

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Wednesday 27 November 2024** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey, Mary Capstick, Adrian Tayler, Elizabeth Moffatt and Natalie Fletcher (from 8.30pm); Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and no members of the public

155/24 Apologies: None

156/24 Minutes: It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

157/24 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Grindey declared an interest with regard to item 166/24c re Martin Tyson and item 166/24d

158/24 Requests for Dispensation: None

159/24 Public Participation: None

160/24 Ongoing Items

- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens: A consultation was ongoing. The Council fully supports the proposal
- Crow Wood: No reply had yet been received regarding clarification of the ownership of the area used for parking
- Yellow line parking restrictions: A consultation was ongoing. The Council **agreed** to comment that it has always been the Council's request to close the northern gap in the yellow lines near the playground entrance; that the southern gap (near Crow Wood) should remain open; that the yellow lines should be extended from the playground to opposite the entrance to Plumtree Hall; and that the other yellow line restrictions should remain unaltered. The Council doesn't agree with the extension opposite the church and is strongly of the opinion that the gap between the bus stop and the start of the yellow line opposite the church should remain as at present
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was still awaited

161/24 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye referred to the ward boundary submission by W&FC to the Boundary Commission for review. The submission included this parish being part of a 2 councillor ward from May 2027. She also referred to the polling district and waste collection items in Correspondence (167/24); National Highways having no finance for the requested roundabout at Gilpin Bridge and the current proposal for speed cameras on the A590; the street lighting proposals on which the Clerk had commented as to their unfairness to Heversham parishioners; and to the 20mph zones moving forward so that it could be known early in the new year whether Heversham will be on the next list
- b. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that the Antarctica talk had been a success but that the tanking of the snooker room appeared to have failed

162/24 Planning

- i) It was noted that no following planning applications had been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting
- ii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been approved by W&FC since the last meeting:
 - 2024/1919/TCA Blue Ridge, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Crab apple tree to be removed and apple tree to be pruned back so that it doesn't overhang and apples don't fall into Woodhouse Lane
 - 2024/1941/NMA Dallam School**
Non-Material Amendment to amend the surface of the car park to a permeable system that does not require connection to mains drainage attached to approval of reserved matters SL/2019/0726
- iii) Neighbourhood Plan group: There was nothing to report

163/24 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) There was nothing to report

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) Cllr. Tayler reported that the footpath near the old grammar school was not passable and it was suggested that he request a meeting with the local authority footpath officer to discuss the squeeze stile problem
- ii) Cllr. Tayler reported that Grievegate Lane was accessible as the hedge has been cut

Trees and Woods:

- i) It was reported that the felling of the ash dieback trees on the Old Railway Line had commenced but no diversion was in place. The Chair said that he would write to Dallam School
- ii) Iain Richards had reported that there were some leaning trees on the Council section of the footpath and Dallam School had said that they would attend to them

164/24 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Capstick had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported no immediate problems
- ii) Cllr. Capstick would monitor the equipment and carry out the inspections until the next meeting
- iii) Cllr. Bland was arranging the repair and replacement of the fencing

165/24 Christmas 2024

Cllr. Bland had obtained a tree and would arrange installation and lighting. It was noted that there would be village carol singing on Thursday 19 December

166/24 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
- b) The following payments made by direct debit since the last meeting were approved:
Npower – street lighting electricity October 2024 - £141.23
- c) The following payments were approved:
Martin Tyson – grass cutting – £1,135.00 – cheque 750
Adrian Bland – Christmas tree - £70.00 – cheque 751
- d) The Contractor's tender document for part of the work for 2025 was received and it was agreed to request quotes from two other contractors for that part of the work and for all of the work and to make a decision at the February 2025 meeting. Cllr. Grindey had withdrawn from the room for this item
- e) Applications had been received for a maintenance contribution from The Athenaeum and for a churchyard maintenance contribution from St Peter's Church and it was **agreed** to pay £100 and £600 respectively
- f) The appointment of Jean Airey as internal auditor for 2024/25 was confirmed
- g) The receipts and payments account for the half-year to 30 September 2024 was received and noted
- h) The half-year budget comparison 2024/25 was received and noted
- i) The Chair and Vice-Chair reported that they had carried out the Clerk's annual appraisal. They considered that his work continued to be discharged with skill and knowledge. The Council expressed their gratitude
- j) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 October 2024 was £20,329.38, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

167/24 Correspondence

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

- i) Cumbria Police – Neighbourhood Policing Team update October 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)
- ii) W&FC committed to offering free bus travel for pass holders (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)
- iii) W&FC continuous support for council tax and housing costs for those in need (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)
- iv) W&FC – Invitation to help shape future of waste and recycling collections (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)
- v) W&FC – Publicity of proposed works to trees subject to tree preservation order (TPO) and/or notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)
- vi) W&FC opens polling district review (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)
- vii) CALC – Priority Services Register and rural saving energy grants (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)
- viii) Cumbria Police – Operation Enhance (anti-social behaviour and violence) update (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)
- ix) W&FC – Warm Spots (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)
- x) W&FC – Local electric vehicle infrastructure interactive event 27/11/24 (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)
- xi) CALC – W&F branch event re waste and recycling consultation on 4/12/24 (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/24)

168/24 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Christmas tree / carol singing

169/24 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- Cllr. Grindey reported that the village Poppy Appeal had raised £625 – the highest for a long while
- It was reported that there appears to be an ongoing dispute between the owners of Heversham House and the planning department and that this is the reason for the continuing pause of the restoration work

170/24 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- a. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme Plaque – When new trees are ready in 2025
- b. Proposed village 20mph zone – 2025
- c. Newsletter update – February 2025
- d. To discuss gabions – February 2025
- e. Local electric vehicle infrastructure – Annual Parish Meeting

171/24 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18 December 2024 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

