

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 16 December 2021** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill. The meeting followed Covid-19 government guidance

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell, Tom Grindey and Elizabeth Moffat; County Cllr. Roger Bingham; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; the Clerk and no members of the public. PCSO Hayley Newman and her colleague attended the meeting to introduce themselves to the Council. They confirmed that, although it was no longer possible to attend meetings regularly, reports were in the Cumbria Police newsletter, which was forwarded to Cllrs., and contact could be made through 101 and/or 101@cumbria.police.uk

178/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adrian Bland, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd (reasons all accepted and noted)

179/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

180/21 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Grindey declared an interest with regard to the item in 185/21 concerning 2 The Croft, Leasgill

181/21 Requests for Dispensation

None

182/21 Public Participation

None

183/21 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Cllr. Richards had reported by email on 14 December 2021 that matters were ticking over
- Commemoration seat in memory of Cllr. Gordon Capstick: It was agreed to order an engraved brass plaque at a cost of £222.50 plus VAT and to arrange the ceremony once the plaque had been received
- Climate Emergency Working Group: Another meeting had not yet been arranged

184/21 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes reported regarding local government reorganisation, parliamentary boundaries and the A590 safety group
- b. County Cllr. Bingham reported regarding local government reorganisation; fallen trees and power disruption after the recent storms; the current Covid position; bird flu and an increase in fly tipping
- c. The Athenaeum: It was reported that work costing approx. £6,000 would be done shortly. The Council noted with much regret the sad and unfortunate death of Graham Whitwham, who will be remembered for his contribution and attention to detail in his role of treasurer to The Athenaeum

185/21 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning applications had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
 - SL/2021/1070 2 The Croft, Leasgill**
Property improvements including kitchen and porch extension, dormers and bay windows
 - SL/2021/1085 Tower View, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Removal of existing conservatory and the creation of a new 2 storey side extension with associated internal alterations and rear facing dormer at first floor
The Council had **no objections** to the above applications
- ii) It was noted that the following reserved matters had been listed for discussion by SLDC Planning Department and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
 - SL/2019/0230 Land opposite Brant House, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
All reserved matters for Plots 1 & 2
The Council had repeated its comments made in emails of 30 March 2020 and 13 April 2019 but SLDC Planning Department approved the reserved matters application subject to the signing of a legal agreement
- iii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
 - SL/2021/0898 Malt House, Heversham**
Alterations and extension to existing building
 - TR/2021/0200 Yew Tree Cottage, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Prune yew tree as shown in submitted photographs
- iv) It was noted that no report had yet been received from SLDC regarding the reported development without permission although, as reported previously, the Clerk had been informed that enquiries were still ongoing
- v) It was noted that another potential development without permission had been reported and the Clerk was asked to notify the planning enforcement team at SLDC
- vi) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

186/21 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) The trees which were down in Mabbin Hall Lane due to storm damage had been reported on HIAMS with a response within a couple of days

- b) Reports on HIAMS had been or were to be made regarding potholes on the A6 and at the southern entrance to the village; the damaged road sign on the A6 at Parkhouse; and empty grit bins

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Chair reported that work on the map / visitor information noticeboards in collaboration with The Athenaeum was still progressing well with assistance from County Cllr. Bingham
- ii) The Chair reported that the licence agreement for the old railway line had been signed by both parties and that Dallam School Charitable Trust were keen to extend the agreement to the rest of the railway line and Wilson's Field. It was noted that this was already a permissive path and that the Council felt that there should be clarification of the reason for the proposal before it could fully consider it. It was also noted that such a change might be appropriate at such time as it becomes possible to deal with the embankment

Trees and Woods:

- i) It was agreed that Cllr. Rendell would contact Mr Randall and the Chair talk to Mr Parratt regarding fallen trees and endangered walls
- ii) It was confirmed that the work already agreed in Quarry Wood would be undertaken first and that the Council would then develop ideas concerning amenity use
- iii) The Chair reported that Dallam School Charitable Trust have agreed a collaborative project under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme with the location being in the corner of Tristrams field

187/21 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting, continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting
- ii) It was noted that the delivery date for the combi-swing was now January and that arrangements had been made for its installation
- iii) It was reported that, although it was not pursuing the proposal regarding a replacement wall, Dallam School Charitable Trust had agreed to keep the playground fence looking smarter

188/21 South Westmorland Village Maintenance Association

The Clerk reported on the difficulties being experienced by the Association as the contractor no longer wished to do the gritting work. One example was that the work was requested on a reactive basis because it would be much more expensive to do it proactively as is the case with the major roads. Efforts were being made to source a replacement contractor, who had to be authorised by CCC. If these were ultimately unsuccessful, it was agreed that the Council should explore meeting with the other members of the Association to discuss possible alternatives

189/21 Christmas 2021

A better quality Christmas tree for Leasgill Green had been purchased and the existing lights had been used as it wasn't possible to arrange for additional lights due to supply problems. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs. Bland and Rendell for making the arrangements. It was noted that there were to be "Carols on the Green" this year

190/21 Primary School Sale Proceeds

The general terms of the Council's response to the consultation notice from Burnetts Solicitors re the application of the sale proceeds by the Diocese of Carlisle were discussed. Although it was acknowledged that there was a need for cash for church schools in the area, it was **agreed** that the response should include a reference to a possible financial contribution being made which would mark the history of the school and the partnership between the Church and the Parish which sustained it. Such a contribution would be one which would be beneficial to local children and to learning outside the classroom

191/21 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
- b) The following payments were approved:
- Dallam School Charitable Trust – old railway line access licence fee - £1.00 – cheque 610
(replaces Dallam Tower Estate licence fee of £1.00 approved on 8/4/21 – minute 55/21b)
 - Adrian Bland – Christmas tree - £82.50 - cheque 611
 - Npower – street lighting electricity November 2021 - £43.96 – cheque 612
 - A2A Advertising Ltd – website fee - £48.00 – cheque 613
 - Leander Architectural – plaque (see 183/21 above) - £267.00 – cheque 614
- c) It was noted that the Clerk was still exploring options regarding changing bankers to the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should consider methods of authorising payment by bank transfer when discussing those options
- d) The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2022/23, which was **approved** including a total precept of £12,425 which is 6.09% more than last year. **Resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to complete the precept form when it is received from SLDC and obtain the necessary signatures
- e) The Clerk informed the Council as necessary under his contract of employment that he has also been appointed Parish/Clerk / RFO to Crosthwaite & Lyth Parish Council
- f) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 November 2021 was £13,681.83, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

192/21 Correspondence

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

- a. Further items giving information re coronavirus (covid-19) matters
- b. Further items concerning local government reorganisation
- c. Items concerning the multi-agency response to Storm Arwen, the restoration of power and compensation due
- d. CALC – Agenda for the South Lakeland District Association meeting on 25/11/21 (emailed to Cllrs 15/11/21)
- e. SLDC – Wildflower meadow boosts biodiversity in Grange (emailed to Cllrs 19/11/21)
- f. CALC – Civility and respect newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/21)

- g. CALC – Local people invited to have a say on the future of community healthcare in South Lakeland (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/21)
- h. SLDC – Greening Campaign subsidy still available (emailed to Cllrs.23/11/21)
- i. SLDC – Free parking in SLDC operated car parks on Sundays until Christmas (emailed to Cllrs.24/11/21)
- j. CALC – Cancellation of South Lakeland District Association meeting on 25/11/21 (emailed to Cllrs.24/11/21)
- k. SLDC - New app to protect local heritage goes live (emailed to Cllrs.24/11/21)
- l. SLDC - Street naming and numbering policy consultation (emailed to Cllrs.26/11/21)
- m. CALC - Zero Carbon Cumbria newsletter and green investment plan launch (emailed to Cllrs.26/11/21)
- n. CALC - Fuel poverty awareness day event on 3/12/21 (emailed to Cllrs.26/11/21)
- o. CALC - November / December 2021 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.30/11/21)
- p. CALC - Two NALC post Xmas online events (emailed to Cllrs.2/12/21)
- q. SLDC - Review and consultation of the statement of licensing policy (emailed to Cllrs.2/12/21)
- r. CALC – Developing your skills programme January – July 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.2/12/21)
- s. Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service – Free community safety short courses (emailed to Cllrs.3/12/21)
- t. Kent Estuary Youth Project – Winter 2021 update (emailed to Cllrs.10/12/21)

193/21 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Contribution to The Athenaeum by Graham Whitwham

194/21 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

It was reported that the annual village poppy collection was lower this year due to cash only and covid problems

195/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- i) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 2 June 2022 – February 2022 agenda
- ii) "What's Back On in Heversham"
- iii) Playground Committee
- iv) Poppy collection – July 2022 agenda

196/21 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10 February 2022 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Subsequent meetings in 2022 will be held on 10 March, 14 April, 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 15 September, 13 October, 10 November and 8 December

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm