

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 8 November 2018**
at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Brian Rendell, Peter Clarke, Adrian Bland (from 7.45pm), Gordon Capstick, Tom Grindey and Iain Richards (from 8.00pm); District Cllr. John Holmes; the Clerk; and no members of the public.

143/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Adele Shepherd (reasons noted) and Cllrs. Adrian Bland and Iain Richards (who would both be arriving late) and County Cllr. Roger Bingham.

144/18 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Grindey declared an interest with regard to the payment to Martin Tyson Ltd and the Contractor's tender document for 2019- both in item 157/18.

145/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2018 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

146/18 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

147/18 Matters Arising from Parish Meeting

Housing & Demography – The ACT proposal for community engagement is ongoing and they are planning to produce a framework for a more detailed project plan.

148/18 Ongoing Items

- New flower bed at the north end of the village: This was now expected to be completed by the end of this month.
- Double Yellow Lines: The Clerk had been informed by Cumbria County Council Highways Dept that the procedure was being followed.
- Speed Indication Devices: The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a reply with regard to the application to the Rhoda Thompson Trust before he could place the purchase order.
- Primary School Site: Cllr. Clarke reported that the purchase by Dallam School had not yet been concluded but that the School had a number of options for use and remained committed to discussing this with the Council. The new headmaster (Mr. Nigel Whittle) had offered to attend a meeting and this was welcomed.

149/18 B4RN

Cllr. Clarke reported that Dallam School had agreed to take the initiative in order to get the B4RN connection to its Heversham site and that this would be undertaken in a cost-effective way that facilitated the future roll-out across the village. The School had also confirmed that they will be very willing to help the Council generate community interest and support for the subsequent phases and will keep in touch.

150/18 Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that the quote was still awaited from Electricity North West with regard to their charges for taking lights off the wooden poles and connecting them onto the steel columns. A further meeting had been held with Jones Lighting with regard to the work to be done by them. The Clerk was authorised to apply for funding once the quotes had been finalised.

151/18 Reports

- a. A report on behalf of the Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received and the Clerk reported that there were no crimes relating to the parish. Cllr. Capstick stated that he believed that a lot of rural crime was not being reported.
- b. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported that he had requested a grant of £350 be made towards the cost of the south end speed indication device.
- c. County Cllr. Bingham had given his apologies and there was therefore no report.
- d. The Athenaeum: The Treasurer's Report together with the Accounts and Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 July 2018 were received. **Resolved** that the Accounts and the Annual Report both be approved by the Council and signed by two Trustees. It was noted that the financial report for the quarter ended 31 October 2018 had been received and emailed to the Cllrs. before the meeting.

152/18 WWI Commemoration

- a) Barn Dance: This had been cancelled as ticket sales were very low. Councillors thought that the possible reasons for the lack of interest were that it was not well enough advertised; that people thought that it was not a time for a celebration and therefore not the right kind of event; and the time of year. Apologies were given to Cllr. Capstick and his family for the need to cancel and the Council's thanks were expressed for the hard work by Cllr. Capstick and several councillors in the preparations. The Council was informed that the band and the food supplier had both stated that they would not be making a charge, which was gratefully accepted by the Council.
- b) Beacon on Heversham Head: The risk assessment had been carried out and Cllr. Richards was to notify the Fire Brigade. The Clerk confirmed that the event was covered by the Council's insurance policy.

- c) Church and Community Planning Group: Arrangements were in place for the various events on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th. Cllr. Capstick was to read on behalf of the Council the list of names of the seventeen lost in WW1.

153/18 Planning

- i) It was noted that no planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting.
ii) **Resolved** that **no objection** be made to the following planning application which had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
TR/2018/0183 Bergville, Moss Lane, Heversham
Reduce top weighting & carry out overall crown thin to sycamore and crown thin & rebalance crown to beech

154/18 Priority Services Register

It was agreed that details of the register emailed to Cllrs. on 10/10/18 should be put in the parish magazine.

155/18 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

- a. Cllr. Clarke stated that there was nothing material to report from the Footpath Group.
b. Cllr. Richards reported that he had done work on several gullies to alleviate the possibility of flooding.
c. The meeting was informed that the large crack on St Mary's Well was to be inspected by Cllr. Grindey and Martin Tyson and a report given to the next meeting.
d. The LCAS advice with regard to tree liability emailed to Cllrs. on 22/10/18 was discussed and an offer by Cllr. Richards to undertake regular inspections of the trees on Mabbin Hall Lane and the old railway line was gratefully accepted.

156/18 Playground Report

- i. Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and continued to monitor the equipment.
ii. Cllr. Bland and Cllr. Rendell had yet to meet to discuss some equipment problems and to look at the mud problem at the entrance.
iii. The inspections until the next meeting were to be carried out by Cllr. Rendell.

157/18 Finance

- a. Cllrs. Rendell and Clarke reported that they had carried out the Clerk's annual appraisal and that his work was considered to be more than satisfactory. They recommended and it was **resolved** that the Clerk's paid hours be increased to 8 hours per week and that the increase be backdated to 1 August 2018.
b. The following receipt was noted with thanks:
Mr & Mrs Iain Richards – Contribution to cost of monument bench - £100.00
c. The following payments were approved:
Martin Tyson Ltd – Grass cutting and village maintenance - £970.00 – cheque 451
Adrian Bland – Fixing materials for milestone plaque - £20.00 – cheque 452
M R Richardson – Salary to 31/10/18 (including increase) and expenses to date - £1143.89 – cheque 453
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £249.80 – cheque 454
d. **Resolved** that the Contractor's tender document for 2019 which had been received in the amount of £970 (same as 2018) be accepted. Cllr. Grindey had withdrawn from the room for this item.
e. **Resolved** it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 October 2018 was £19,909.61 and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman.
f. The Clerk presented the receipts and payments report for the half year to 30 September 2018 together with the draft budget for 2019/20 including the proposed parish precept for consideration before finalisation at the December meeting.

158/18 Correspondence

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

- a. CALC – Paperwork for next South Lakeland District Association meeting on 29/11/18 (emailed to Cllrs.9/10/18)
b. CALC - Community resilience event & Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association on 29/10/18 (emailed to Cllrs.10/10/18)
c. SLDC – LAP update & newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.11/10/18)
d. CALC – Volunteers for Independent Custody Visiting Scheme (emailed to Cllrs.11/10/18)
e. CALC – Community Fund grants guidance (emailed to Cllrs.12/10/18)
f. CALC – Invitation to ACT AGM & Neighbourliness Works launch on 19/10/18 (emailed to Cllrs.12/10/18)
g. CALC – Training courses (emailed to Cllrs.12/10/18)
h. SLDC – Community governance review reminder (emailed to Cllrs.22/10/18)
i. SLDC / Arnsdale & Silverdale AONB – Consultation re management plan document 2019-24 (emailed to Cllrs.24/10/18)
j. SLDC – Consultation re Development Management Policies development plan document (emailed to Cllrs.24/10/18)
k. CALC – Promote Kendal Family Sunday Fun Day on 4/11/18 (emailed to Cllrs.29/10/18)
l. CALC – October North West Coastal Access update (emailed to Cllrs.29/10/18)
m. Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership – Autumn newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.29/10/18)
n. CALC / ACT – Events re impact of Lake District National Park World Heritage status (emailed to Cllrs.30/10/18)
o. CALC – ACT Autumn / Winter gazette (emailed to Cllrs.2/11/18)

159/18 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Request for victims to report crimes

160/18 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

161/18 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Promotion of wild flowers and wildlife
- Parish meeting

162/18 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 13 December 2018 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Malcolm Richardson
Clerk to the Council