

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 9 February 2023** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Tom Grindey, Elizabeth Moffat, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and no members of the public

1/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Brian Rendell (reasons accepted and noted)

2/23 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

3/23 Declarations of Interest

None

4/23 Requests for Dispensation

None

5/23 Public Participation

None

6/23 Ongoing Items

- Climate Change Working Group: Nothing to report
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme: The students at Dallam School are working on producing a plaque by using wood from Council land. The Clerk reported that additional free trees weren't available until November 2023
- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: The Clerk was asked to enquire when the Engineering Safety Study (ESS) was to take place and to follow up with Cumbria County Council as to whether the lighting application by the Dallam School students has been considered
- Management of the lack of coterminosity between health and social care in order to ensure effective integrated care for parishioners: There was nothing to report. It was agreed to leave this until the new Authority was in place
- Field of Dreams: The Council's claim was with the appointed agent
- Pop-Up Pub "What's On" noticeboard: This was awaited and the Clerk was asked to chase delivery. It had been agreed with The Athenaeum committee that it should be located in the entrance
- Buses – Fares and Routes: It was agreed to not pursue this until the current cap scheme ceased
- No cold calling zones: It was agreed to support the group of parishioners who are seeking to establish a new no cold calling zone
- Gritting: The Clerk reported that arrangements had been made for future gritting in exceptional weather

7/23 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes: There was no report
- b. County Cllr. Bingham; There was no report
- c. Shadow Authority Cllr. Battye reported that work continued on getting everything in place for a smooth handover on 1 April 2023. The budget and Council Tax proposals had been finalised. It was not yet known how much will be devolved to locality boards or whether councillors' project grants would be continued
- d. The Athenaeum: The Clerk reported that the half-year's Accounts to 31 January 2023 had been emailed to Cllrs. on 3 February 2023. There was the likelihood of large expenditure on solving the damp problem in the snooker room, which occurred during periods of heavy rain. The Council discussed and **approved** the proposed application for a licence to sell alcohol in The Athenaeum

8/23 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/2023/0018 1, Heversham Gardens, Heversham**
Linked extension between existing garage and property & alterations
 - SL/2023/0068 Lyne Close, Woodhouse, Milnthorpe**
Single storey rear extension
The Council had made **no comments** on these applications
- ii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
 - SL/2022/0637 Bank House, Bank House Studio, Leasgill**
Single storey first floor extension
 - SL/2022/1011 14, Dugg Hill, Heversham**
Demolition of existing porch and construction of replacement sun porch
 - SL/2022/0662 & 0686 Hawthorn Cottage, Heversham**
Refurbishment of a listed building to remove wood-wormed timber and unstable walls, refurbish building for modern living and extend the back of the building out to match in with the neighbouring extension to the rear of the old post office on all levels. The front of the building will be unchanged (part retrospective)
- iii) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

9/23 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) Potholes reports on HIAMS continued to be made and councillors were requested to continue to make such reports when needed and to follow up when work not done well
- b) Reference was again made to the potholes at the south end of the village where a road closure was needed for a full permanent repair. It was agreed to continue to keep this under review

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) It was reported that Adrian Tayler had now taken over as convenor of the Footpaths Group. The membership was being renewed with several of the existing Footpaths Group agreeing to continue and new members being invited
- ii) It was hoped to give new life to the Group and Adrian Tayler had drafted five electronic footpath guides

Trees and Woods:

- i) Cllr. Richards was thanked for clearing a tree which had fallen on the trailway
- ii) Cllr. Richards agreed to carry out an inspection for possible diseased or damaged trees

10/23 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and had reported no problems. As reported previously the fencing work was expected to be done in February / March
- ii) Cllr. Rendell continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting

11/23 Village Tidy

It was agreed that the annual tidy would be held on 25 March 2023. The Clerk was asked to make the usual arrangements and the Chair was to place a notice in the parish magazine. A report of graffiti in a couple of locations had been made and it was agreed that councillors should report these on HIAMS

12/23 Coronation of King Charles III

It was provisionally agreed to hold a village street party at The Athenaeum on Sunday 7 May 2023 and to cancel the reservation for Monday 8 May 2023. It was noted that there was to be no national chain of beacons and it was therefore agreed not to have a parish one

13/23 Sub Groups

It was agreed that there was no enthusiasm for any new sub groups or working parties. It was noted that, for example, emergencies have all been managed in the past by parishioners in informal networks

14/23 Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Meeting would be held on 27 April 2023 and that, in addition to the normal reports, there would be a presentation by Cllr. Giles Archibald on the new council's plans for tackling climate change and biodiversity loss. It was also agreed to mark Cllr. Bingham's retirement

15/23 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
- b) The following payments between meetings were approved:
 - Npower – street lighting electricity December 2022 - £114.65 – cheque 665
 - Pam Forrester – defibrillator batteries - £67.99 – cheque 660
- c) The following payments were approved:
 - M R Richardson – refund re Pop-up Pub “What’s On” noticeboard - £118.87 – cheque 661
 - M R Richardson – salary and expenses to 31/1/23 - £1455.66 – cheque 661
 - HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £318.20 – cheque 662
 - A2A Advertising Ltd – annual web hosting - £78.00 – cheque 663
 - Npower – Street lighting electricity January 2023 - £110.41 – cheque 664
- d) It was noted that the precept form 2023/24 had been completed and submitted to SLDC
- e) The recommendation by the Chair that the clerk's salary scale point be uplifted to point 23 from 1 November 2022 was considered and **approved**
- f) The Financial Risk Assessment 2023/24 was received and **approved**
- g) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 January 2023 was £15,817.43, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chair

16/23 Correspondence

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

- a. Further items concerning the local government reorganisation including an invitation to “Next Council Conversation” event on 8/2/23 & public consultation on council tax levels (emailed to Cllrs.18/1/23)
- b. Further climate change information and updates
- c. Further cost of living crisis information and a questionnaire (emailed to Cllrs.18/1/23)
- d. Further community resilience information
- e. NALC – Open letter to councillors – local leadership through challenging times (emailed to Cllrs. 15/12/22)
- f. CALC – Police & Crime Commissioner asks the public for their view on budget proposals (emailed to Cllrs.19/12/22)
- g. Cumbria Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – Autumn newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.4/1/23)
- h. CALC – Feedback requested on draft Cumbria Good Lighting technical advice note re light pollution (emailed to Cllrs.4/1/23)
- i. CALC News November & December 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.4/1/23)
- j. SLDC – Barrow, South Lakeland & Eden outdoor sports needs & facilities assessment and playing pitch strategy (emailed to Cllrs.11/1/23)
- k. Hedgehogs R Us – Hedgehog highway project (emailed to Cllrs.11/1/23)
- l. SLDC – Flood warning information sites (emailed to Cllrs.11/1/23)
- m. SLDC – Projects boosted by UK Shared Prosperity Fund (emailed to Cllrs.11/1/23)

- n. Cumbria Police – November & December newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.18/1/23)
- o. CALC – Public health updates (emailed to Cllrs.18/1/23)
- p. CALC – Notice of South Lakeland District Association meeting on 26/1/23 (emailed to Cllrs.18/1/23)
- q. SLDC – Eden Project funding a major boost for the area (emailed to Cllrs.19/1/23)
- r. Cumbria Police – Burglaries (emailed to Cllrs.31/1/23)
- s. CALC – Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service council tax consultation (emailed to Cllrs.3/2/23)
- t. CALC – Draft minutes of South Lakeland District Association meeting on 26/1/23 (emailed to Cllrs.3/2/23)
- u. SLDC – Invitation to “Love Windermere” community drop-in event on 14/2/23 (emailed to Cllrs.3/2/23)
- v. Charity Commission News February 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.8/2/23)

17/23 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Village Tidy
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Street Party

18/23 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- The Bowling Club quiz night with hotpot supper and raffle to be held on 18 February 2023 was sold out

19/23 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- None

20/23 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9 March 2023 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm