

## HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 15 June 2017** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

**Present** – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chairman), Gordon Capstick, Tom Grindey (arrived at 8.15pm), Brian Rendell and Iain Richards; County Cllr. Roger Bingham; District Cllr. Annie Rawlinson; the Clerk; Tony Halliwell (Stagecoach) (in attendance); and no members of the public

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

### 92/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adrian Bland and Adele Shepherd (reasons noted); Cllr. Grindey who would be arriving late; and PCSO 5251 Martin Boak.

### 93/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Richards declared an interest with regard to planning application SL/2017/0253.

### 94/17 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2017 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

### 95/17 Public Participation

Tony Halliwell, who is an inspector with Stagecoach, presented his views with regard to problems on the bus route through the village. The main difficulty was caused by parking in the "Keep Clear" section by the water pump which pushed the bus towards the opposite canopy and the parking at Crow Wood was also a concern. Mr. Halliwell said that Stagecoach were pleased to be in direct contact with the Parish Council with regard to this matter and would work with the Council to attempt to solve the problems as they were keen to keep the route but needed to avoid damage to their expensive new buses. The Council **resolved** strongly to support Stagecoach in solving the problem, noting the importance of the through bus service to the village. It was also noted that there are no safe places for bus stops on the A6.

### 96/17 Ongoing Items (Matters Arising from Previous Minutes)

- Old Railway Line Footpath: Cllr. Capstick reported that quotes should be received next week with regard to making a path that was navigable to push-chairs. This would possibly include a step.
- Cumbria County Council to repaint the signpost at the bottom of Woodhouse Lane: Ongoing.
- New Flower Bed at the North End of the Village: Cllr. Clarke offered to make enquiries as to the cost of making a wall to surround a horseshoe bed on a slight incline.
- Parking near Crow Wood and Old School: This had been discussed under Public Participation. Cllr. Richards reported re the grass area at Crow Wood and it was agreed that he should have further conversations with the house owners in order to explore possible options for enhanced parking there.
- Community Defibrillator: Ongoing.

### 97/17 Reports

- i) A report on behalf of Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received and circulated before the meeting. There were no items relating to Heversham parish.
- ii) District Cllr. Rawlinson reported that she had been asked by a resident to help with regard to some recent local flooding and offered to provide a draft checklist for emergency/self-help assistance. Cllr. Richards offered to check drains for blockages. The Clerk was asked to write to Cumbria County Council with regard to hard landscaping on development.
- iii) County Cllr. Bingham reported that the county council AGM had not yet taken place; that Cumbria Deaf Association was losing its interpretation service; and that the avian flu threat had been lifted. He also stated that the local flash flood problems were not eligible for grant aid as they were not in an official flood area.
- iv) The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported the Open Church Day had been cancelled. The Sports Day and Barbecue were to take place on 17 June.

### 98/17 Planning

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

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

Replacement garden shed

Cllr. Richards withdrew from the meeting for the following item.

**Resolved** that the Council **supported** the following planning application which had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:

**SL/2017/0253 Whinfell, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**

Conservatory

### 99/17 Highways/Footpaths

- i) Several flash floods had been reported and the Clerk was asked to inform Cumbria County Council that the drain at the tennis courts needs to be reconnected as the land drain isn't big enough to cope and to ask whether they had dealt with John Smith's email re the area near the Bowling club.
- ii) The Clerk reported that the open manhole on Princes Way had been dealt with.

### **100/17 Playground Report**

Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting. He reported that four fence posts 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 agreed to defer discussion of an adult version of the playground until the next annual parish meeting.

### **101/17 Neighbourhood Plan**

It was reported that several persons were interested in joining an affordable housing Working Group but it was agreed that before proceeding the Council should first understand how you achieve the aim; what difference a small amount of affordable housing would achieve; and whether housing is the problem. Cllr. Richards offered to research work done on the demographics. It was reported that 5 persons were interested in joining a footpaths and tracks Working Group and the confirmation of the chairman was awaited.

### **102/17 B4RN**

Cllr. Richards reported that 14 positive responses had been received and that he would contact B4RN with regard to a route.

### **103/17 Grievigate Milestone**

It was reported that there was a possible grant available for the provision of a plaque and the Clerk was asked to write to County Cllr. Bingham in this regard.

### **104/17 Monument**

Cllr. Richards offered to obtain 3 quotes for the supply and concrete fixing of a new bench and to look at the paving around the plinth to see if it needed repair.

### **105/17 Fancy Dress Barn Dance**

It was agreed that this would take place at Park House Farm on 10/11/18 before the Battle's Over celebrations and that it would be period fancy dress. Park House Farm are to run the bar and keep the profits and Cllr. Grindey is to contact a suitable band. This item is to be considered at the June 2018 meeting.

### **106/17 Finance**

- a) The following receipts were noted:  
Parish Council and The Athenaeum VAT refunds of £224.19 and £1887.90 respectively  
Field of Dreams rent of £380.
- b) The following payment was approved:  
The Athenaeum – VAT - £1887.90 – cheque 401
- c) The Clerk reported the information received from SLDC with regard to the cost of street lighting and was authorised to investigate whether savings could be made by the Parish Council taking ownership of the billing.

### **107/17 Correspondence**

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

- a) Age UK South Lakeland- Invitation to celebration event for the Gateway group on 22/6/17 (emailed to Cllrs.22/5/17)
- b) SLDC – LAP Newsletter May 2017 (emailed to Cllrs.23/5/17)
- c) SLDC – Monitoring Officer request for Parish Councillors to review their Declaration of Interest forms (emailed to Cllrs.26/5/17)
- d) CALC – Friends of the Lake District Manifesto for the Landscape of Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.31/5/17)
- e) CCC – Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (emailed to Cllrs.5/6/17)
- f) CALC – Invite to meetings to discuss Future Flood management for Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.9/6/17)

### **108/17 Westmorland Gazette** – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- B4RN
- Discussion re flash flooding
- Bench

### **109/17 Items for Information- no decisions or action permitted**

- Heversham House Garden Party on 2/7/17
- The Old School is being relaunched on Sunday 18/6/17 – there will be open social events on Tuesdays at 2pm
- Heversham St. Peter's Primary School – Morecambe Bay Oral History project 21/6/17; Church Service 16/7/17; and Open Day 17/7/17

### **110/17 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Playground Financing
- Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute and WWI Beacons of Light 11/11/18
- Wheelchair access to pavements in the village – Next meeting
- Risks associated with Council owned land – Next meeting

### **111/17 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 13 July 2017 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

