

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Wednesday 30 October 2024** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

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

135/24 Apologies were received from Elizabeth Moffatt (reasons accepted and noted)

136/24 Minutes: It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

137/24 Declarations of Interest: None

138/24 Requests for Dispensation: None

139/24 Discussion with Nick Howard (Westmorland & Furness Council)

The Council wished to use the discussion to learn as it didn't understand how the process was working. Mr Howard gave the Council useful advice regarding how W&FC view planning applications, how was best for the Council to respond and good reasons for objections. He explained how the process worked and what was possible when applications evolved before a decision had been made; that it was possible to reconsult if amendments were significant; that retrospective applications were not an offence unless refused; that applications had to be dealt with within eight weeks; and when enforcement notices were issued. Gabions were mentioned and it was agreed to discuss them at a future meeting

140/24 Public Participation: Cllr. Grindey had been asked to raise the problems caused by the change by BT to digital with residents not receiving incoming calls and was advised that the persons affected should contact Tim Farron MP

141/24 Ongoing Items

- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens: A consultation notice had been issued and forwarded to Cllrs. on 26 September 2024
- Crow Wood and yellow line parking restrictions: No reply had yet been received regarding clarification of the ownership of the area used for parking. Consultation notices had been issued regarding the yellow line parking restrictions and forwarded to Cllrs. on 26 September and 1 October 2024
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was still awaited

142/24 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye referred to the ward boundary submission by W&FC, which was for approval on Monday before submission to and review by the Boundary Commission, the several items in Correspondence (150/24) and available playground funding
- b. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that future planned events were a quiz, a cake bake and an Antarctica talk

143/24 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning applications had been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
 - 2024/1767/FPA 4, Eversley House, Leasgill**
Demolish existing dormer and replace, extend existing single storey element of dwelling, refurbish dwelling internally and replace all windows and doors. Demolish and rebuild all existing garages
The Council **actively supported** this application
 - 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
The Council made **no comments** on the above two applications
- ii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been approved by W&FC since the last meeting:
 - 2024/1335/FPA Tweenways, Heversham**
Two storey rear extension, external rear staircase and balcony and detached garage following demolition of existing utility and store (resubmission of SL/2023/0766)
- iii) It was noted that the following planning application had been **refused** by W&FC since the last meeting:
 - 2024/1532/FPA The Joinery, Depthwaite, Woodhouse**
Erection of a new builder's storage/workshop (Use Class B2) following demolition of existing joinery building (Use Class B2)
- iv) Neighbourhood Plan group: There was nothing to report
- v) It was agreed to actively support planning applications or object where appropriate and to keep an eye on the Heversham House work

144/24 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) Explanations had been received regarding the various matters concerning the road closure at Leasgill and it was hoped that lessons had been learned

b) Cllr. Fletcher's offer to empty the poo bin at the bottom of School Lane for November was gratefully accepted

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) Cllr. Tayler reported that he had rehung the gate at Tristrams directly onto the Head
- ii) Cllr. Tayler reported that installation of a handrail from Wilsons Field to the old railway line was being considered by the Dallam trustees
- iii) The inaccessibility of Grievegate Lane was discussed and Cllr. Tayler was to contact the Bridleways Society and the W&FC footpath officer

Trees and Woods:

- i) The Chair reported that the felling of the ash dieback trees on the Old Railway Line was to commence shortly

145/24 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 and W&FC Cllr. Battye was pursuing her £500 locality grant
- iv) The strimming of the playground (and other sites) next year was discussed with enquiries to be made before a further discussion at the next meeting

146/24 Leasgill Quarry Trust

The Leasgill Quarry Trust financial report for the year ended 31 August 2024 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>
Heversham Parish Council	Single plaque for Blue Bell / Old Smithy	£1500	£900
Heversham Parish Council	Playground tractor (for small children)	£1500	£1300
The Athenaeum	Kitchen, toilets and porch windows	£2500	£2000
Heversham Bowling Club	Move clubhouse heating controls	£108	£54
Milnthorpe Primary School PTA	Develop play space	£2500	£1650
Milnthorpe Parish Council	Repair memorial area	£800	£400
Milnthorpe Parish Council	New bench	£700	£350
	Totals	£9608	£6654

The Heversham Parish Council members of the committee had declared their interests in the Council and The Athenaeum applications and Cllr. Grindey had declared his interest in the Heversham Bowling Club application. It was **resolved** to accept the committee's recommendations.

147/24 Remembrance Day

It was agreed to purchase a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day and to make a payment (including a donation) of £60. 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.

148/24 Christmas 2024

The tree had been ordered by Cllr. Bland and the Clerk agreed to discuss the lighting with Brian Rendell.

149/24 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 September 2024 - £134.18
- c) The following payments were approved:
M R Richardson – salary and expenses to 31 October 2024 – £1,687.76 – cheque 747
HMRC – PAYE on above salary - £377.00 – cheque 748
Royal British Legion – poppy appeal - £60.000 - cheque 749
- d) It was agreed that the Clerk's annual appraisal should be carried out by the Chair and the Vice-Chair
- e) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 September 2024 was £22,760.04, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

150/24 Correspondence

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

- i) W&FC – Temporary road closure U5341 Mabbins Hall Lane, Heversham (emailed to Cllrs.26/9/24)
- ii) CALC – Agenda for AGM to be held on 12/10/24 (emailed to Cllrs.26/9/24)
- iii) W&FC – Waste collection complaints page (emailed to Cllrs.26/9/24)
- iv) CALC – Be wary of phone fraudsters (emailed to Cllrs.26/9/24)
- v) W&FC – Support of multi-agency plan to reduce number of suicides in W&F (emailed to Cllrs.30/9/24)
- vi) Cumbria Police – Neighbourhood Policing Team update September 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.24/10/24)
- vii) W&FC – Handyperson scheme (emailed to Cllrs.24/10/24)
- viii) CALC – W&FC autumn climate and nature newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.24/10/24)
- ix) Charity Commission – Newsletter re Leasgill Quarry Trust (emailed to Cllrs.24/10/24)
- x) Cumbria Police – Operation Enhance (anti-social behaviour and violence) newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.24/10/24)
- xi) W&FC – Cabinet commits to inclusive education for all (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/24)
- xii) W&FC – New Family Help strategy aims to "support families at the earliest opportunity" (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/24)
- xiii) CALC – Taking action for nature – community group webinar 14/11/24 (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/24)
- xiv) W&FC – Council introduces new Customer Charter (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/24)
- xv) W&FC – Funding awarded to tackle the sticky issue of chewing gum on streets (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/24)
- xvi) CALC – DWP Pension Credit information (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/24)

151/24 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- The discussion with Nick Howard

- Leasgill Quarry Trust funding

152/24 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

153/24 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

154/24 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 27 November 2024 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.20pm