

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2022 in the Athenaeum, Leasgill at 7:30pm

Held in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972

Present : Councillors Peter Clarke (Chair), Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; Malcolm Richardson (Parish Clerk) and 21 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Elizabeth Moffat and Brian Rendell and from County Cllr. Roger Bingham

2. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair

3. Reports

- a. Cllr. Peter Clarke gave an update on the items discussed in open forum at the last meeting. He then reported on the work of the Council during the ensuing period including the basis used for the Council's comments on planning applications; reporting highways faults; checking footpaths and tracks and projects completed
- b. South Lakes Police: There was no report
- c. County Cllr. Roger Bingham had sent his apologies and had stated that he was very disappointed that he was unable to attend because he was taking part in an important church service. His report would, however, have been minimal due to the conventions applying to activists in the forthcoming elections. The meeting wished to acknowledge and record his contribution to the parish over numerous years
- d. District Cllr. Kevin Holmes gave an update on the local government reorganisation and the position until 31 March 2023; new resilience arrangements; and progress on the A590 safety improvements and roundabouts
- e. The Athenaeum: The Chair (Robin Sisson) reported that the hall bookings had recovered after Covid but that the charges have had to be increased. The work mentioned in the October 2021 minutes had now been done. Unfortunately, he had to report the very sad death of Graham Whitwham, who had been a very able Treasurer for the past three years. Hilary Hutchinson had kindly taken over. There was to be a village barbecue on 18 June 2022

4. Reviews of Progress and Open Discussions

The following matters were discussed in open forum:

- a. Speed Control: The Woodhouse Lane problems were raised but the Chair reported that speed measurement had been undertaken by CCC Highways Dept and the results didn't justify any action. Views were expressed that a speed limit on Woodhouse Lane would move the problem elsewhere and that speed limits don't stop speeding. It was agreed that the Parish Council would enquire as to the possibility of extending the 50 mph zone on the A6; check that traffic signs are in the correct place; and monitor / clean the existing signs
- b. Street Lighting: Cllr. Iain Richards stated that insect populations are lower near LEDs and that May to September was the relevant period for any action. Views were expressed in favour of and against switching off the lighting for a period of time.
- c. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: The arrangements being arranged and / or coordinated by the Council were promoted. The Chair reported that a new copse was to be planted at Tristrams in cooperation with Dallam School
- d. Playground: The new combi-swing had just been installed and it had been received with enthusiasm. Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Brian Rendell for his work throughout the year. It was hoped to form a Playground Group with members from outside the Council
- e. Quarry Wood and its future amenity use: The proposal was explained and was thought by parishioners to be a good idea. Benefits would be the clearing of brambles and overgrown paths and a picnic bench was suggested

5. Public Participation

Matters raised included a request for feedback from the police regarding the burglaries in the village; footpath problems; dog poo; and the condition of the trees on the A6

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Malcolm Richardson
Clerk to the Council