

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 9 May 2019** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Brian Rendell (Chairman), Gordon Capstick, Tom Grindey (from 8.05pm), Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; the Clerk; and one member of the public.

58/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adrian Bland and Peter Clarke (reasons noted), County Cllr. Roger Bingham and Cllr. Tom Grindey (who would be arriving late).

Cllr. Capstick (in the absence of the Vice-Chairman) chaired the meeting until the new Chairman was elected.

59/19 Election of Chairman

Cllr. Richards proposed and Cllr. Shepherd seconded Cllr. Rendell to be the Chairman for 2019/20. There were no other nominations and the proposal was carried unanimously.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form for 2019/20 was signed by Cllr. Rendell and witnessed by the Clerk.

Cllr. Rendell chaired the meeting from this point.

60/18 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Rendell proposed and Cllr. Richards seconded Cllr. Clarke to be the Vice-Chairman for 2019/20. There were no other nominations and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Resolved that a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form for 2019/20 was to be signed by Cllr. Clarke and witnessed by the Clerk at or before the next meeting.

61/19 Declarations of Interest

None.

62/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2019 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

63/19 Public Participation

The member of the public who was present had nothing to raise.

64/19 Ongoing Items

- Double Yellow Lines: The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Cumbria County Council that the Traffic Regulation order was now at the implementation stage and that the lines would be painted as a priority but without a definite timeframe.
- Speed Indication Devices: The Clerk reported that permission for a device at the north end of the village was to be discussed next Tuesday which was the date of the next committee meeting.
- B4RN: A full layout had been received from B4RN but the leaflets had not yet been produced and the meeting had therefore not yet taken place. Cllr. Richards is to arrange publicity through the Westmorland Gazette.
- ACT re conversations about the village in the 2030s: Cllr. Clarke had sent a report to the councillors with regard to the responses to the questionnaire / leaflets and to a meeting that Cllr. Clarke, Cllr. Richards and Heather Johnson from Hincaster had on 25 April 2019 with ACT to review the responses and take stock of the issues and options. It was proposed that an evening event be held in the week of 16 September with an open invitation to the parishioners of Heversham and Hincaster. This would form part of the ongoing discussion about what the 2030s might be like and would also aim to trigger interest in taking some relevant current initiatives. The outcome of the event would then be reported through the Parish Council (and Hincaster Parish Meeting) which would seek to support any follow-through on the areas of action identified and then report to the respective 2020 Parish Meetings.

65/19 Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that the fitting of the remaining two LED lanterns in Leasgill and the LED electronic gear trays for the two lights near the church would be done tomorrow.

66/19 Reports

- a. A report on behalf of the Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received and the Clerk reported that there had been one crime relation to the parish – a burglary and theft of a vehicle at a dwelling in Heversham. Several parishioners had expressed concern to councillors at the spate of burglaries and the Clerk was asked to enquire as to whether the Police had any leaflets concerning preventative action that could be taken.
The Clerk reported that he had raised Cllr. Capstick's concerns with regard to the lack of effort in combating rural crime with the Police and was told that they would be in touch with Cllr. Capstick shortly.
- b. District Cllr. K. Holmes congratulated Cllr. Rendell on his election to the District Council and all present joined in the congratulations. He reported that he had had a meeting with Cllr. Richards with regard to the parking issue at Crow Wood and was awaiting a definitive answer from the Land Registry. He also reported that there was to be a public consultation on 27 June 2019 with regard to the roundabout at Gilpin Bridge.
- c. There was no report from County Cllr. Bingham as he had sent his apologies.

- d. The Athenaeum: It was noted that the financial report for the third quarter ending 30 April 2019 of the financial year 2018/19 had been received and emailed to Cllrs. on 7 May 2019. Cllr. Grindey reported that tickets were now available for the barbecue to be held on 29 June 2019.

67/19 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning application had been **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting:
SL/2019/0156 Smithy Cottage, Heversham
Two storey and single storey rear extensions, detached garden store and replacement front porch
- ii) It was **resolved** that **no objection** be made to the following planning application which had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:
SL/2019/0360 Lyne Close, Woodhouse
Single storey extension

68/19 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

Highways - It was reported that the large crack in the pavement opposite Plumtree had been repaired. The Clerk had emailed Kendal Cycle Club concerning the complaints that had been received with regard to the danger to pedestrians caused by cyclists in Woodhouse Lane but had not received a reply. The possibility of requesting a 20mph speed limit for Woodhouse Lane was deferred for discussion at the next meeting. It had been reported to the Clerk that the bench at the Athenaeum north bound bus stop had rotted and was dangerous and Cllr. Rendell had therefore removed it. It was agreed to replace it with one similar to the monument bench.

Footpaths/Tracks – Concerns had been raised with regard to a footpath diversion near Mabbin Hall and Cllr. Clarke (on behalf of the Footpaths Group) had resolved the matter with Mabbin Hall. Cllr. Capstick reported that walkers were still not following the correct footpath in the field opposite Park House and barbed wire had been put on the incorrect exit. Marker arrows were required and the Clerk was asked to report this to the Footpaths Group.

Trees – Cllr. Richards reported that Dallam Estate were attending to the necessary work.

69/19 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 still needed to be removed.
iii. The inspections until the next meeting were to be carried out by Cllr. Rendell.
iv. It was agreed to defer a full discussion until a later meeting.

70/19 Parish Land

It was noted that the "Field of Dreams" will be stocked in 2019/20 by J Thacker & Sons.

71/19 Appointment of Representatives

Representatives were appointed as follows for the following outside bodies and Working Groups for 2019/20:
Heversham Playground (one representative) – Cllr. Rendell
Leasgill Quarry Trust (three representatives) – Cllrs. Rendell, Clarke and Bland
Athenaeum Committee (two representatives) – Cllrs. Grindey and Shepherd
District Association (one representative) – Cllr. Bland

72/19 Finance

- a. The National Salary award 2019/20 was noted and it was agreed to amend the Clerk's salary accordingly
b. The following receipts were noted:
SLDC precept - £10,994.58
SLDC precept grant - £212.99
c. The following payments between meetings were approved:
G W Bell – field of dreams wall repairs - £200.00 – cheque 475
Mrs M E Rendell – plants for north end flower bed - £62.40 – cheque 476
Jones Lighting Ltd – street lighting payment on account - £2,400.00 – cheque 477
d. The following payments were approved:
SLDC – annual playground inspection fee - £170.00 – cheque 479
M R Richardson – salary & expenses - £1,192.48 – cheque 480
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £252.20 – cheque 481
e. **Resolved** to authorise Cllr. Richards to negotiate a new Athenaeum broadband contract.
f. The Certificate of Exemption from a limited assurance review was approved and signed.
g. The Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 (Section 1 of the Annual Return) was approved and signed.
h. The Accounting Statements 2018/19 (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 17 June 2019 to 26 July 2019.
j. **Resolved** it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 April 2019 was £23,528.79 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman.

73/19 Correspondence

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

- a. CALC – April 2019 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.10/4/19)
b. SLDC – Website link to Standards Committee agenda (emailed to Cllrs.13/4/19)
c. CALC – Action for Health network bulletin (emailed to Cllrs.17/4/19)
d. CALC – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) briefing note (emailed to Cllrs.17/4/19)
e. Keep Britain Tidy – Great British Spring Clean report (emailed to Cllrs.3/5/19)
f. CALC – North West Coastal Access April update (emailed to Cllrs.3/5/19)

- g. CALC – Summer conference 22/6/19 (emailed to Cllrs.4/5/19)
- h. SLDC – Updated planning validation requirements May 2019 consultation document (emailed to Cllrs. 4/5/19)

74/19 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Street Lights when completed

75/19 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

76/19 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Promotion of wild flowers and wildlife
- Traffic problems in Woodhouse Lane

77/19 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 13 June 2019 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm