

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 19 December 2019** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Brian Rendell (Chairman), Peter Clarke, Gordon Capstick and Tom Grindey; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; the Clerk and four members of the public

169/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adrian Bland, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd (reasons noted) and County Cllr. Roger Bingham

170/19 Declarations of Interest

None

171/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2019 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman

172/19 Public Participation

Two members of the public present expressed the continued objections of themselves and their neighbours to planning application SL/2018/0715 (Land to the east of Park House Drive), which they understood would now be dealt with by the SLDC Planning Committee. Their consultant had advised them that they had many reasons to object which included ignoring highways guidelines and the design layout including hammerheads which could be the catalyst for urbanisation of the adjoining land in the future. It was also considered that the information accompanying the application contained several pertinent errors. The Council stated that it would take account of the comments when dealing with the matter under item 175/19 and advised parishioners to attend the Planning Committee meeting to express their views

173/19 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: The route was still under discussion
- Conversations about the village in the 2030s: The overwhelming desire is to build a stronger community and improve communications. The Heversham Hub group is to meet in January to move progress and consider a hard copy, a website and social media but not as a rival to the Parish News. The aim is to start in the Spring
- Promotion of Flowers and Wildlife: Deferred to the next meeting
- Residents only parking between the Church and Dallam School: The Clerk reported that residents had stated that they didn't want any signs and that any action should be by word of mouth
- BT payphone removal / alternative use: Cllr. Clarke reported that it was not possible to relocate the Dallam School Boarding House defibrillator. Cllr. Grindey reported that he understood that the current cost of a defibrillator and cabinet was approx £1,250 plus VAT and that he was making grant enquiries
- Celebration of VE Day 75 on 8 May 2020: Arrangements deferred until the next meeting

174/19 Reports

- a. The Clerk read the report which had been received on behalf of the Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team. There had been two burglaries in Woodhouse Lane since the last meeting. Police patrols in the area have been heightened
- b. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported with regard to free parking and public space orders which enabled dog control. He confirmed the grant of £500 from his locality budget towards the new playground items
- c. There was no report from County Cllr. Bingham as he had sent his apologies due to his hospitalisation
- d. The Athenaeum: A new committee member had been appointed and various events were being arranged in 2020

175/19 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning applications had been approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
 - SL/2019/0705 High Leasgill, Leasgill**
Erection of triple garage and conversion of attached barn to form domestic accommodation
 - SL/2019/0539 College Green Farm, Heversham**
Erection of a farm worker's dwelling, laying of hardstanding and installation of waste treatment plant
- ii) It was noted that the following appeal against planning refusal had been submitted to the Secretary of State and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:
 - SL/2019/0313 Highfield Farm, Haverflatts Lane, Ackentwaite, Milnthorpe**
Farm worker's dwelling to serve Highfield Farm

It was noted that there is to be an informal hearing in Kendal on 22 January 2020
- iii) The Council discussed the comments made in Public Participation – item 172/19 – with regard to application SL/2018/0715 (Land to the east of Park House Drive). It confirmed that it was still of the opinion expressed in its comments to the SLDC Planning Department on 6 October 2018 and 26 April 2019 that the application should not be considered contrary to the policies set out in the Neighbourhood Plan but that several items of concern listed in those comments such as potential flooding and traffic volume were still pertinent. The two hammerheads had been reduced to one but the remaining access could still be taken to infer that there is envisaged to be scope for subsequent expansion into the remaining land, which would be contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk was asked to clarify the position as to renewal of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2025

176/19 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

Highways – Gullies had been cleared in Woodhouse Lane and the village roads were to be swept tomorrow

Footpaths/Tracks – The group was monitoring way markers and wonky stiles. A handrail beside the Cockpit had been suggested and it was agreed that this should be explored. Cllr. Capstick reported concerns about the route of the footpath in the field near Dugg Hill and Cllr. Clarke confirmed that way markers had been put in place to mark the correct route

Trees – It was agreed that advice should be obtained with regard to the Mabbin Hall Lane trees

177/19 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and continued to monitor the equipment
- ii) The inspections until the next meeting were to be carried out by Cllr. Rendell
- iii) A basket swing and an activity centre had been purchased from Creative Play (UK) Ltd at a cost of £7,896 plus VAT. Leasgill Quarry Trust had agreed a grant of £4,000; District Cllr. K. Holmes had offered £500 from his locality budget; and the Rhoda Thompson Trust had offered a grant of £1,698 with the Council paying £1,698 and any incidental costs. The Clerk reported that the new equipment had been added to the insured items with no cost to 31 May 2020 and an approximate future additional annual cost of £50

178/19 Heversham Village Heritage Exhibition

Cllr. Clarke reported that the engagement process regarding the proposed village and church heritage exhibition had begun. It was envisaged as a high quality display which would be of interest locally and also to a much wider audience

179/19 Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that this would be on 19 March 2020 and that the Heversham Hub and the Playground would be on the agenda

180/19 Finance

- a) The following payment between meetings was approved:
NPower Ltd – street lighting electricity (quarter to 30/9/19) - £110.05 – cheque 510
- b) The following payments were approved:
R J Gibson – hire of portaloos for playground equipment suppliers - £36.00– cheque 511
Brian Rendell – removal of scrapped equipment fittings and hire of security fencing - £200.00 approx – cheque 512
Creative Play (UK) Ltd – playground equipment - £9,475.20 – cheque 513
- c) The Clerk reported with regard to the South Westmorland Village Maintenance Group and the arrangements for the gritting of secondary roads (i.e. those not covered by the County Council) and the funds held by the Group at 31 October 2019. It was noted that the amount held on behalf of Heversham is still comparatively more than that for other parishes and it was agreed that no more be paid by Heversham until the other parishes were in line
- d) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 November 2019 was £14,246.12 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman
- e) It was agreed to obtain an SSL certificate for the website at a cost of approx £40 per annum to remove the “not secure” notice currently shown
- f) The Clerk presented the budget comparison 2019/20, together with an amended budget for 2020/21 which was **approved** including a total precept of £11,595 which is 2.7% more than last year. This includes an SLDC charge for street lighting of £2,105 which is 17% more than the previous year. This annual charge is expected to be reduced to approx £750 for 2021/22 and approx £500 for 2022/23 as the street lighting costs have been taken over by the Council. **Resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to complete the precept form when it is received from SLDC and obtain the necessary signatures

181/19 Correspondence

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

- a. SLDC – Annual review of SLDC constitution – 2020 (emailed to Cllrs.15/11/19)
- b. CCC – Approval of replacement 552 bus service (emailed to Cllrs.15/11/19)
- c. CALC – Voting open for NALC Smaller Councils Committee (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/19)
- d. CALC – November 2019 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/19)
- e. Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership - Autumn 2019 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.20/11/19)
- f. CALC – LTN 22 disciplinary and grievance arrangements Nov 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.21/11/19)
- g. CALC – Final paperwork for District Association meeting on 28/11/19 (emailed to Cllrs.21/11/19)
- h. CALC – SLDC priorities for local councils (emailed to Cllrs.26/11/19)
- i. CALC – National Lottery 25th birthday celebration grants (emailed to Cllrs.27/11/19)
- j. Cumbria Constabulary – South Cumbria news (emailed to Cllrs.29/11/19)
- k. CALC – Cold to Cosy Homes service and community energy champions (emailed to Cllrs.3/12/19)
- l. SLDC – Agenda for Council meeting on 17/12/19 (emailed to Cllrs.14/12/19)
- m. CALC – December 2019 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.14/12/19)

182/19 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

183/19 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

184/19 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- None

185/19 Dates of next meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 13 February 2020 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The following dates for meetings for the remainder of 2020 were agreed:

All Thursdays – 19 March; 9 April; 14 May; 11 June; 9 July; 17 September; 8 October; 12 November and 10 December

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm