

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 11 July 2019** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

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

95/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Adele Shepherd (reasons noted).

96/19 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Richards declared an interest with regard to item 102.19 ii and Cllrs. Rendell and Richards both declared an interest with regard to the first item in 102.19 iii. Cllr. Capstick declared an interest with regard to item 102.19 vi.

97/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2019 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

98/19 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

99/19 Ongoing Items

- Double Yellow Lines: The Clerk reported that the line painting had been completed.
- Speed Indication Device: The Clerk reported that he had received a revised quote of £3,133 for the device at the north end of the village but the County Council documentation was awaited. It was **resolved** to accept the revised quote which was funded partly by the SLDC grant of £350 received in the last financial year and the balance of £2,783 equally between the Rhoda Thompson Trust and the Leasgill Quarry Trust.
- B4RN: Cllr. Richards confirmed that the meeting was to be held on 25 July 2019 for those interested in signing up to the project and that the B4RN leaflets would be available for distribution before that meeting.
- ACT re conversations about the village in the 2030s: Cllr. Clarke reported that the evening event was to be held on 18 September 2019.

100/19 Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that the revised supply quote had been received from Npower. This would give an annual energy cost of £405 plus VAT and a total annual saving for energy and maintenance of approx £1,300. Quotes had been obtained from SSE and Eon but both were higher. It was **resolved** to accept the Npower quote. The Clerk was thanked for his very successful work with regard to the street lighting and it was **resolved** that he be paid for the additional 31 hours that he had spent since the payment authorised on 14 March 2019. A complaint had been made about the new LED light at Strickland House and it was agreed to fit a baffle to stop the backlight entering the house and garden. The Council's contractor was making enquiries with regard to a different fitting but expected it to be very expensive.

101/19 Reports

- a. The Clerk read the report which had been received on behalf of the Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team. There were no crimes relating to the Parish since the last meeting. Cllr. Rendell reported that a complaint had been made to him about a wall in Woodhouse Lane that had been crushed by a tractor and that he had reported the incident to the Police.
- b. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported that the public consultation on 27 June 2019 with regard to the proposed roundabout at Gilpin Bridge had been attended by approx 200 people. He also reported that the Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB plans had been approved and he warned about a current SLDC Council Tax scam.
- c. County Cllr. Bingham reported that some County Council capital expenditure had fallen below targets which could affect future Treasury grants; that the County's sexual health project had reached its targets but he was still concerned about the childhood and adolescent mental health service; and that the Leasgill and Marsh Lane roads were both on the scheduled work programme.
- d. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey informed the Council that the barbecue which had been held on 29 June 2019 had raised £594 which was being put towards a new gazebo. There was to be a cake bake in October.

102/19 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning application had been **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting:
SL/2019/0360 Lyne Close, Woodhouse
Single storey front porch extension
- ii) It was **resolved** to **comment** with regard to the following planning application which had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:
SL/2019/0411 Dallam Barn, High Haverflatts, Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe
Stone and slate porch extension to the front (south) elevation of the property with glazed gable elevations and glazed entrance doors and siting of temporary timber shed
- iii) It was **resolved** that **no objection** be made with regard to the following planning applications which had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:
SL/2019/0539 College Green Farm, Heversham
Erection of a farm worker's dwelling, laying of hardstanding and installation of waste water treatment plant
SL/2019/0555 Bank House, Leasgill
Conversion & extension of commercial floorspace into two residential units

- iv) There had been no further contact from SLDC with regard to projects which might qualify for a contribution for neighbourhood good from the planning application SL/2018/0715 (Land to the east of Park House Drive).
- v) The Council agreed that it would support planning application SL/2019/0467 (Woodhouse Farm, Woodhouse) if it became a valid application but would request that part of the development be classed as affordable and that the Council would wish to see access to the old railway line be granted in order to extend the trailway towards Hincaster.
- vi) The Council had received documentation with regard to the proposed application for ecobuild tree houses at Park House Farm and agreed that it would support the application when it was made.

103/19 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

Highways - Cllr. Grindey had received a request for more dropped kerbs in the village and he was asked to make further enquiries as to proposed locations and to seek guidance from mobility organisations before reporting back to the next meeting.

Footpaths/Tracks – The path opposite the Cockpit was being considered for upgrade. Cllr. Capstick asked if the old railway line footpath was well used. Cllr. Clarke reported in the affirmative but said that comment had been made that the top section of the path above the steps was steep. It was noted that it may be necessary to cut back vegetation next year.

Trees – The parish tree planting scheme (correspondence item 108.19 c) was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should email SLDC to request that the Parish Council receive the full entitlement between itself and St. Peter's Church including the possibility of planting two oak trees in the Field of Dreams. Cllr. Richards reported that there was some ash tree dieback on the railway line.

104/19 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) It was agreed to obtain prices for a baby swing with cage, a basket swing and a boulder wall.

105/19 Promotion of Flowers and Wildlife

This was again discussed and it was agreed to look at possible costs and funding at the next meeting

106/19 Celebration of VE Day 75 – 8 May 2020

It was agreed that an Open Hall Day with a coffee morning and a cheese and wine party should be held in The Athenaeum on Friday 8 May 2020, which is to be a bank holiday.

107/19 Finance

- a. The following receipts were noted:
 - SLDC - street lighting payment from the Heversham and Hincaster Neighbourhood Planning Pilot scheme - £3,950.00
 - HMRC – VAT refund 2018/19 - £687.65
- b. The following payments were approved:
 - M R Richardson – salary & expenses - £1,144.71 - cheque 490
 - HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £257.60 - cheque 492
 - The Athenaeum – annual maintenance contribution - £100.00 – cheque 493
 - St Peter's Church – annual churchyard maintenance - £500.00 – cheque 494
 - Dallam School Charitable Trust – playground rent - £1.00 – cheque 495
 - Mrs. M Capstick – flower bed maintenance - £15.97 – cheque 496
- c. It was agreed that no repair should be made to the Woodhouse notice board and that the warped middle section should be removed.
- d. The Clerk confirmed that it was currently the period for the public to view the accounts and that all the required information had been placed on the Parish Council website.
- e. **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 June 2019 was £16,669.82 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman.

108/19 Correspondence

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

- a. CALC – NALC spotlight on councils' work (emailed to Cllrs.11/6/19)
- b. Garden Organic – Volunteer composting scheme (emailed to Cllrs.14/6/19)
- c. SLDC – Parish tree planting scheme (emailed to Cllrs.18/6/19)
- d. CALC – June 2019 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.19/6/19)
- e. CALC – North West Coastal Access June 2019 update (emailed to Cllrs.28/6/19)
- f. SLDC – Climate change conversation meetings in July 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.28/6/19)
- g. CALC – NALC annual conference & exhibition 28-29 October 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.28/6/19)
- h. CALC – ACT Gazette Summer 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.2/7/19)
- i. Univ Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust – People in Morecambe Bay can now have defibrillators fitted (emailed to Cllrs.2/7/19)
- j. CALC – Better internet access in Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.5/7/19)
- k. CALC – NALC legal update June 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.5/7/19)
- l. CALC – Training programme for September 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.5/7/19)

109/19 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- B4RN 25 July 2019 meeting
- Playground

110/19 Items for Information- no decisions or action permitted

- The Boogie in the Barn at Ninezergh Farm had raised £7,030 for the North West Air Ambulance
- A garden party at Heversham House had raised £630 for the RSPCA

111/19 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Enhancement of the village

112/19 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19 September 2019 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm