

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Wednesday 24 April 2024** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Adrian Bland (who was asked to take the Chair), Iain Richards, Elizabeth Moffat and Mary Capstick; Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and no members of the public

38/24 Apologies were received from Cllrs. Peter Clarke, Brian Rendell and Tom Grindey (reasons accepted and noted)

39/24 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

40/24 Declarations of Interest: None

41/24 Requests for Dispensation: None

42/24 Public Participation: None

43/24 Ongoing Items

- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: The Clerk had written regarding the request to amend the proposal to 40mph throughout but had not yet received a reply
- Proposed village 20mph zone: W&F Cllr. Battye stated that she understood that the Heversham proposal was not on the list that was recommended to go forward in the first tranche but that the final decision had yet to be finalised by the Locality Board. If not on this year's list, it would be considered for the second tranche next year. Cllrs. had responded to the proposed action regarding responses and comments received during the consultation with parishioners and the Clerk was asked to discuss this with Cllr. Clarke on his return from holiday so that the agreed action could be pursued
- Crow Wood and yellow line parking restrictions: No reply had been received from W&FC regarding clarification of the ownership of the area used for parking
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was still awaited

44/24 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye reminded Cllrs. that the Bus Service Improvement Plan consultation was to end on 30 April and informed the meeting that EV charging points were to be increased in the Council area
- b. The Athenaeum: The Clerk had been informed that insurance cover had not yet been obtained but that a guarantee was available from the intended supplier. The talk given by John Chew on 13 April on memories of his time at the Blue Bell had been very successful

45/24 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning applications had been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
 - 2024/0507/FPA Land at Swallowmire, Milnthorpe**
Relocation of livestock housing and creation of wash bay (retrospective) and relocation of manege and installation of horse walker
The Council had **no comments** to make on this application
 - 2024/0064/FPA Valley View, Leasgill**
Further information re internal and external alterations & extensions, installation of PV solar panels, creation of additional off-road parking and turning point
The Council had previously made comments and had requested further information. It held a **strong opinion** that all work should stop until the planning application had been considered and the Clerk was instructed to write accordingly to W&FC
 - 2024/0625/TCA Threave, Heversham**
T1 Birch – Fell, T2 Bay - Fell
The Council had **no comments** to make on this application
- ii) It was noted that no planning applications had been **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting
- iii) Neighbourhood Plan group: There was no report

46/24 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) Potholes continued to be reported
- b) It was noted that highways works could be done without notice if the work was deemed to be an emergency

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Footpaths Working Group had forwarded to Cllrs. a report of the points made at their meeting with two Countryside Access Officers on 2 April

Trees and Woods:

- i) Cllr. Richards said that he had nothing to report

47/24 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and had reported no problems
- ii) Cllr. Rendell would continue to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting

48/24 Village Tidy

The annual tidy on 6 April 2024 had been successful and with not as much litter as in previous years. The question was raised as to whether the Council should purchase some litter pickers and it was agreed to continue with the loan arrangements with W&F Council

49/24 Matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

There were no matters which have not been dealt with earlier in the meeting

50/24 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been the following receipt since the last meeting:
HMRC - VAT refund to 31/3/24 - £1,289.26
- b) The following payments were approved:
M R Richardson – salary & expenses to 30/4/24 - £1,621.03 – cheque 727
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £346.60 – cheque 728
M R Richardson – Annual Parish Meeting expenses - £7.00 – cheque 727
M R Richardson – gifts in acknowledgment of B4RN work - £32.50 – cheque 727
Npower – street lighting electricity March 2024 - £112.38 – cheque 729
CALC – annual subscription - £240.86 – cheque 730
The Athenaeum – hire of hall - £220.00 – cheque 731
- c) The receipts and payments report for the year ended 31 March 2024 was received and approved
- d) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 March 2024 was £14,662.85, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

51/24 Correspondence

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

- i) Cumbria Police – Rural crime newsletter March 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.3/4/24)
- ii) CALC – Have your say on nature in Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.8/4/24)
- iii) Cumbria Police – Neighbourhood Policing Team newsletter March 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.8/4/24)
- iv) W&FC – Temporary prohibition of all traffic restriction – Rowell Lane 29/4/24 (emailed to Cllrs.15/4/24)
- v) W&FC – Invitation to planning training event on 29/4/24 (emailed to Cllrs.16/4/24)
- vi) CALC – Furness Line to re-open 22/4/24 (emailed to Cllrs.19/4/24)

52/24 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

53/24 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

54/24 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- a. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme Plaque – When new trees are ready later in 2024
- b. Planning policy and objections – Spring 2024
- c. Street light removal – May 2024

55/24 Date of next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 15 May 2024 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Signed.....(Chair)

15 May 2024

