

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 13 July 2017** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chairman), Gordon Capstick, Tom Grindey, Brian Rendell, Iain Richards (arrived at 9pm) and Adele Shepherd; County Cllr. Roger Bingham; the Clerk; and no members of the public

Cllr. Clarke (Vice Chairman) acted as the Chairman for this meeting

112/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Adrian Bland (reasons noted); Cllr. Iain Richards (who would be arriving late); and PCSO 5251 Martin Boak.

113/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Clarke declared an interest with regard to item 126/17(c).

114/17 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2017 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

115/17 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

116/17 Ongoing Items (Matters Arising from Previous Minutes)

- Old Railway Line Footpath: Cllr. Capstick reported that there had been no progress since the last meeting with regard to obtaining quotes. He undertook to pursue the matter.
- Cumbria County Council to repaint the signpost at the bottom of Woodhouse Lane: County Cllr. Bingham reported that the work was to be put on the Members Work allocations list for approval this month.
- New Flower Bed at the North End of the Village: Cllr. Clarke reported that he was awaiting quotes for the work.
- Parking near Crow Wood and Old School: This was discussed when Cllr. Richards arrived and he reported that he had had further conversations with the house owners in order to explore possible options for enhanced parking at the grass area near Crow Wood. Enquiries were being made with regard to obtaining the necessary legal advice.
- Community Defibrillator: The Clerk reported that Dallam School were interested in putting a defibrillator at Tristrams playing field and that he was liaising with the School.
- Grievegate Milestone Plaque: County Cllr. Bingham stated that the lettering couldn't be restored and that he thought a plaque would cost approx £400. The possibility of a funding request to the Leasgill Quarry Fund was discussed as no funding was available from the County Council.

117/17 Reports

- i) A report on behalf of Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received and the Clerk reported that there were no items relating to Heversham parish other than a male falling from his bicycle and sustaining head injuries on Marsh Road.
- ii) District Cllr. Rawlinson was not present so did not report with regard to her offer to provide a draft checklist for emergency/self-help assistance.
- iii) County Cllr. Bingham reported that the County Council AGM had now taken place and a coalition had been formed to govern. He also reported that the flash flooding points referred to in minute 99/17 of the 15 June meeting were being attended to and an emergency road closure at Leasgill had been arranged for Monday 17 July. The Clerk was asked to invite Peter Hosking from Highways to attend the September meeting.
- iv) The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that the Barbecue had raised over £750. There was to be a "Great Village Cake Bake & Autumn Fayre" on Sunday 8 October.

118/17 Planning

It was noted that the following planning applications had been **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting:

SL/2017/0290 Park House Farm, Heversham

Retrospective additional use of barn to provide flexible wedding and conferencing facilities

TR/2017/0064 Cregean, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham

Fell group of 3 small conifers; raise height of Acer crown; and reduce height of conifer

119/17 Highways/Footpaths

- i) Please see minute 117/17(iii) above with regard to flash flooding.
- ii) A letter had been received with regard to parking at the bottom of Woodhouse Lane near the church and the situation is to be monitored.

120/17 Wheelchair Access to Pavements in the Village

The Clerk was asked to enquire as to the County Council Highways policy on wheelchair access to pavements and Cllr. Shepherd said she would ask Plumtree Hall and Heversham House if they had any problems in that regard.

121/17 Playground Report

Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting. He reported that four fence posts still needed to be replaced and that he would liaise with Cllr. Bland. The inspections until the next meeting were to be carried out by Cllr. Rendell. It was **resolved** to reimburse Cllr. Rendell for the £10 incurred in giving a bottle of wine to each of the two persons who had helped with the inspection and felling of trees in the playground.

122/17 Neighbourhood Plan

With regard to the affordable housing working group the Council are still unsure as to how to achieve the aim of affordable housing; what difference a small amount of affordable housing would achieve; and whether housing is the problem. The Clerk was asked to contact ACTION with Communities in Cumbria to enquire whether they could help in this regard and possibly attend a future meeting for a discussion. It was also thought that an invitation to SLDC's Affordable Housing Officer to attend such a meeting would be beneficial as there were grants available for community-led housing. It was reported that Bob Milloy from Hincaster had agreed to chair the footpaths and tracks working group.

123/17 B4RN

This was discussed when Cllr. Richards arrived and he reported that discussions were taking place with B4RN with regard to a route. He also reported that responses to the circulated leaflet were coming in and that it appeared there was an encouraging level of potential investment/loans. He agreed further to clarify the way that the costing would work for distribution within the parish as well as for bringing in the main cable. It was **resolved** that permission to cross Parish Council owned land be granted.

124/17 Risks Associated with Council Owned Land

Cllr. Rendell offered to make arrangements for risk assessments to be carried out with regard to the trees at Mabbin Hall and Quarry Wood.

125/17 Monument

This was discussed when Cllr. Richards arrived and it was **resolved** to accept the quote of £299 for a Solway bench which uses recycled products. Quotes for the concrete fixing of the bench were yet to be obtained. The paving around the plinth was to be assessed.

126/17 Finance

- a) The following payments were approved:
 - The Athenaeum – Annual Maintenance Contribution - £100.00 – cheque 402
 - St Peter's Church – Annual Churchyard Maintenance - £500.00 – cheque 403
 - M R Richardson – Salary & Expenses to 31/7/17 - £814.85 – cheque 404
 - HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £178.00 – cheque 405
 - Heversham St Peter's School – Funding Assistance (see (c) below) - £250.00 – cheque 406
 - Cllr, B Rendell – As per minute 121/17 above - £10.00 – cheque 407
- b) The Clerk reported that investigations were still in progress as to whether savings could be made by the Parish Council taking ownership of the billing of street lighting.
- c) It was **resolved** to give assistance of £250 in funding the printing of a book researched by the children re the history of Heversham St Peter's Primary School and the changes in education during its existence.
- d) The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Return and accompanying documents for the year ended 31 March 2017 have been sent to the external auditor on time; that it was currently the time for the public to view the accounts; and that all the required information has been placed on the Parish Council website.
- e) The Clerk informed the Parish Council as necessary under his contract of employment that he has been appointed Parish Clerk to Stainton Parish Council.

127/17 Correspondence

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

- a) CALC- June Circular (emailed to Cllrs.12/6/17)
- b) SLDC – South Lakeland Infrastructure Delivery Plan Update 2017 (emailed to Cllrs.14/6/17)
- c) ACTION with Communities in Cumbria –Household Energy Planning (emailed to Cllrs.14/6/17). It was agreed to obtain 150 leaflets for distribution.
- d) SLDC – Pre-publication Consultation on Development Management Policies (emailed to Cllrs.16/6/17)
- e) SLDC – Car Parking Survey (emailed to Cllrs.22/6/17)
- f) Rural Services Network– Growing a Rural Community Survey (emailed to Cllrs.4/7/17)

128/17 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

129/17 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

- The Heversham House Garden Party on 2/7/17 had raised over £750

130/17 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Playground Financing
- Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute and WWI Beacons of Light 11/11/18
- Fancy Dress Barn Dance on 10/11/18 – for June 2018 meeting
- Band for Fancy Dress Barn Dance – next meeting

131/17 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 21 September 2017 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

