

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Thursday 27 April 2023 in the Athenaeum, Leasgill at 7:30pm

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

Present: Councillors Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell, Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey and Adele Shepherd; former County Cllr. Roger Bingham; former District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye; Malcolm Richardson (Parish Clerk) and 9 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Elizabeth Moffat and Iain Richards and from Adrian Tayler

2. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair

3. Presentation

Cllr. Giles Archibald gave a very informative and interesting presentation on climate change and biodiversity loss and the new Westmorland and Furness Council's plans for tackling these serious issues, which were causing extreme weather events and habitat loss amongst other matters. There was a need to act immediately and the new Council intended to work with other organisations, parish council working groups and the farming community to play a large role in combatting both and achieve net zero by 2037

4. Reports

- a. Cllr. Peter Clarke reported on the work of the Council since the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting including considering planning applications from a village perspective; asking for a 50mph limit extension on the A6; discussing a 20mph limit throughout the village; supporting community initiatives such as the pop-up pub; reporting potholes; checking footpaths and tracks and other matters such as acting as trustees for The Athenaeum, monitoring the playground, quarry wood and the jubilee copse. The Council warmly thanks Mary Capstick and Margaret Rendell for their diligent care of the southern and northern flower beds
- b. South Lakes Police: There was no report but it was stated that there was active support on no cold calling zones and that it was advised to have no engagement with cold callers
- c. Former County Cllr. Roger Bingham gave a short report on the transfer from the County Council to the new Council. Cllr. Peter Clarke stated that the meeting wished to acknowledge and record Cllr. Bingham's tremendous period of service and his contribution to the parish over that period
- d. Former District Cllr. Kevin Holmes said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time as a district councillor and that the last year had been mainly dealing with the reorganisation. Cllr. Clarke expressed the Parish Council's appreciation of his regular attendance and valued advice
- e. Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye stated that the new Council had identified its priorities including preparing a constitution and a budget and ensuring that the systems in place all worked. One item of concern was health and social care. She expressed her hope that she could follow in the footsteps of both Roger Bingham and Kevin Holmes
- e. The Athenaeum: The Chair (Robin Sisson) had sent a report that the hall was well used and that costs have been covered. Thanks to government and Leasgill Quarry Trust grants the hall had been refreshed with new curtains, a new sound system, sound absorbing panels, replacement of two external doors and replacement lights in the car park. There was an ongoing problem with water ingress into the snooker room. Thanks were expressed for the hard work and commitment from the officials and the committee

4. Reviews of Progress and Open Discussions

The following matters were discussed in open forum:

- a. Speed Control
- b. Playground
- c. Coronation of King Charles III
- d. Climate Emergency

5. Public Participation: None other than above

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Malcolm Richardson
Clerk to the Council

