

## HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 8 June 2023** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

**Present** – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell, Adrian Bland (from 7.45pm), Elizabeth Moffat (from 8.00 pm to 8.45pm) and Iain Richards; Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and no members of the public

### 84/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Tom Grindey (reasons accepted and noted) and Hayley Newman (Cumbria Police)

### 85/23 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

### 86/23 Declarations of Interest

None

### 87/23 Requests for Dispensation

None

### 88/23 Public Participation

None

### 89/23 Appointment of Councillor to fill Vacancy

It was noted that an election had not been requested and the Council was therefore able to co-opt to fill the vacancy. It was agreed to make further enquiries and report to the next meeting

### 90/23 Ongoing Items

- Climate Change Working Group: Cllr. Richards listed the members of the group and said that he had insufficient time to take the lead. It was agreed to thank the members and put the group on hold; the Clerk would continue to forward relevant emails to all Cllrs.; and to put the subject on the agenda quarterly to pick up any urgent issues
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme: The Chair is to contact Dallam School and suggest that the production of a plaque be cancelled as there were very few trees left after attacks by rabbits and the weather
- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: There was no further information to report
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was awaited
- "What's On" noticeboard: The noticeboard had been received and Cllr. Bland was to agree its location with The Athenaeum committee
- Buses – Fares and Routes: The fare cap had been extended to 31 October 2023 with an increased cap thereafter but there was no information yet as to whether Stagecoach would agree to designated temporary bus stops at the A6 laybys when the road through the village was closed to buses

### 91/23 Reports

- a. Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Battye drew attention to the Clean River Kent Campaign and reported that W&F decisions were beginning to take shape with a priority being a 20 mph policy; all W&F Cllrs. were to have £1,000 to spend locally; and the locality board had agreed a schedule of highways work for the next three years with each Council having an assigned highways officer. Cllr. Battye confirmed that she had noted the Council's highways priorities
- b. The Athenaeum: There was no report

### 92/23 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:
  - SL/2023/0429 Dallam School Car Park, Princes Way, Heversham**  
Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans), 4 (surface water and sewage), 5 (soft landscape) and 6 (parking layout) attached to approval of reserved matters permission SL/2019/0726 (erection of two dwellings and alterations to car park)
  - SL/2023/0449 Plots 1 and 2 land opposite Brant House, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**  
Discharge of Conditions 3 (construction method statement), 4 (sustainable drainage), 5 (soft landscaping) & 7 (visibility splays) attached to reserved matters permission SL/2019/0230  
The Council had **no comments** on these applications
- ii) It was noted that no planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting
- iii) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing to report

### 93/23 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

#### Highways:

- a) Potholes continued to be reported on HIAMS. Those at the south end of the village have been temporarily filled
- b) The Crow Wood parking problem had been raised by a parishioner but the Council reiterated its previous comments that the matter could only be resolved by action from the residents
- c) A proposal to seek a 30mph limit instead of the existing 50mph limit on the A6 had insufficient support
- d) It was noted that several warning signs had not been removed after road work had been completed
- e) The Clerk was asked to request an update regarding the Dallam School pupils' proposal for additional lighting on the A6 between Heversham and Milnthorpe

### **Footpaths/Tracks:**

- i) The Clerk apologised for not having yet put the electronic footpath guides on the Council website
- ii) Contact had been made with the Footpaths Section of Westmorland and Furness Council regarding the stiles
- iii) It was agreed to contact CALC to clarify whether there is any ongoing consideration regarding the tension between traditional squeeze stiles and accessibility on rights of way

### **Trees and Woods:**

- i) The report from the Dallam Scholl trustees' meeting regarding the Council's continued responsibility for the trees on the old railway line had not yet been received
- ii) Trees that had been identified as damaged and diseased had been removed

### **94/23 Playground Report**

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported no problems. The arranged fencing work had been done
- ii) Cllr. Rendell continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting
- iii) It was confirmed that the new seesaw and picnic table should be ordered
- iv) It was agreed to obtain a replacement notice referring to no dogs and the age of users

### **95/23 Parking around the Church**

It was agreed that this was not an issue which needed action by the Council

### **96/23 Finance**

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts between the last meeting and publishing the agenda
- b) It was noted that there had been the following receipt since publishing the agenda:  
HMRC – The Athenaeum VAT refund - £3,591.46
- c) The following payments were approved:  
Jean Airey – internal audit - £75.00 – cheque 684  
The Athenaeum – hire of hall - £135.00 – cheque 685  
Npower – street lighting electricity May 2023 - £95.70 – cheque 686  
Peter Clarke – flowers / card for Adele Shepherd - £13.00 – cheque 687
- d) The following payment due since publishing the agenda was approved:  
The Athenaeum – VAT refund - £3,591.46 – cheque 689
- e) The annual internal audit report for the year ended 31 March 2023 was received and approved
- f) The Certificate of Exemption from a limited assurance review was completed
- g) The Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 (Section 1 of the Annual Return) was approved and signed
- h) The Accounting Statements 2022/23 (Section 2 of the Annual Return) were approved and signed
- i) The dates of the period for the exercise of public rights were confirmed as 12 June 2023 to 21 July 2023
- j) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 May 2023 was £29,460.89, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

### **97/23 Policies and Procedures**

The existing Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct were noted and confirmed

### **98/23 Correspondence**

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

- a. Further climate change information and updates
- b. Further community resilience information
- c. W&FC – Request for new Declarations of Interest (emailed to Cllrs. 15/5/23)
- d. CALC News March & April 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.19/5/23)
- e. W&FC – Great Big Green Week – Dark Skies talk on 9/6/23 (emailed to Cllrs.29/5/23)
- f. South Lakeland Area Support – Transport options in the Lake District survey (emailed to Cllrs.29/5/23)
- g. CALC – Community renewable energy event on 29/6/23 (emailed to Cllrs.4/6/23)
- h. South Lakes Police – May 2023 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs. 6/6/23)

**99/23 Westmorland Gazette** – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

**100/23 Items for Information** – *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

### **101/23 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- a. Cleaning of road signs
- b. Management of the lack of coterminosity between health and social care in order to ensure effective integrated care for parishioners with the need for explanations and transparency regarding the roles of the relevant components of the local health and care system

### **102/23 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 13 July 2023 (subsequently amended to Thursday 27 July) and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

