Holme Low Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall

Present: Cllr. D. Findlay (DF),

Councillors

Cllrs. C. Edmunds (CE), J. Graham (JG) & M. Orchard (MO).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Parish Clerk (WEJ).

1.	**Apologies:** Cllr. K. Orchard.	
2.	**Co-option** No applications received. The vacancy will continue to be advertised.	
3.	**Declaration of Interest** None.	
4.	**Exclusion of Press and Public** None.	
5.	**Minutes** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8 April 2025 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
6.	**Matters Arising** Noticeboard at Blackdyke has been cleaned. Letter of thanks to be sent to Paul Hesketh who does a lot of litter picking and strimming in his free time which is appreciated by the Parish Council. Speed signs in the parish need the batteries charged, as they are not working.	
7.	**Public Participation** There were no requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
8.	**Financial Report** The Clerk provided an up-to-date financial report which showed a balance of £45,685.03 in the Current Account and £295.96 in the Deposit Account on 8 July 2025.	
9.	**Requests for financial assistance** The Parish Council considered a request for financial assistance from Wigton Baths Trust. The Parish Council had not budgeted for this and were therefore unable to assist.	
10.	**Payment of Accounts** Cheque payments to 8 July 2025 were approved for payment by the Parish Council. This will be the last year that Mr Thackeray will be able to do the audit for the Parish Council and therefore a new internal auditor will be required next year.	
11.	**Correspondence** a) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – April 2025. b) Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2025. c) Tidelines – Issue 62 Spring/Summer 2025. d) Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Newsletter – May 2025. e) CALC News – March & April 2025. f) CALC – Training Bulletin – May 2025. g) CALC – Training & Development – Jan to July 2025. h) Cumberland Council - May Environment and Climate Newsletter. i) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – May 2025.	

	j) Latest news from Cumberland Council: Waste changes, quit smoking easily, road revamps across Cumberland, and more. k) Latest news from Cumberland Council: Download your waste collection calendar, latest from the Sands Centre, Armed Forces Day and more. l) Cumbria Local Nature Partnership News – June update. m) Latest news from Cumberland Council: Cumberland Sports Village Progress, Whitehaven's Green Market and Duke Street Unveiled and more. n) Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Newsletter | Summer 2025. o) Cumberland Libraries Summer Newsletter. p) Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – June 2025. q) Fells & Solway Community Panel Network Event – The next network event is at Silloth Library on Tuesday 15 April from 1 – 3 pm, themed around their priority of supporting community facilities and activities. r) CALC – Town & Parish Council Devolution Briefing – Copy of recording and slides of briefing on 2 April. s) CALC – re: Martyn's Law – Preliminary resume of the law from Wellers Hedley. Most of the provisions are not yet in force but likely to come into effect over a period of 24 months. t) CALC – AGM is to be held on Saturday, 4 October 2025 at 10.30am at the Braithwaite Institute, Braithwaite. u) Email from Marlene Cornforth resigning from the Parish Council. v) Cumberland Councils – Town/Parish Council update: Countdown to waste collection changes. w) Cumberland Council – Libraries fit for future survey. To be completed by 4 July 2025. **https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/making-our-libraries-fit-for-the-future** x) Elections Department – Re: Vacancy on the Parish Council - Confirmation that an election has not been called and therefore the Parish Council need to fill the vacancy by co-option. y) Cumberland Council – Cumberland Ward Boundary Review – Draft Recommendations affecting a number of town and parish councils in Cumberland but does not affect Silloth. z) Reminder: CALC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, 4 October 2025 at 10.30am at the Braithwaite Institute, Braithwaite. aa) Cumberland Council - Waste Update – 5 June 2025: Waste collection changes now underway. bb) CALC – The CALC Board are seeking a volunteer to undertake the role of Treasurer for the CALC Board this person will also be a Non-Voting Director of the company. cc) Cumberland Council - Details of the Fells and Solway Community Panel's next meeting, which is being held at Great Orton Village Hall on Monday 30th June. dd) Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Consultation - Closes Sunday 22nd June. ee) Environment Agency has launched the new 'Report an environmental problem' service on GOV.UK. ff) Friends of the Lake District – Offer of professional and bespoke Planning Workshops through their Planning Outreach Programme, to help councils to be in the best position to respond to Local Plan consultations.	
12.	**Planning Applications** **Cumberland Council** has approved the following: **Ref No:** HOU/2025/0070 **Applicant:** Sharpe **Proposal:** Erection of single storey side extension and two storey rear extensions **Location:** Hayrigg Farm, Pelutho, Silloth, Wigton, CA7 4LS. **Ref No:** FUL/2025/0062 **Applicant:** Messrs. R & F Holliday **Proposal:** Proposed Cattle Shed **Location:** Blackdyke Farm, Blackdyke, Silloth, CA7 4PL.	
13.	**Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies** **Sea Dyke Charity** – There is a meeting next Monday. **Longcake Educational Foundation** – No report.	

	Hellrigg Community Fund – No report.	
14.	**Cumberland Council Report** No report.	
15.	**Reports from Councillors** Nothing to report.	
16.	**Chairman's Announcement** The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the Town Clerk for all the work she does.	
17.	**Date of next meeting** Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 7.30pm in Silloth Community Hall.	

Signed…….....….. Date.....……