmill – Allonby Parish Council invited new MP Marcus Campbell-Savers to meeting about Allonby Beck, Mrs Vera Williamson, Old Kiln Farm, Cottages has been in correspondence with previous MP and has also written to new MP about Dubmill and road junction to Edderside. Clerk visited Mrs Williamson, if she had any replies, at present nothing, but agreed to keep Parish Council informed

#### **Payment of Accounts:**

(JanC) proposed payment be made to S & C Williamson Ltd £225.00 extra wood preserve, all in favour

#### **Stephenson Halliday:**

Peter Stephenson contact Clerk about a Public Consultation for the proposed new Sand Quarry at Goodyhills, will keep all informed when date and time agreed

#### **CALC 50<sup>th</sup> AGM:**

CALC AGM arraigned for 12 October 2024 in Newbiggin Village Hall, Penrith at 10.30

#### **Cumberland Local Plan:**

Cumberland Council Planning Policy update – Local Plan can be viewed at Cumberland Council web site

#### **Resilience Meeting:**

Anne and Debs have co-opted Caroline Oldham, Newtown onto the steering group (CO) has had experience nationally and internationally on resilience plans. They are drawing up a draft plan and will contact Clerk to agree a meeting

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm the next meeting will be held in Culterham Hall, Mawbray on 20 November 2024 at 7.30pm

