

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Wednesday 26 June 2024** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey, Mary Capstick, Adrian Tayler and Elizabeth Moffat (until 8.40pm); Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and two members of the public

78/24 Apologies: None

79/24 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

80/24 Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms were signed by Cllrs. Grindey and Capstick and witnessed by the Clerk

81/24 Appointment of Councillor to fill Casual Vacancy

It was proposed by Cllr. Clarke and seconded by Cllr. Bland that Natalie Fletcher be co-opted onto the Council. This was agreed unanimously

82/24 Declarations of Interest: None

83/24 Requests for Dispensation: None

84/24 Public Participation: The two parishioners present commented on the situation regarding the snooker room tanking at The Athenaeum and the alternative quotations which had been received. They asked for approval of a proposal to proceed with a quote of £15,000 from Bay West Co, which carried no guarantee and which, with extras including plumbing and painting, gave a total estimated cost of £20,740 excluding VAT (which is recoverable by The Athenaeum) if The Athenaeum committee were happy with examples of other work done by Bay West Co. This was approved by Council on the understanding that it was to be financed by a gift from the Snooker Club of £15,000 with the remainder being covered by grants or by The Athenaeum

85/24 Ongoing Items

- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: The Clerk had today received a reply from W&FC stating that “commitment for funding has been secured to make the changes to the A6 speed limit to change it all to 50mph and therefore have the consistent 50mph speed limit from Levens through to Milnthorpe. It is on our works programme for this year and the team are looking to progress to initial consultation soon, which will include the Parish Council”. The email also stated that “the traffic data that we have, along with the report from the Engineering Safety Study, has indicated 50mph as the most suitable speed limit for the whole length”. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether the request to amend the proposal to 40mph on the A6 from one parish boundary to the other was still under consideration or whether it was part of the above deliberations
- Proposed village 20mph zone and action on comments from the consultation: Cllr. Clarke said that he would recirculate his comments with the final version to be included in the newsletter (see below)
- Crow Wood and yellow line parking restrictions: No reply had yet been received from W&FC regarding clarification of the ownership of the area used for parking
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council’s claim was still awaited
- Street Light Removal: This was now scheduled for the end of August
- Proposed newsletter: When finalised by Cllrs. Clarke and Moffat, this was to be published as an insert in the Parish News

86/24 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye informed the meeting that it was fairly quiet prior to the national election but that the Locality Board had grant funds available and the areas of support included installation of solar panels, electric charging points and biodiversity schemes; and that Children’s Services training was being provided by CALC. Cllr. Battye also said that it was possible that the Park House Drive planning application would be amended as W&FC were very mindful of the housing need in the parish
- b. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey said that the July barbecue would be at the pop-up pub

87/24 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning application had been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
2024/0991/FPA Tower View, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham
Reinstatement of demolished dormer bungalow following a fire
The Council had **no comments** on this application
- ii) The Clerk reported that no further information had been received from W&FC regarding application
2024/0064/FPA Valley View, Leasgill
- iii) It was noted that the following planning application had been **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting:
2024/0466/FPA 1, Eversley Gardens, Leasgill
Alterations to existing dwelling house, including extension to existing balcony, attic conversion of part existing roof space involving raising existing roof level to part of dwelling
- iv) Neighbourhood Plan group: There was no report

88/24 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) The A6 had been given a top dressing but the potholes at the southern end of the village had not been filled
- b) The emptying of the poo bin at the bottom of School Lane was deferred until the next meeting

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) Cllr. Tayler reported that the online database of 30 footpaths was complete. The Council thanked him for his efforts
- ii) He also reported on several overgrown paths and problems with a kissing gate at Tristrams. These had all been reported to W&F but Cllr. Bland undertook to talk to the farmer about the kissing gate

Trees and Woods:

- i) The Chair reported that there was a serious issue with ash die back on the Old Railway Line and that Dallam School may need to close the permissive path while the necessary felling work is being done. The School is to arrange a meeting to discuss the issue with the Council

89/24 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Clarke had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported no problems
- ii) Cllr. Clarke would continue to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting. Thereafter it would change from councillor to councillor
- iii) There was no report regarding repairing and replacing the playground fencing and repairing the gate pillars and the Clerk was asked to contact former Cllr. Rendell about this

90/24 Appointment of Representatives

Representatives were appointed as follows for the following outside bodies and working groups for 2024/25:

Leasgill Quarry Trust (three representatives) – Cllrs. Clarke, Bland and Grindey

Athenaeum Committee (two representatives) – Cllrs. Bland and Grindey

District Association (one representative) – Cllr. Clarke

Footpaths and Tracks (one representative) – Cllr. Tayler

91/24 Training

The Chair had attended the CALC training event and recommended that Cllrs. attend relevant training courses. There was to be a virtual Code of Conduct session run by W&FC on 31 July 2024 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and the Chair urged all Cllrs. to attend.

92/24 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been the following receipts since the last meeting:
J Thacker & Sons Ltd - field of dreams rent - £380.00
- b) The following payment was approved:
Npower – street lighting electricity April 2024 - £136.44 – cheque 736
- c) It was agreed to sign a direct debit form for future payments to Npower
- d) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 May 2024 was £26,780.97, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

93/24 Policies and Procedures

The Clerk hadn't completed the update of the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct and the matter was deferred until the next meeting

94/24 Correspondence

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

- i) CALC – Volunteers' week 3-9 June 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.16/5/24)
- ii) CALC – W&FC's 0-19 Healthy Child Programme public consultation (emailed to Cllrs.16/5/24)
- iii) W&FC – Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.16/5/24)
- iv) CALC – Copy of the revised Good Councillor's Guide (emailed to Cllrs.21/5/24)
- v) CALC – South Lakes PTC May stakeholder update / Getting into our stride in the Working Groups (emailed to Cllrs.21/5/24)
- vi) W&FC – Cumbria LNRS workshops (emailed to Cllrs.2/5/24)
- vii) Ron Bailey – Campaign to improve safety of lithium ion batteries (used in e-bikes and e-scooters) and their disposal (emailed to Cllrs.21/5/24)
- viii) South Lakeland Area Support – Events and festivals grant programme (emailed to Cllrs.22/5/24)
- ix) W&FC - Council Plan delivery framework (emailed to Cllrs.23/5/24)

95/24 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

96/24 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- Cllr. Grindey said that there was soon to be an Open Bowling Club competition

97/24 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- a. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme Plaque – When new trees are ready later in 2024
- b. Planning policy and objections – July 2024

98/24 Date of next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 24 July 2024 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

