

## HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 8 July 2021** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill. This meeting followed Covid-19 government guidance with regard to village halls and community centres including social distancing and the wearing of masks

**Present** – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chairman), Brian Rendell, Tom Grindey, Elizabeth Moffat (from 8pm) and Adele Shepherd; County Cllr. Roger Bingham; the Clerk and no members of the public

### 103/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adrian Bland and Iain Richards (reasons noted) and after the meeting from District Cllr. Kevin Holmes, who had been told to self-isolate

### 104/21 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman

### 105/21 Requests for Dispensation

None

### 106/21 Declarations of Interest

None

### 107/21 Public Participation

None

### 108/21 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Cllr. Richards had forwarded a note that he was still waiting for a reply from B4RN particularly regarding when the rest of the village would be connected
- What's Back On in Heversham: The production of a leaflet by the end of July was in hand
- Cllrs. were reminded that the new Dallam School Headteacher (Ms Rachael Williams), the new Head of Boarding (Mrs Maria Loddó) and Mr John Watton (the council contact) were to attend the meeting on 16 September 2021
- Cllr. Rendell had confirmed with Mrs. Mary Capstick the purchase of a commemoration seat to be located at the playground in memory of Cllr. Gordon Capstick and Cllr. Rendell was authorised to purchase one from Haverigg Prison at a cost in the region of £165 and to purchase a plaque
- It was agreed to hold the adjourned Annual Parish Meeting on 7 October 2021 and that it would include the usual reports; a talk by County Cllr. Bingham on Heversham's history; a presentation on Dark Skies and the promotion of wild flowers and wildlife; a discussion as to how the parish coped with the pandemic; and celebration of the B4RN installation

### 109/21 Reports

- a. There was no report as District Cllr. K. Holmes was self-isolating
- b. County Cllr. Bingham reported regarding the current Covid position locally with the number of cases in Cumbria being four times the national average. Some popular summer events had been cancelled again but the Westmorland County Show is to take place over two days in September. The two local hospitals were both expanding their facilities. Councils will now have to tackle the social and financial costs of the epidemic. He also expressed his disquiet that a meeting had taken place with a County Council official regarding the double yellow line gaps without his knowledge or involvement. The Council apologised for his non-involvement in the meeting
- c. The Athenaeum: No report other than made in previous meetings

### 110/21 Planning

- i) It was noted that no planning applications had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting
- ii) It was noted that the following planning application had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:  
**TR/2021/0099 Tower House, Heversham**  
Fell conifer
- iii) It was noted that the following planning application had been notified as refused by SLDC since the last meeting:  
**SL/2021/0484 Spout House, Heversham**  
Single storey colour coated metal clad steel framed garage and improvements to access by an existing gateway
- iv) It was noted that no report had yet been received from SLDC regarding the reported development without permission
- v) The Chairman reported that the Neighbourhood Plan group had met regarding the Local Plan and that he had attended the review briefing on 21 June 2021. The group recommended and it was agreed that they should aim to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan should fit within / alongside the Local Plan by monitoring the process in a passive role. They should also remain alert to any realistic opportunities for more affordable housing

### 111/21 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

#### Highways:

- a) The Clerk referred the Council to the CCC Highways Dept HIAMS project (see items 115/21e and 115/21g)
- b) The Chairman reported that there was to be a further meeting in August with Stainton and Sedgwick Parish Councils and Hincaster Parish Meeting regarding making a concerted approach to the proposals for speed limits and to improving road safety in the area between the A65 and the A6
- c) The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with CCC Highways Dept with regard to removing the double yellow line gaps (parking spaces) between Crow Wood and the Playground and that finance was the stumbling block.

County Cllr. Bingham had been asked about available CCC funding

- d) Several hedges were restricting pavements. Cllr. Shepherd agreed to contact Plumtree Hall and the Clerk was asked to contact Dallam School with requests that the hedges be trimmed

#### **Footpaths/Tracks::**

- i) Details were awaited of the existing cycleways and cycle paths in Heversham parish and possible necessary improvements
- ii) It was agreed that the Footpaths Group should be refreshed
- iii) The kissing gate on Heversham Head had been replaced. The possibility of a permissive path down to Mabbin Hall Lane and a stile by the mast was being explored
- iv) County Cllr. Bingham was supplying the text to go on the map / visitor information noticeboards at each end of the village. He had already supplied a longer text. It was agreed that this should be used as a leaflet, published by the Council, which he offered to finance
- v) The continuation of the licence for the old railway line had not yet been resolved with Dallam School and the discussion regarding the condition of the path had therefore been deferred

#### **Trees and Woods:**

- i) It was agreed to proceed with the Quarry Wood quote received by Cllr. Bland in the amount of between £1,200 and £1,400. A meeting was to be arranged to resolve which trees were to be dispatched. The Clerk had been informed by SLDC that a locality grant could be used for the purpose of making the wood a local amenity
- ii) Cllrs. were asked to identify possible locations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy initiative and it was agreed that it should be a discussion item at the Annual Parish Meeting

#### **112/21 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. He had removed mud from the entrance
- ii) It was agreed to replace the two picnic tables at a cost of approx. £350
- iii) The Clerk had submitted a grant application for £8,000 to the Walney Extension Community Fund towards the finance for the next phase of the improvements

#### **113/21 Climate Change / Community Energy Projects**

It was agreed to set up a working group consisting of volunteer councillors, plus other parishioners with an interest in the subject, to consider the scope for responses in the parish to climate change and community energy projects. It was agreed that Cllr. Richards should be the Chair of the group. It should report back to the Council with advice and recommendations as appropriate and in any event by April 2022

#### **114/21 Finance**

- a) It was noted that there had been the following receipt since the last meeting:  
J Thacker & Sons Ltd – field of dreams rent - £380.00
- b) The following payments were approved:  
M R Richardson – salary & expenses to 31/7/21 - £1,275.38 – cheque 583  
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £277.20 – cheque 584  
The Athenaeum – annual maintenance contribution - £300.00 – cheque 585  
St Peter's Church – annual churchyard maintenance contribution - £500.00 – cheque 586  
Dallam School Charitable Trust – playground rent - £1.00 – cheque 587  
CALC – course fee - £15.00 – cheque 588  
A Thexton – rebuild wall & kissing gate on Heversham Head - £252.00 – cheque 589  
Npower – street lighting electricity (2 months to to 31/5/21) - £82.25 – cheque 590
- c) The budget comparison 2020/21 was received and noted
- d) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 June 2021 was £20,483.66 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman

#### **115/21 Correspondence**

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

- a. Further items from SLDC, CCC and Cumbria Police giving information re coronavirus (covid-19), testing and vaccination matters
- b. SLDC – South Lakeland Plan Review – “Issues and Options” stakeholder virtual workshop on 14/7/21 (emailed to Cllrs.18/6/21)
- c. CALC – Analysis of local council precept data 2021-22 (emailed to Cllrs 23/6/21)
- d. CCC – Rural Community Network Event on 28/6/21 – community ownership of digital connectivity networks (emailed to Cllrs 25/6/21)
- e. CCC – HIAMS project: “One Front-Door” approach for Parish Councillors (emailed to Cllrs.30/6/21)
- f. SLDC – Locality Services newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.5/7/21). The Clerk was asked to write to The Athenaeum committee to ask if they would like to install an electric vehicle charging point in The Athenaeum car park
- g. CALC – Link to video of 24/6/21 HIAMS briefing (emailed to Cllrs.6/7/21)

#### **116/21 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:**

- Parishioners with an interest in the possibility for any local action in response to climate change to contact the Clerk (also to be included in Next Door)

#### **117/21 Items for Information- no decisions or action permitted**

- Cllr. Grindey reported that there was a problem with the defibrillator cabinet fan

**118/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Heversham Village Heritage Exhibition – possible consultation later in the year
- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022 – put on next agenda

**119/21 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16 September 2021 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.40pm