

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 14 February 2019** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Brian Rendell (Chairman), Peter Clarke, Adrian Bland, Gordon Capstick (until 8.05pm), Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; County Cllr. Roger Bingham; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; the Clerk; and no members of the public.

1/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Gordon Capstick who had to leave early.

2/19 Declarations of Interest

None

3/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2018 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

4/19 Dallam School Plans & Community Links

Mr. Nigel Whittle (the Dallam School headmaster) and Mr. John Watton (a Dallam School Charitable Trust trustee) attended the meeting. Mr. Whittle addressed the meeting and stated that the final documents had not yet been signed but that the purchase of the Primary School site was in keeping with Dallam School's potential needs. Necessary temporary repairs had been carried out and all parties were keen to continue educational use at the site. Among the possible uses were adult educational and special educational needs programmes. The Council expressed their pleasure that educational use was to be continued and said that there was a lot of goodwill for the project. One potential problem that was highlighted was parking and Mr. Whittle said that he would take note of that. He kindly offered to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to talk about the plans for both Heversham and Leasgill and to answer any questions from parishioners.

Mr. Whittle also stated that the School wished to promote community links and was progressing with the B4RN cabinet installation, wayleaves and connection to the Heversham site with facilities for follow-on connections for the parish. Parish use of Tristrams and the tennis courts by the Tennis Club continues.

5/19 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

6/19 Ongoing Items

- Double Yellow Lines: The Clerk reported that the Traffic Regulation Order recommendations would be going to Committee for approval in March.
- Speed Indication Devices: The Clerk reported that speed data tubes should be in place shortly and the decision would follow.
- St Mary's Well: Cllr. Grindey reported that inspection of the cracked flag and the quotation would follow shortly.
- B4RN: Cllr. Richards reported that a spur to the Primary School site was a possibility and referred to the Nationwide Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme which would provide additional funding.
- ACT: The ACT draft flyer with regard to starting conversations about the village in the 2030s was approved. Cllr. Clarke stated that the possible cost for ACT's work would be £1,500 to £2,000 and it was agreed that this would be paid out of funds previously earmarked for street lighting.

7/19 Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that Hincaster Parish Meeting had agreed to the release of the £4,005 cost from the Neighbourhood Plan Pilot Funding and SLDC had confirmed that they will make payment on receipt of a receipted invoice as evidence of completion and payment. The Clerk also reported that he had had protracted negotiations with Npower with regard to the price for the street lighting and their quote which was based upon a two year contract. He had ultimately agreed that the separation of the parish council lighting from SLDC should take place with the parish council still remaining under the SLDC banner albeit with a separate bill. This was to be able to continue to receive the discounts which SLDC currently obtained. He had further agreed that separation should not take place until the LED lights had been installed.

8/19 Reports

- a. A report on behalf of the Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received and the Clerk reported that there was one crime relating to the parish – the theft of a bright yellow quad bike.
- b. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported that Customer Connect was proceeding satisfactorily and referred to the flood risk alterations and to the Sampool planning application for up to 400 caravans.
- c. County Cllr. Bingham expressed his pleasure at returning to work and thanked everyone for their good wishes. The Council reiterated that they were pleased he had made a good recovery from his operation. County Cllr. Bingham reported that much of his time had been taken up with the closure of Crooklands Bridge by the Canal Trust and the complete lack of co-ordination with the County Council. Other matters to report were the setting of the County Council budget which was up by 1.99% despite making further large savings plus an additional social care precept of 2%; a 10% increase in the police precept – half of which will fund 20 more full time officers and police surgeon cover; new premises for childcare in Kendal; and county lines drug dealing affecting the area.
- d. The Athenaeum: The Clerk reported that the new Treasurer of The Athenaeum is Graham Whitwham in succession to John Smith. The Council expressed their thanks to Mr. Smith for his excellent management of The Athenaeum's financial affairs and his meticulous attention to detail over the many years he had

served as Treasurer and asked the Clerk to write accordingly. It was **resolved** that Cllrs. Rendell and Clarke sign the authorisation of the change to the Barclays Bank mandate. It was noted that the financial report for the second quarter ending 31 January 2019 had been received and emailed to Cllrs. on 9/2/19. Cllr. Grindey reported that the quiz had made a profit of £120.

9/19 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning application has been **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting:
SL/2018/0032 Land opposite Brant House, Woodhouse lane, Heversham
Two affordable dwellings (resubmission of SL/2016/0720)
- ii) **Resolved** that **no objection** be made to the following planning application which has been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:
SL/2019/0080 Land to the south of Depthwaite Farm, Heversham
Use of land for keeping horses and retrospective planning for the erection of 2 mobile wooden shelters and 1 storage container and full planning for the widening of existing entrance, etc.

10/19 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

- a. Highways – the large crack opposite Plumtree was still awaiting attention. The Clerk was asked to enquire as to how often the County Council road sweeper was used in the parish.
- b. Footpaths/Tracks: Cllr. Clarke stated that there was nothing to report other than that the Coastal Path feasibility study re the viaduct has been funded.
- c. Trees: Cllr. Richards had continued to inspect the trees on Mabbin Hall Lane, Quarry Wood and the old railway line. There were some trees which required trimming and some to fell. Correspondence item 18/19a was noted and it was considered that the Council were dealing with the inspections correctly.

11/19 Playground Report

- i. Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and continued to monitor the equipment.
- ii. Cllr. Bland and Cllr. Rendell had yet to meet to discuss some equipment problems.
- iii. The inspections until the next meeting were to be carried out by Cllr. Rendell.

12/19 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The revised Standing Orders (per the update to NALC's model standing orders emailed to Cllrs on 23/11/18) and punctuation corrections to the Financial Regulations approved on 13 December 2018 were **approved**.

13/19 Finance

- a. The following payment between meetings was approved:
C T Hayton Ltd – mower service - £191.52 – cheque 457
- b. The following payments were approved:
M R Richardson – salary to 31/1/19 and expenses to date - £1,102.76 – cheque 458
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £249.80 – cheque 459
A2A Advertising Ltd – annual web hosting fee - £78.00 – cheque 460
- c. It was noted that the precept form had been completed and returned to SLDC.
- d. **Resolved** it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 January 2019 was £17,142.64 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman.
- e. A request for support from North West Air Ambulance Charity was discussed and it was noted that a donation was to be made from Cllr. Bland's Boogie in the Barn on 22 June 2019 .
- f. The 2019/20 Financial Risk Assessment and Effectiveness of Internal Audit documents were received and **approved**.
- g. 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. It was noted that the amount held on behalf of Heversham is 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.

14/19 Electoral Register 2018/19

It was agreed that a copy of the Electoral Register was not required.

15/19 Village Tidy

It was agreed that the tidy would be at 10am on Saturday 23 March 2019 (linked to The Great British Spring Clean 2019). The Clerk was asked to contact SLDC to request litter pickers, gloves, hi-viz jackets and collection bags.

16/19 Resourceful Communities Project

It was agreed not to participate.

17/19 Annual Parish Meeting

Arrangements for the meeting to be held on 14 March 2019 were finalised and it was agreed that discussion subjects would include street lighting, double yellow lines, speed indication devices, the ACT proposal, B4RN and the promotion of wild flowers and wildlife.

18/19 Correspondence

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

- a. ARBMAP – Tree liability court case and notes (emailed to Cllrs.18/12/18)
- b. CALC – Developing your skills programme Jan – July 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.30/12/18)
- c. CALC – December 2018 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.30/12/18)
- d. CALC – Allocation of places at Buckingham Palace garden parties (emailed to Cllrs.30/12/18)
- e. CALC – Emergency first aid at work course on 6/3/19 (emailed to Cllrs.30/12/18)
- f. CALC – North West Coastal Access update December 2018 (emailed to Cllrs.30/12/18)

- g. SLDC – Parish Remuneration Panel report 2019-20 (emailed to Cllrs.30/12/18). The report was considered and **adopted**.
- h. CCC – Temporary road closure – U5338 Marsh Road (emailed to Cllrs.30/12/18)
- i. SLDC – Review of SLDC Standards Arrangements (emailed to Cllrs.28/1/19). The Council have requested a new Standard with regard to councillors speaking at any District Council meeting being explicit about on behalf of which community they are speaking.
- j. CALC – Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner Council Tax consultation (emailed to Cllrs.28/1/19)
- k. CALC – Paperwork for next District Association meeting on 7/3/19 (emailed to Cllrs.28/1/19)
- l. SLDC – Great British Spring Clean & Great Cumbrian Litter Pick (emailed to Cllrs.28/1/19)
- m. CALC – North West Coastal Access update January 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.28/1/19)
- n. CALC – Cumbria Arts and Culture Network Ebulletin (emailed to Cllrs.5/2/19)
- o. CALC – List of training courses to 26/3/19 (emailed to Cllrs.5/2/19)
- p. SLDC – New scheme to help householders in fuel poverty (emailed to Cllrs.14/2/19). It was agreed that this should be entered in the Parish News.

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

- Dallam School Headmaster's attendance at this parish council meeting
- Parish Meeting
- Village Tidy

20/10 Items for Information- no decisions or action permitted

- The Clerk reported that it has been 125 years since the 1894 Local Government Act came into force creating civil parishes with elected councils.
- Cllr. Clarke reported that the Bishop of Carlisle and other ecumenical Senior Church Leaders are planning to walk through Cumbria during Lent. They will be in our area on Monday 25 March and two members of the Parish Council will be invited to a lunch meeting that day by the local churches through the Kent Estuary Mission Community (the local ecumenical grouping of churches).

21/19 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Promotion of wild flowers and wildlife

22/19 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will follow the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 14 March 2019 in The Athenaeum, Leasgill.

The following dates for meetings in the remainder of 2019 have been confirmed with The Athenaeum:

All Thursdays –14 March; 11 April; 9 May; 13 June; 11 July; 19 September; 10 October; 14 November; 12 December.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Malcolm Richardson
Clerk to the Council