

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Wednesday 18 December 2024** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Tom Grindey, Adrian Tayler and Elizabeth Moffatt; Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and no members of the public

172/24 Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adrian Bland, Mary Capstick and Natalie Fletcher (reasons accepted and noted)

173/24 Minutes: It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

174/24 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Grindey declared an interest with regard to item 182/24d

175/24 Requests for Dispensation: None

176/24 Public Participation: None

177/24 Ongoing Items

- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens: The consultation ends on 20 December 2024. The Council had submitted its full support of the proposal
- Crow Wood: No reply had yet been received regarding clarification of the ownership of the area used for parking
- Yellow line parking restrictions: The consultation ends on 20 December 2024. The Council had submitted its comments in accordance with the 27 November 2024 minutes
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was still awaited

178/24 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye reported on the agreed W&F 2025/26 budget; that there was to be a street lighting webinar on 10 January 2025 (which the Clerk intended to attend and comment as to the unfairness of the proposals to Heversham parishioners); and the progress of devolution proposals
- b. The Athenaeum: There was nothing to report

179/24 Planning

- i) It was noted that no planning applications had been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting
- ii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting:
 - 2024/1767/FPA 4, Eversley House, Leasgill**
Demolish existing dormer and replace, extend existing single storey element of dwelling, refurbish dwelling internally and replace all windows and doors. Demolish and rebuild existing garages
 - 2024/0855/LBC Plumtree Hall, Heversham**
Listed Building Consent for the refurbishment of the Annexe adjoining the rear of Plumtree Hall, including replacement of wooden window frames and external doors with UPVC frames and construction of an entrance porch to the north elevation. Also, the replacement of a wooden bay window frame with a UPVC frame located above the garden store/garage to the north elevation of the Main Hall
- iii) Neighbourhood Plan group: There was nothing to report

180/24 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) Cllr. Tayler had reported potholes from Leasgill to The Athenaeum and Cllr. Moffat said that she would report potholes at the southern end of the village including those at Dugg Hill
- b) It was agreed to request a grit bin at the top of Dugg Hill

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) Cllr. Tayler reported that he had written to the countryside officer regarding the squeeze stile problem
- ii) Cllr. Tayler reported that a fallen tree had blocked the path down to the trailway but that it had been removed by Dallam School

Trees and Woods:

- i) It was reported that there was to be a webinar on 22 January 2025 regarding "Trees on Council Land" and that both the Chair and the Clerk intended to attend

181/24 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Capstick had inspected the playground since the last meeting and had reported no immediate problems
- ii) Cllr. Capstick would monitor the equipment and carry out the inspections until the next meeting
- iii) Cllr. Bland was arranging the repair and replacement of the fencing
- iv) The discussion of playground finance was deferred to the next meeting

182/24 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
- b) The following payments made by direct debit since the last meeting were approved:
Npower – street lighting electricity November 2024 - £149.76
- c) The following payments were approved:
The Athenaeum – maintenance contribution – £100.00 – cheque 752
St Peter's Church – churchyard maintenance contribution - £600.00 – cheque 753

- d) It was confirmed that the Contractor tenders for 2025 would be considered at the February meeting
- e) The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2025/26, which was **approved** including the proposed parish precept of £16,150. **Resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to complete the precept request
- f) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 November 2024 was £18,976.95, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

183/24 Correspondence

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

- i) CALC – Training programme January to July 2025 (emailed to Cllrs.28/11/24)
- ii) W&FC – Councils agree to progress devolution discussions (emailed to Cllrs.28/11/24)
- iii) W&FC – Veteran’s mince pies and coffee events (emailed to Cllrs.29/11/24)
- iv) CALC – Reminder re W&F branch event: waste early conversations (emailed to Cllrs.3/12/24)
- v) CALC – Recording of local electric vehicle infrastructure event (emailed to Cllrs.3/12/24)
- vi) CALC – Influencing rural issues survey (emailed to Cllrs.4/12/24)
- vii) CALC – Railway 200 – national event 2025 (emailed to Cllrs.4/12/24)
- viii) Cumbria Police - Neighbourhood Policing Team update November 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.9/12/24)
- ix) CALC – Cumbria Local Nature Partnership December 2024 update (emailed to Cllrs.9/12/24)
- x) W&FC – Outcome of bus services tender process (emailed to Cllrs.9/12/24)
- xi) CALC News September & October 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.11/12/24)
- xii) Power for People – Push to include community energy in the GB Energy Bill (emailed to Cllrs.13/12/24)
- xiii) CALC – Winter climate and nature newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.17/12/24)

184/24 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

185/24 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

186/24 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- a. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme Plaque – When new trees are ready in 2025
- b. Proposed village 20mph zone – 2025
- c. Newsletter update – February 2025
- d. To discuss the Council’s policy on gabions – February 2025
- e. Local electric vehicle infrastructure – Annual Parish Meeting

187/24 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 26 February 2025 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

