

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 14 July 2022** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell, Tom Grindey, Elizabeth Moffat and Iain Richards; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and six members of the public

103/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adrian Bland and Adele Shepherd (reasons accepted and noted) and County Cllr. Roger Bingham

104/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2022 be amended by altering in 90/22 “Emergency” to “Change” and by adding in 97/22 “£87.88 cheque 632” to the item re Npower May 2022 before they be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

105/22 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Clarke declared an interest with regard to the request to use Quarry Wood as an occasional Forest School in item 111/22

106/22 Requests for Dispensation

None

107/22 Public Participation

The members of the public stated that they were requesting Cumbria County Council to install further street lights on the A6 between Heversham and Milnthorpe for pedestrian safety reasons and they requested support from the Council in addition to that promised by Milnthorpe Parish Council

108/22 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Cllr. Richards reported that Dugg Hill was now connected and that the other side of the A6 and Haverflatts were the only remaining unconnected areas
- Street Lighting: It was agreed that the Clerk should seek to establish the cost of switching the lights off in May and back on in September and whether or not there would be an electricity cost saving
- Climate Change Working Group: Cllr. Richards reported that the group wished to see a lower speed limit on the A6 than the requested extension of the 50mph limit and would like to pursue a suggestion of a village limit of 20mph. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda. They had discussed small scale solar farms such as a suggestion to place one on the roof of the Church. District Cllr. Holmes referred to SLDC’s “New Housing Energy Grant Scheme”, which gives support to households with a combined household income of less than £30,000 pa or in receipt of means-tested benefit

109/22 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes reported with regard to amending licensing laws for taxis; that SLDC had received £2.9M for grants for businesses not covered by previous pandemic schemes; and that the next A590 consultation would possibly be in August
- b. County Cllr. Bingham had forwarded his report which included notes that local government reorganisation seems to be making it difficult to make headway on current highways matters; that the recent tragic accident may give weight to the 50mph speed limit extension request; and that he had stressed necessary local road and anti-flooding works. The Council were disturbed that he referred to adding his £6,000 highways allowance for 2022-23 to the division’s resurfacing fund when it understood that it was to be used towards the removal of the northern double yellow line gap (parking space) between Crow Wood and the Playground
- c. Cllr. Battye stated that the Shadow Authority were looking at the options for future services such as sharing between the two unitary authorities – aggregation and some disaggregation. One discussion item is how town and parish councils are dealing with climate change
- d. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that work on the Snooker Club flooding improvements were due to start shortly, the barbecue had raised £436 although turnout was very low and the cake bake was confirmed for Sunday 16 October

110/22 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:
 - TR/2022/0073 St Peter’s Church, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Works as described in the submitted arboricultural tree management programme
 - SL/2022/0610 Heversham House, Heversham**
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and removal of conditions 5 (planting), 6 (planting), 12 (permitted development), 13 (roof balcony) attached to planning permission SL/2020/0917
 - PN/2022/0089 Opposite Sunny Rigg, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Formal notification of 28 days notice for the intention to install a 10m light wooden pole
The Council had **no comment** on these applications
- ii) It was noted that the following planning application had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
 - SL/2022/0377 Waterside Fold, Heversham**
Construction of a first floor glazed balcony to south west elevation
- iii) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

111/22 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) The Council noted that at least one road sign had been cleaned and it awaited the other issues being fitted into the Highways programme once the new signs had been delivered
- b) Reports on HIAMS continued to be made but the damaged signs on the A6 at Parkhouse and at Heversham Gardens had not yet been replaced
- c) The Council **agreed** to support the request to Cumbria County Council from the Boarding School pupils to install further street lights between Heversham and Milnthorpe for pedestrian safety reasons – either separately or jointly with Milnthorpe Parish Council
- d) The Council expressed concern that some property owners were not cutting their hedges by pavements as legally required to do and that the hedge next to the defibrillator was overgrown

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Chair reported that the map / visitor information noticeboards were being manufactured
- ii) It was **agreed** to support the request from Dallam School to move the public right of way to the edge of Tristrams Playing Fields in an attempt to stop dog fouling on the sports pitches

Trees and Woods:

- i) Offers by councillors to join the working party to plant the trees for the collaborative project between the Council and Dallam School under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme were gratefully received
- ii) It was **agreed** to accept the contractor's invoice for £3180 plus VAT and to thank him for the additional work carried out at Quarry Wood which was considered to be very beneficial and to accept Cllr. Bland's revised and best offer of £60 per tonne for the 42 tonnes of felled timber. It was also agreed that Cllr. Rendell should negotiate with Mr. Randall regarding the Council offering to pay for the damage to his wall and keeping the wood from the fallen tree which had caused the damage
- iii) It was agreed that the use of Quarry Wood for an occasional Forest School be encouraged. The Chair took no part in this discussion
- iv) The Chair reported that the Community Orchard idea was still being explored

112/22 Speed Limits

The Council had been informed that the request for an extension of the current 50mph limit to Levens Bridge would be considered at the next Casualty Reduction and Safer Highways meeting. A parishioner had proposed that the Council request a reduction in the 50mph limit and, after discussion, it was noted that there was a desire for a slower limit than 50 mph for the entire stretch of road currently under the 50mph restriction particularly after the recent fatal accident. A further suggestion of a 20mph limit through the village was to be put on the next agenda

113/22 Field of Dreams

It was agreed that Cllrs. Clarke, Rendell and Bland should review the background, issues and options regarding the Field of Dreams and report to the next meeting

114/22 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported no problems
- ii) He continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting
- iii) An unsuccessful appeal had been made at the village barbecue that a committee was needed to take responsibility for ongoing development

115/22 Poppy Collection

It was agreed to ask CALC whether the collection of cash only for the poppy appeal was a widespread issue

116/22 Leasgill Quarry Trust

Proposed Council requests for funding were to be finalised at the next meeting but could include additional poo bins, tree guards for the collaborative project, replacement defibrillator pads and playground items

117/22 Finance

- a) The following receipts since the last meeting were noted:
 - Tim Thacker – field of dreams rent - £380.00
 - Leasgill Quarry Trust – grant re poo bin - £100.00
 - Leasgill Quarry Trust – grant re playground combi swing - £805.75
 - Rhoda Thompson Trust – grant re playground combi swing - £805.75
- b) The following payments were approved:
 - Gavin Charlesworth – work done at Quarry Wood - £3,816.00 - cheque 634
 - Npower – street lighting electricity June 2022 - £78.37 – cheque 635
 - M R Richardson – salary & expenses to 31/7/22 - £1,278.38 – cheque 636
 - HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £280.40 - cheque 637
 - The Athenaeum – meeting room hire - £50.00 – cheque 638
 - The Athenaeum – annual maintenance contribution - £100.00 – cheque 640
 - St Peter's Church – annual churchyard maintenance contribution - £500.00 – cheque 639
- c) The budget comparison 2021/22 was received and noted
- d) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 June 2022 was £21,157.48, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

118/22 Correspondence

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

- a. Further items concerning local government reorganisation
- b. CALC – Papers for South Lakes & Barrow District Association AGM on 30/6/22 (emailed to Cllrs. 10/6/22)

- c. CALC – The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service – nominations requested by 15/9/22 (emailed to Cllrs. 10/6/22)
- d. CALC – LDNPA is looking for hidden gems to celebrate local heritage (emailed to Cllrs.10/6/22)
- e. Tim Farron MP – Levelling Up Bill (emailed to Cllrs.6/7/22)
- f. CALC – Neighbourliness – how to get involved (emailed to Cllrs.6/7/22)
- g. CALC – Invitation to highlight hidden gems (buildings, sites and features) in Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- h. SLDC – Council shows red card to dog fouling on pitches (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- i. CALC – NALC’s levelling up briefing (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- j. CALC – News May & June 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- k. CCC - Registration with Support Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- l. CCC – Launch of the Carlisle, Barrow & Kendal local cycling and walking infrastructure plans (emailed to Cllrs.8/7/22)
- m. SLDC – No campfires or bonfires in SLDC parks (emailed to Cllrs.8/7/22)
- n. CALC – Homes for Ukraine update (emailed to Cllrs.8/7/22)
- o. CALC – Neighbourliness – funding opportunity for mutual aid groups (emailed to Cllrs.8/7/22)

119/22 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Quarry Wood completion
- Leasgill Quarry Trust applications for funding from relevant organisations

120/22 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- The Chair informed the meeting that work was continuing at the old primary school including electrical works with the insertion of new suspended ceilings in some areas. Other renovations are also underway with some new windows and reinstating the original hall as one room with a full height ceiling. It is expected that final decisions regarding the use of the buildings will be some time away but discussions are taking place with various educational agencies associated with the school

121/22 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- i) Land off Park House Drive – public right of way? – September 2022
- ii) “What’s Back On in Heversham” – September 2022
- iii) Local government reorganisation – September 2022
- iv) The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme working party – September / October 2022

122/22 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15 September 2022 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm