

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council held on **Tuesday 4 April 2017** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Adrian Bland (Chairman), Peter Clarke, Gordon Capstick, Tom Grindey, Brian Rendell, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; County Cllr. Roger Bingham; District Cllr. Annie Rawlinson; the Clerk; and no members of the public

44/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from PCSO 5251 Martin Boak.

45/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Bland declared an interest with regard to the Farmers Flood Group (minute 61/17j) and Cllr. Clarke declared an interest with regard to Affordable Housing which is a Community Objective (minute 53/17).

46/17 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

47/17 Ongoing Items (Matters Arising from Previous Minutes)

- Restoration of the milestone at Grievegate: County Cllr. Bingham reported that this had been completed.
- Old Railway Line Footpath: It was reported that the licence agreement had been signed; that there would be no fee payable for the original survey; and that the tree work and stone collection was in hand. It was also reported that Bridget Pickthall had a letter from Railtrack stating that they had no objection to people walking under the bridge. It was agreed that Cllr. Clarke should ask Dallam Tower whether they would agree to the path down to the lane being made navigable to push-chairs and wheelchairs and whether more stone would be available.
- Cumbria County Council to repaint the signpost at the bottom of Woodhouse Lane: County Cllr. Bingham repeated that this was in hand.
- £330 SLDC Flower Bed Grant: The Clerk reported that this would be received within the next week. Proposals for the use of the grant to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Cost of Providing Broadband for the Athenaeum: The Clerk reported that the Athenaeum secretary had informed him that they had resolved to terminate the payphone line and that it could be retained for broadband use if the Parish Council were willing to pay the £22.30 monthly line rental and the standard broadband charge of £22 per month. The Clerk understood from the BT business website that cheaper options were available from BT and it was **resolved** that Cllr. Richards should make enquiries with BT and other providers and be authorised to sign a contract provided that the cost was no more than £400 per annum.

48/17 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

49/17 Reports

- i) A report on behalf of Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received and circulated before the meeting. The only item relating to Heversham Parish was his advice to report parking issues by phoning 101.
- ii) District Cllr. Rawlinson had nothing to report.
- iii) County Cllr. Bingham reported that the road resurfacing at Woodhouse Lane had been done and he agreed to ask who was responsible if the work was faulty. He also reported that he had requested a £1000 grant for the Old School restoration and that £900 had been granted.
- iv) The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that the Open Gardens Day planned for 4 July had been cancelled but that he was hoping to replace it with an Open Church Day and a Plumtree Garden Party.

50/17 Planning

It was noted that the following planning application had been submitted to SLDC since the last meeting with a consultation deadline before this meeting. The Clerk had consulted with each member of the Council individually and the Council has **no objection** to the application:

SL/2017/0197 Dallam Barn, Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe

Replacement garden shed

51/17 Highways/Footpaths

- i) Cllr. Clarke to action a Footpath Survey.
- ii) The Clerk had again been informed by Cumbria County Council that the fallen road sign on the west side of the A6 as you approach Heversham from Milnthorpe would be replaced in the next two weeks, together with the other fallen road signs in the village and the item blocking the culvert on Princes Way would be removed.
- iii) The map of drains/gullies had been returned to CCC.

52/17 Playground Report

Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting. The grass had been cut. He repeated that the equipment including the main climbing frame would need to be power washed after Easter and Cllr. Bland offered to provide the water. The inspections until the next meeting were to be carried out by Cllr. Rendell.

53/17 Neighbourhood Plan

The paper prepared by Cllr. Clarke with regard to the Plan's Community Objectives was considered and the actions and timetable were agreed. The Parish Council would invite the representative of SLDC suggested by District Cllr. Rawlinson to attend the 11 May meeting to discuss the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Cllr. Clarke offered to

bring a proposition to the May meeting with regard to the setting up of Working Groups. Both District Cllr. Rawlinson and County Cllr. Bingham expressed a wish to be involved.

54/17 Parking near Crow Wood and Old School

The Clerk had written to those residents who were thought to be involved for their comments. Three replies had been received to date. It was agreed that Cllr. Richards would approach the owners of the land to see if a proposal could be made which might help to resolve the issues.

55/17 B4RN

It was reported that it was not possible to include a leaflet in the parish magazine. This information was received with surprise as it was understood that it had happened on other occasions. Cllrs. Richards and Rendell are to organise an A5 leaflet/flyer and bring it to the May meeting. They and Cllr. Grindey offered to distribute the leaflets/flyers with replies required by the end of May.

56/17 South Westmorland LAP

Cllr. Clarke reported on items of interest including the Crosthwaite Exchange.

57/17 Speed Indication Device

Resolved that the Parish Council withdraw from use of the SID.

58/17 Community Defibrillator

It was reported that the Athenaeum committee have approved the location of a community defibrillator in the Athenaeum and that Dallam School are interested in having one at Tristrams playing field. The possibility of assistance in funding from the Leasgill Quarry Fund was discussed.

59/17 Parish Meeting

Mr John Owen, who had enquired about No Cold Calling Zones at the Parish Meeting, had emailed the Clerk to inform the Council that he had obtained the agreement of all resident householders in Park House Drive to set up a No Cold Calling Zone. **Resolved** that the Parish Council support the setting up of the Zone in Park House Drive and the councillors congratulate Mr Owen on his swift action.

60/17 Finance

- a) The following payment was approved (see minute 38/17e):
C T Hayton Ltd – Mower service and repair - £183.66 - cheque 289
- b) The Clerk was still awaiting confirmation from HSBC that the mandates were operational.
- c) The Clerk presented information with regard to the 10.2% increase in the Council Tax charge for 2017/18. It was agreed that he should write to SLDC for an explanation of the charge by SLDC for the “Cost of District Council owned Footway Lighting” which had increased by 17.8% from 2016/17 to 2017/18 and was the main reason for there being a 10.2% increase despite the reduction in the “Parish Purposes” sum set by the Parish Council.
- d) The Clerk presented the receipts and payments report for the year ended 31 March 2017.
- e) **Resolved** that the Clerk’s paid hours be increased to 6 hours per week; that the increase be backdated to 1 August 2016; and that he be paid for 28 hours work on the new website (of which 17.5 hours were included in the NALC grant referred to in minute 26/17).

61/17 Correspondence

The following correspondence received and not included as an item on this agenda was noted:

- a) CALC—Verge cutting parish guidelines (emailed to Cllrs.6/3/17)
- b) CALC – March 2017 Circular (emailed to Cllrs.6/3/17)
- c) SLDC – LAP Highways working group update/ glossary of terms (emailed to Cllrs.7/3/17)
- d) Cumbria Tourism– “My Cumbria” membership card (emailed to Cllrs.7/3/17)
- e) Diocese of Carlisle – Information regarding Heversham St Peter’s School (emailed to Cllrs7/3/17)
- f) Civic Voice – Help shape Housing White Paper (emailed to Cllrs.14/3/17)
- g) CALC—Devolution and the voluntary sector (emailed to Cllrs.15/3/17)
- h) CALC—Compliance with the Transparency Code (emailed to Cllrs.16/3/17)
- i) CALC—Invitation to Flood Action Group meeting on 20/4/17 (emailed to Cllrs.24/3/17)
- j) CALC—Farmers Flood Group (emailed to Cllrs.24/3/17) **Resolved** to support the group
- k) CCC—Consultation on the Main Modifications to the draft Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 9emailed to Cllrs.25/3/17)

62/17 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- The reason for the Council Tax increase
- The Grievegate milestone
- B4RN
- No Cold Calling Zone
- Athenaeum defibrillator

63/17 Items for Information- no decisions or action permitted

- Sports Day and Barbecue on 17 June 2017

64/17 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Playground Financing
- A Nation’s Tribute and WWI Beacons of Light 11/11/18
- Possible Fancy Dress Barn Dance on 10/11/18
- The bench on the monument requires repair
- Wheelchair access to pavements in the village

- Plaque for Grievegate milestone
- Risks associated with Council owned land

65/17 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting. It will be held on 11 May 2017 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Malcolm Richardson
Clerk to the Council