

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 13 October 2022** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell and Tom Grindey; County Cllr. Roger Bingham; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; the Clerk and no members of the public

123/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adrian Bland, Elizabeth Moffat, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd (reasons accepted and noted from all) and Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye

124/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

125/22 Declarations of Interest

None

126/22 Requests for Dispensation

None

127/22 Public Participation

Members of the public had enquired about no cold calling zones and the Chair had forwarded advice and guidance from Trading Standards at Cumbria County Council. The Council confirmed that it would support but not lead such zones

128/22 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: It was noted that there had been a further increase in the number of users
- Street Lighting: The Clerk had circulated the estimated cost of switching the lights off in May and back on in September, which was either £9,000 installation plus £500 pa for a computerised system or £1,800 pa manually. It was noted that the proposal had ecological benefits but had raised concerns amongst parishioners. It was **agreed** that the cost was such that the Council could not contemplate progressing the proposal and that therefore no further action should be taken
- Climate Change Working Group: There was no report

129/22 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes reported that other than the work being done in conjunction with the Shadow Authority there were no significant items to report
- b. County Cllr. Bingham reported that routine work continued and commented upon sports grounds and playing fields inspections; no assistance for private owners of trees with ash tree die back; the problems on the marshes and mosses with tree “drowning” and full drainage dykes; an uplift in police officers to the highest in the local force’s history; and the integration of the Fire and Rescue Service with the Police Force covering all of Cumbria
- c. Shadow Authority Cllr. Battye had forwarded a report regarding work that was proceeding on preparing for the new Council
- d. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey confirmed that the cake bake was taking place on Sunday 16 October

130/22 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/2022/0653 9, Dugg Hill, Heversham

Single storey rear extension, covered area, extend footpath with vehicular parking space

The Council had **no comment** on this application

SL/2022/0662 & 0686 Hawthorn Cottage, Heversham

Refurbishment of a listed building to remove wood-wormed timber and unstable walls, refurbish building for modern living and extend the back of the building out to match in with the neighbouring extension to the rear of the old post office on all levels. The front of the building will be unchanged (part retrospective)

The Council **supported** this application

TR/2022/0114 Whinfell, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham

Sycamore – recommend crown raising to 4.5m from ground level. Pruning out abrading and duplicated branches from crown

SL/2022/0729 7, Park House Drive, Heversham

Upper ground floor rear extension and balcony and change of garage roof from flat to pitched

SL/2022/0797 Land at Swallowmire, Deepthwaite, Milnthorpe

Variation of condition 5 (tree planting) attached to planning permission SL/2020/0273 (formation of manege for horses)

SL/2022/0637 Bank House, Bank House Studio, Leasgill

Single storey 1st floor extension

SL/2022/0760 Bank House, Leasgill

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) & 4(external materials) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0555 (conversion and extension of commercial floorspace into two residential units)

The Council had **no comment** on the above five applications

- ii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:

SL/2022/0487 Ninezergh Farm, Levens

Roof over an existing slurry store (retrospective)

TR/2022/0073 St Peter's Churchyard, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham

Work as described in the submitted arboricultural tree management programme

SL/2022/0653 9, Dugg Hill, Heversham

Single storey rear extension, covered area, extend footpath with vehicular parking space

TR/2022/0114 Whinfall, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham

Sycamore – recommend crown raising to 4.5m from ground level. Pruning out abrading and duplicated branches from crown

iii) It was noted that the following planning application has been notified as **refused** by SLDC since the last meeting:

SL/2022/0610 Heversham House, Heversham

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and removal of conditions 5 (planting), 6 (planting), 12 (permitted development), 13 (roof balcony) attached to planning permission SL/2020/0917 (part retrospective)

The Council had **requested** that the scaffolding on the east elevation be removed in the event of a protracted delay

iv) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report other than that comments had been made regarding the land to the south of Heversham included in the SLDC Local Plan Call for Sites

131/22 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- The Council noted that the road signs had been replaced or refreshed
- Reports on HIAMS continued to be made but the damaged signs on the A6 at Parkhouse and at Heversham Gardens had not yet been replaced
- The Council noted that the Council's contractor had cut hedges but that the Dallam School one next to the defibrillator was again overgrown

Footpaths/Tracks:

- The Chair reported that map / visitor information noticeboards were now in place by the Church and at Leasgill Green and that it was proposed that another be placed by the playground with funding from the Rhoda Thompson Trust
- It was noted that the footpaths / tracks working group was no longer functioning

Trees and Woods:

- The members of the working party to plant the trees for the collaborative project between the Council and Dallam School under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme were confirmed
- It was noted that Cllr. Rendell had **agreed** with Mr Randall that the Council should pay for the damage to his wall and keep the wood from the fallen tree which had caused the damage. The Council confirmed that arrangement
- It was noted that the Community Orchard proposal was not a Council initiative although the Council was supportive of it and funding had been requested from Leasgill Quarry Trust to test the feasibility

132/22 Speed Limits

It was noted that the request for an extension of the current 50mph limit to Levens Bridge had been considered at the Casualty Reduction and Safer Highways meeting without a decision having been made. It was **agreed** to await that decision before the Council considered whether to request a reduction in the 50 mph limit for the entire stretch of road under that restriction. It was **agreed** not to proceed with a further suggestion of a 20mph limit through the village in the light of the likely cost and the outcome of the Council's efforts with regard to such a limit on Woodhouse Lane

133/22 Field of Dreams

It was **agreed** to start the process of claiming adverse possession. The Clerk was asked to instruct Sarah Ettridge to act on the Council's behalf and to agree an initial estimate of fees, which would be paid out of the earmarked funds

134/22 Playground Report

- Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported problems with the fencing. It was **agreed** to replace and repair the fencing and Cllr. Rendell offered to request that his available SLDC locality grant of £1,000 be used for that purpose
- Leasgill Quarry Trust had offered a grant of 50% of the cost of a new seesaw and a replacement picnic bench and it was agreed to ask the Rhoda Thompson Trust if they would give a grant for the other half of the cost
- Cllr. Rendell continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting

135/22 Leasgill Quarry Trust

The Leasgill Quarry Trust financial report for the year ended 31 August 2022 was received and the Trust committee gave the following recommendations for the grants to be made by the charity:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
Milnthorpe Parish Council	New plaques, booklet & webpage	£2000	£2000
Heversham Bowling Club	Fertiliser spreader	£435.60	£435.60
The Athenaeum	Replacement curtains	£1500	£1500
Heversham Parish Council	Additional dog poo bin	£120	£120
Heversham Parish Council	"Pub at The Athenaeum"	£1000	£1000
Heversham Parish Council	Seesaw & picnic bench for playground	£1490	£1490
Heversham Parish Council	Test feasibility of a community orchard	£250	£250
	Totals	£6795.60	£6795.60

The Heversham Parish Council members of the committee had declared their interests in the Council and The Athenaeum applications and Cllrs. Grindey and Rendell had declared their interests in the Heversham Bowling Club application

It was **resolved** to accept the committee's recommendations

136/22 Remembrance Day

It was agreed to purchase a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day and to make a payment (including a donation) of £60. It was noted that cash collection for the poppy appeal was a widespread issue with handheld card machines being the suggested alternative. Cllr Grindey was appointed to represent the Parish Council at the Parish Remembrance Service and it was agreed to place the silhouettes in suitable locations

137/22 Christmas 2022

Cllr. Rendell said that he would contact Cllr. Bland to arrange the purchase of the Christmas tree for Leasgill Green and that he would arrange the lights for the tree

138/22 Finance

- a) The following receipts since the last meeting were noted:
 - Adrian Bland – sale of felled timber - £2,520.00
 - Leasgill Quarry Trust – grant re information noticeboards - £300.00
- b) The following payments made between meetings were approved:
 - Treble 3 Design Ltd – information noticeboards - £369.48 – cheque 641
 - John Swinbank Ltd – wall repairs - £300.00 – cheque 642
 - Npower – street lighting electricity July 2022 - £79.52 – cheque 643
 - A2A Advertising Ltd – domain name registration - £36.00 – cheque 644
- c) The following payments were approved:
 - Npower – street lighting electricity August & September 2022 - £160.84 – cheque 645
 - Andrew Kitching – hedge cutting – £96.60 - cheque 646
 - Royal British Legion – poppy appeal - cheque 647
- d) It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair should carry out the Clerk's annual appraisal
- e) The annual payment of the Data Protection registration fee of £35 by direct debit was noted
- f) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 September 2022 was £18,745.75, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

139/22 Correspondence

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

- a. Various items regarding the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the proclamation of King Charles III
- b. Further items concerning local government reorganisation
- c. SLDC – Households yet to claim energy rebate urged to do so (emailed to Cllrs. 28/8/22)
- d. CALC – South Lakes District Association information & 30/6/22 AGM minutes (emailed to Cllrs.1/9/22)
- e. CALC – Cumbria PLAN BEE project (emailed to Cllrs.1/9/22)
- f. CALC – Disability cost of living payment (emailed to Cllrs.1/9/22)
- g. CALC – CCC environment and climate change newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.1/9/22)
- h. South Lakeland Area Support – Have your say on the Westmorland and Furness Council Plan (emailed to Cllrs.9/9/22)
- i. CALC – Annual General Meeting papers for 24/9/22 (later changed to 29/10/22) (emailed to Cllrs.12/9/22)
- j. CALC – Multi agency response to flooding – Kendal training event on 12/10/22 (emailed to Cllrs.15/9/22)
- k. CALC – South Lakes & Barrow District Association virtual meeting agenda 21/9/22 (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/22)
- l. South Lakeland Area Support – Cumbria Flood and Coast Forum on 20/10/22 (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/22)
- m. CALC News July & August 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.22/9/22)
- n. SLDC – Discretionary energy rebate scheme launched in South Lakeland (emailed to Cllrs.22/9/22)
- o. CALC – Zero Carbon Cumbria – local authority climate update (emailed to Cllrs.22/9/22)
- p. CALC – Invitation to Q & A session on the proposed move to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status (emailed to Cllrs.22/9/22)
- q. Tim Farron MP – Update on Levelling Up bill (emailed to Cllrs.24/9/22)
- r. CALC – Cumbria local authority climate update (emailed to Cllrs.28/9/22)
- s. CALC – Training and information sessions roundup (emailed to Cllrs.28/9/22)
- t. CAfS – Carbon literacy courses (emailed to Cllrs.28/9/22)
- u. SLDC – Update on review of South Lakeland Local Plan – have your say (emailed to Cllrs.29/9/22)
- v. SLDC – South Lakeland Local Plan newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.29/9/22)
- w. Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority backs cost of living motion (emailed to Cllrs.30/9/22)
- x. Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority declares climate and biodiversity crises (emailed to Cllrs.5/10/22)

140/22 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- “Pub at The Athenaeum”
- Leasgill Quarry Trust funding

141/22 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- Concerns were raised on behalf of residents about the state of the garden at the front of the primary school

142/22 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- i) “What’s Back On in Heversham” – November 2022
- ii) Local government reorganisation – November 2022
- iii) Coronation of King Charles III – December 2022

143/22 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10 November 2022 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

