

# HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 9 June 2022** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

**Present** – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell and Tom Grindey; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and no members of the public

## 85/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Elizabeth Moffat, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd (reasons accepted and noted) and County Cllr. Roger Bingham

## 86/22 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

## 87/22 Declarations of Interest

None

## 88/22 Requests for Dispensation

None

## 89/22 Public Participation

None

## 90/22 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Nothing to report
- Street Lighting: Nothing to report
- Climate Emergency Working Group: The group had not yet had another meeting

## 91/22 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes reported regarding SLDC meetings
- b. County Cllr. Bingham: No report
- c. Cllr. Battye stated that the Shadow Authority had held its first council meeting, adopted its constitution and appointed a leader. Terms of Reference had also been agreed together with an implementation plan and a chief executive was being appointed
- d. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey confirmed that there was to be a village barbecue on 18 June and that a cake bake was to be held on 16 October

## 92/22 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning application had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:  
**SL/2022/0487 Ninezergh Farm, Levens**  
Roof over existing slurry store (retrospective)  
The Council had **no comment** on this application
- ii) It was noted that the following planning application had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:  
**SL/2022/0322 Field End, Leasgill**  
Demolition of existing garage and erection of double garage and store and associated external works
- iii) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

## 93/22 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

### Highways:

- a) The Clerk had contacted Highways regarding the absence or obscuring of several road signs and the faded or missing repeater signs and had received an email the same day stating that the issues had all been captured in a site inspection two days earlier. The work would be fitted into the programme once the new signs had been delivered
- b) Reports on HIAMS continued to be made regarding potholes, the damaged road sign on the A6 at Parkhouse and the manhole covers on Woodhouse Lane. The damaged sign at Heversham Gardens was to be reported
- c) The Clerk had contacted the PCSO regarding signs to warn tractors to slow down in Woodhouse Lane but had been told that there were no such available signs

### Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Chair reported that the final proofs on the map / visitor information noticeboards had been signed off and that work continued on finalising the sites
- ii) The Chair stated that the Footpaths Group was semi-dormant and needed someone to co-ordinate / communicate and give it momentum

### Trees and Woods:

- i) It was noted that a working party would be needed when the delivery date was known for the trees for the collaborative project between the Council and Dallam School under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme
- ii) It was reported that Quarry Wood was looking good. The felled timber was waiting to be removed to Ninezergh with a decision then to be made about disposal
- iii) The Chair reported that the Community Orchard idea was being explored / gestated

### **94/22 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. He reported that there was no presence of dog poo and that a Rowan Tree which had been donated by Beetham Nurseries to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had been planted in the playground
- iii) It was agreed that a committee was needed to take responsibility for ongoing development and that this should be mentioned at the village barbecue on 18 June

### **95/22 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

It was reported that the pudding party had been a success with about 100 in attendance. The Council expressed its warm and grateful thanks to Jane Cushnie for her hard work. The beacon had also been well received. It was noted that there had been some miscommunication about events which had been locally organised and funded by residents – not by the Council

### **96/22 Speed Limits**

The Clerk had written to CCC to seek an extension of the current 50mph limit to Levens Bridge and a reply was awaited

### **97/22 Finance**

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
- b) The following payment was approved:  
Npower – street lighting electricity May 2022 – approx. £90.00 (when received)
- c) It was agreed that the Council would pay when due for the renewal of the defibrillator pads at both The Athenaeum and the former telephone box opposite the Boarding House
- d) The annual internal audit report for the year ended 31 March 2022 was received and approved. The charges of the internal auditor (Jean Airey) of £59.00 were approved for payment – cheque 633
- e) The Certificate of Exemption from a limited assurance review was completed
- f) The Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 (Section 1 of the Annual Return) was approved and signed
- g) The Accounting Statements 2021/22 (Section 2 of the Annual Return) were approved and signed
- h) The dates of the period for the exercise of public rights were confirmed as 30 June 2022 to 10 August 2022
- i) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 May 2022 was £20,931.76, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

### **98/22 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 – News March and April 2022 (emailed to Cllrs. 13/5/22)
- c. CALC – Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership May 2022 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs. 13/5/22)
- d. Cumbria Police – Weapon surrenders to make county a safer place (emailed to Cllrs.13/5/22)
- e. CALC – Homes for Ukraine update / Together with Refugees forum 8/6/22 (emailed to Cllrs.13/5/22)
- f. Cumbria Police – April 2022 report for Kendal / Kendal Rural (emailed to Cllrs.13/5/22)
- g. SLDC – Council cabinet confirmed at final Annual Meeting on 18/5/22 (emailed to Cllrs.25/5/22)
- h. CALC – Request by Power for People to persuade an MP to introduce a ballot bill for the Local Electricity Bill (emailed to Cllrs.25/5/22)
- i. SLDC – Council prepares for Appleby Horse Fair movement (emailed to Cllrs.25/5/22)
- j. CALC – ACT newsletter May 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.31/5/22)

**99/22 Westmorland Gazette** – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- The donation of the rowan tree by Beetham Nurseries

### **100/22 Items for Information** – *no decisions or action permitted*

- Cllr. Rendell is to liaise with Mrs. Mary Capstick about the organisation of a photo and press release re the commemoration seat in honour of Cllr. Gordon Capstick

### **101/22 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- i) "What's Back On in Heversham" – September 2022
- ii) Local government reorganisation – September 2022
- iii) Poppy collection – July 2022
- iv) Leasgill Quarry Trust – requests for funding or time extensions – July 2022
- v) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme working party – September / October 2022

### **102/22 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14 July 2022 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

