

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 13 June 2019** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chairman), Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey and Iain Richards; County Cllr. Roger Bingham; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; the Clerk; and two members of the public.
Cllr. Clarke (Vice-Chairman) acted as the Chairman for this meeting

78/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Brian Rendell, Gordon Capstick and Adele Shepherd (reasons noted).

79/19 Declarations of Interest

None.

80/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2019 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

81/19 Public Participation

The members of the public present spoke with regard to their plans for ecobuild tree houses at Park House Farm and agreed to forward documentation to the Council.

82/19 Ongoing Items

- Double Yellow Lines: The Clerk reported that the line painting was awaited.
- Speed Indication Devices: The Clerk reported that permission for a device at the north end of the village had been agreed by the relevant committee; a meeting had been held with regard to the siting of the device; that the documentation was awaited; and that the Rhoda Thompson Trust had kindly agreed to transfer their grant to that device.
- B4RN: Cllr. Richards reported that a 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 would be firmed up for the week of 16 September (but not on the Thursday which was the date of that month's Council meeting).

83/19 Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that all the lights had now been converted to LED except for the one at Hillside in Woodhouse Lane which had been removed as it would be very costly to replace and shed little light on the road. The new Unmetered Supplies Certificate had been issued and a revised supply quote was awaited from Npower. The annual consumption was down to 2571 kWh from 7453 and the annual energy cost was expected to be approx £400 plus VAT. This would give a total annual saving for energy and maintenance of approx £1,300 but the Council would not see the benefit until 2021/22 due to SLDC billing the street lighting charges in arrears (the costs 2017/18 are included in the precept 2019/20). The 2018/19 costs (which will include 9 months maintenance to the cessation of the Cumbria County Council contract on 31 December 2018) will be included in the precept 2020/21.

84/19 Reports

- a. No report on behalf of the Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received.
- b. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported that the parking issue at Crow Wood was ongoing and reminded the Council that there was to be a public consultation on 27 June 2019 with regard to the roundabout at Gilpin Bridge. He also reported that Customer Connect was ongoing with staff changes and that the District Councillors had been informed that all plastic from South Lakeland was recycled.
- c. County Cllr. Bingham reported that he had carried out an inspection of all local roads and that those in Heversham were better than for some time. CCTV was being installed in several locations in the county to assist in combating county lines drug dealing. Measures re climate change, protection from violent crime and the failure of the highways authority to erect diversion signs were all ongoing. He also reported that there was general concern with regard to ash tree dieback.
- d. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reminded the Council that the barbecue was to be held on 29 June 2019.

85/19 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning application had been **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting:
SL/2019/0237 Hill Crest, Leasgill
Rear conservatory
- ii) It was noted that the Council had **commented** 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 with a consultation deadline before this meeting:
SL/2019/0313 Highfield Farm, Haverflatts Lane, Ackenthwaite, Milnthorpe
Farm worker's dwelling to serve Highfield Farm
- iii) The Council had been contacted by 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) and had suggested an improvement in the footpath to Heversham Head. After discussion it was agreed to also suggest that B4RN, the proposed playground redevelopment and another footpath improvement from Wilson's Field to the old railway line would also qualify.

86/19 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

Highways - The possibility of requesting a 20mph speed limit for Woodhouse Lane had been discussed by the

Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk with Highways and a Police representative and they had been advised that this was a very difficult matter to achieve and one which would take a considerable amount of time.

Footpaths/Tracks – No report other than the items in 85/19iii above and that marker signs had been refreshed.
Trees – Cllr. Richards had nothing to report. It was agreed that consideration should be given to monitoring any possibility of ash tree dieback (see 84/19c above).

87/19 Playground Report

- i. Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and continued to monitor the equipment.
- ii. The concrete bases to the scrapped equipment had been removed by Cllr. Bland.
- iii. The inspections until the next meeting were to be carried out by Cllr. Rendell.
- iv. It was agreed to gather information about the costs of potential children's equipment and to request help from parishioners with an eye to the possibility of keeping the playground operational.

88/19 Promotion of Flowers and Wildlife

This was discussed and deferred for further discussion at the next meeting.

89/19 Finance

- a. The following receipt was noted:
J Thacker & Sons Ltd – field of dreams rent - £380.00
- b. The following payments between meetings were approved:
M R Richardson – refund - Solway Recycling Ltd replacement bench - £381.60 – cheque 482
Zurich Insurance Ltd – insurance to 31/5/20 - £364.03 – cheque 483
Jones Lighting Ltd – street lighting (balance) - £2,340.00 – cheque 484
C T Hayton Ltd – mower repairs - £42.82 – cheque 485
B Rendell – refund – fixing materials for replacement bench - £7.63 – cheque 486
- c. The following payments were approved:
W Knipe – field of dreams fencing - £380.00 - cheque 487
G W Bell – field of dreams wall repairs - £325.00 - cheque 488
SLDC – street lighting 2017/18 (included in the precept 2019/20 - minute 72/19b) - £1,717.57 – cheque 489
- d. The new Athenaeum broadband contract at £25.00 plus VAT per month was approved and it was agreed to leave the annual Athenaeum maintenance contribution at £100.00.
- e. The insurance cover was confirmed at the amounts listed in the Asset Register approved on 11 April 2019.
- f. **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 May 2019 was £19,125.44 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman.

90/19 Correspondence

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

- a. CALC – Consultation re changes to rules around vehicle operator licensing systems (emailed to Cllrs.7/5/19)
- b. CALC – Programme for summer conference on 22/6/19 (emailed to Cllrs.7/5/19)
- c. CALC – May 2019 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.13/5/19)
- d. CALC – Minutes & documents re presentation by Police to March 2019 District Association meeting (emailed to Cllrs.13/5/19)
- e. SLDC – Updated planning validation requirements May 2019 consultation document extension (emailed to Cllrs.13/5/19)
- f. SLDC – Link to SLDC agenda for 21/5/19 annual meeting (emailed to Cllrs.15/5/19)
- g. Univ Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust – Care Quality Commission report (emailed to Cllrs.16/5/19)
- h. CALC – Flyer for Big Lunch – first weekend in June 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.17/5/19)
- i. CALC – Town & Parish Councils' celebration for VE Day 75 on 8/5/20 (emailed to Cllrs.21/5/19)
- j. CALC – Cumbria Strategic Flood Partnership independent chair recruitment campaign (emailed to Cllrs.23/5/19)
- k. CALC – Flyer for CALC conference on 22/6/19 (emailed to Cllrs.31/5/19)
- l. CALC – North West Coastal Access May 2019 update (emailed to Cllrs.31/5/19)
- m. CALC – Final paperwork for the District Association meeting on 6/6/19 (emailed to Cllrs.3/6/19)
- n. CCC – Urgent road closure – C5071 Harry Brow, Nr Hincaster (emailed to Cllrs.7/6/19)
- o. SLDC – Green Team climate change weekly tip (emailed to Cllrs.7/6/19)
- p. CCC – Emergency road closure – U5338 Drain End Road, Heversham (emailed to Cllrs.7/6/19)

91/19 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- B4RN 25 July 2019 meeting
- Playground help

92/19 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

93/19 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Enhancement of the village
- Celebration of VE Day 75 – 8 May 2020

94/19 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11 July 2019 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

