

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 21 September 2023** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Adrian Bland and Mary Capstick; the Clerk and no members of the public

124/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Brian Rendell, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Elizabeth Moffat (reasons all accepted and noted) and Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Janet Battye
Condolences were expressed to Cllr. Grindey on the death of his mother

125/23 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

126/23 Declarations of Interest

None

127/23 Requests for Dispensation

None

128/23 Public Participation

None

129/23 Ongoing Items

- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme Plaque: It was agreed that this should be left until the new trees are ready for onward planting
- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: There was no further information to report
- Proposed village 20mph zone: It was agreed that this should go on the next agenda for review once the new W&FC policy has been clarified
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was awaited. It was noted that the wall repairs had been done
- Temporary Bus Stops: There was no further information yet but enquiries were being made through W&FC
- Village Fire Hydrants: The Fire Service had stated that there was no problem with the water pressure at the Woodhouse Lane fire hydrant
- Street Light Removal: The Clerk had not yet met with the Council's lighting contractor
- Grants and Donations Policy: Amendments were discussed and agreed
- Climate Change Working Group: As Cllr. Richards was not present, this was postponed to the next meeting

130/23 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye had sent a written report referring to the 20mph scheme, winter gritting, adult health and "climate conversations" on the action plan.
- b. The Athenaeum: The Receipts and Payments Accounts, Trustees' Annual Report and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 July 2023 were received. **Resolved** that both the Accounts and the Annual Report be approved by the Council and signed by two Trustees. The Council's thanks were expressed to both the Treasurer and the Independent Examiner. The annual general meeting is to be held on 4 October 2023

131/23 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:
 - SL/2023/0614 Valley View, Leasgill**
Replacement dwelling
The Council resolved to **object** to this application as it was believed that it did not comply with the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan and the South Lakeland Local Plan, which both state that developments should be sympathetic to the surroundings and character of the area
 - SL/2023/0663 Grievgate, Leasgill**
Replacement of conservatory with extension and associated external works, alteration to existing openings and addition of stone facing
The Council had **no comments** to make on this application
- ii) It was noted that the following planning application had been notified as **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting:
 - TR/2023/0082 Beech Tree Barn, Heversham Gardens, Heversham**
T1 beech – crown reduce by 2-3m, crown thin by 20% & crown raise by up to 6m
- iii) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had considered the email which had been received from another council concerning a planning decision which they believed could result in Neighbourhood Plans becoming irrelevant. The group were of the opinion that it was not a Neighbourhood Plan issue and it was therefore resolved to take no action

132/23 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) Potholes continued to be reported on HIAMS
- b) It was noted that the Parkhouse sign had been replaced but that it was facing in the wrong direction
- c) The proposal by another group for the cleaning of road signs had not proceeded
- d) An update had not yet been received regarding the Dallam School pupils' proposal for additional lighting on the A6 between Heversham and Milnthorpe

- e) An email had been received concerning the Bay Cycleway signs being moved. This had been reported on HIAMS and the situation was being monitored

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) A meeting was being arranged with the Footpaths Officer at Westmorland and Furness Council

Trees and Woods:

- i) The Dallam School trustees' meeting had confirmed that the Council had continued responsibility for the trees on the old railway line. The Chair reported that Cllr. Richards had agreed to monitor the safety situation and that a meeting was to be arranged with the person doing the same for Dallam School
- ii) As Cllr. Rendell was not present, the action regarding the beech tree was deferred until the next meeting

133/23 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported no problems
- ii) Cllr. Rendell continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting
- iii) It was noted that the seesaw and picnic table had been delivered and the seesaw was awaiting installation
- iv) As Cllr. Rendell was not present, the question of the remainder of the playground fencing was deferred until the next meeting

134/23 Leasgill Quarry Trust

It was agreed to request an increase of £250 for the funding of the Blue Bell sign and Old Smithy plaque project and to request time extensions for that and the seesaw and picnic table uncompleted projects

135/23 D-Day 80 on 6 June 2024

Enquiries were in progress regarding the purchase of a beacon for this and future events. It was agreed to defer the discussion regarding the celebration of D-Day 80 until the next meeting although Cllrs. were concerned that it was to take place on a Thursday

136/23 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
- b) The following payment between meetings was approved:
G W Bell – field of dreams fence repairs - £150.00 – cheque 699
- c) The following payments were approved:
Npower – street lighting electricity August 2023 - £86.54 – cheque 700
Andrew Kitching – hedge cutting - £100.54 – cheque 701
- d) It was agreed to make the maintenance contribution of £100 to The Athenaeum (cheque 702) and the churchyard maintenance contribution of £500 to St Peter's Church (cheque 703) in accordance with the budget 2023/24
- 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 31 August 2023 was £20,170.05, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

137/23 Correspondence

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

- i) Further climate change information and updates
- ii) Further community resilience information
- iii) CALC- Developing your skills programme Sept to Dec 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.17/8/23)
- iv) W&FC – Delays in green bin collections (emailed to Cllrs.18/8/23)
- v) CALC – Fire & Rescue Plan public consultation (emailed to Cllrs.21/8/23)
- vi) CALC – Community engagement and community plan training (emailed to Cllrs.21/8/23)
- vii) CALC – Notes of the 22/7/23 Special General Meeting (emailed to Cllrs.21/8/23)
- viii) CALC – How to declare a climate and ecological emergency (emailed to Cllrs.21/8/23)
- ix) CALC – Agenda and supporting papers for AGM on 30/9/23 (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/23)
- x) CALC – Call for biodiversity net gain and other habitat restoration sites (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/23)
- xi) CALC – W&FC reduced fare bus travel for 5-20 year olds (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/23)
- xii) CALC – Recruitment process for Office of the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner's Ethics and Integrity Board (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/23)
- xiii) Power for People – Update re Energy Bill (emailed to Cllrs.21/9/23)
- xiv) CALC News July & August 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.21/9/23)

138/23 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

139/23 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

140/23 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- a. Purchase of a beacon – October 2023
- b. Climate Change Working Group quarterly report – October 2023
- c. Proposed village 20mph zone – October 2023
- d. Planning policy and objections - Spring 2024
- e. Management of the lack of coterminosity between health and social care in order to ensure effective integrated care for parishioners with the need for explanations and transparency regarding the roles of the relevant components of the local health and care system – October 2023. The Chair agreed to discuss with W&FC Cllr . Batty how best to deal with this item
- f. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme Plaque – When new trees are ready in 2024

141/23 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12 October 2023 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm