

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Wednesday 25 September 2024** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

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

117/24 Apologies: None

118/24 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

119/24 Declarations of Interest: None

120/24 Requests for Dispensation: None

121/24 Public Participation: None

122/24 Ongoing Items

- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: The Clerk stated that the report from the Engineering Safety Study that 50mph was the most suitable speed limit for the whole length meant that the request to amend the proposal to 40mph on the A6 from one parish boundary to the other was no longer under consideration but it was noted that the extension under consideration was now through to Levens
- Crow Wood and yellow line parking restrictions: No reply had yet been received regarding clarification of the ownership of the area used for parking
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was still awaited
- Street Light Removal / Reinstallation: This had been done
- Newsletter / Update: This was deferred until a later date

123/24 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye stated that a request had been made to Cumbria Police for PCSOs to attend a meeting at least annually. She referred to the ward boundary review by the Boundary Commission, the parish agreements being discussed with Highways for certain services and the reporting of empty grit bins on HIAMS
- b. The Athenaeum: It was noted that the tanking had been completed; that John Chew had given a splendid talk at the cheese and wine evening; and that a new bookings secretary had been appointed. The Receipts and Payments Accounts, Trustees' Annual Report and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 July 2024 were received. **Resolved** that the Accounts and the Annual Report be approved by the Council and signed by two Trustees. The Council's thanks were expressed to the Treasurer and the Independent Examiner

124/24 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:
 - 2024/1532/FPA The Joinery, Deepthwaite, Woodhouse**
Erection of a new builder's storage/workshop (Use Class B2) following demolition of existing joinery building (Use Class B2)
 - 2024/1582/FPA High Field Farm, Ackenthwaite**
General purpose agricultural store (retrospective)
 - 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)The Council made **no comments** on these applications
- ii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been approved by W&FC since the last meeting:
 - 2024/0991/FPA Tower View, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Reinstatement of demolished dormer bungalow following a fire
- iii) Neighbourhood Plan group: The residue of the group have discussed the call for sites and believe that the group should be watching and not be pro-active. The consultation on a design code was noted. It was the Group's view that Heversham has an eclectic character ill-suited to a specific design code. The need for developments to be broadly in sympathy with the village and setting is covered by HH1 in the NP and is already utilised by the Council when considering applications
- iv) It was agreed to defer the discussion on planning policy and action regarding objections until after the discussion with Nick Howard (W&FC) following the communications regarding the Valley View application

125/24 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) The bus diversion resulting from the road closure at Leasgill from 19 August 2024 and why the Council had not been notified officially, why there had been no communication with affected parishioners and incorrect road signage was still being pursued. The Chair remarked that the "One Network" was very useful
- b) Cllr. Fletcher's offer to empty the poo bin at the bottom of School Lane for October was gratefully accepted
- c) The Clerk reported that the wall at the road closure had been damaged and that, although ENW denied responsibility, they had agreed to repair it
- d) A complaint had been received concerning the cutting of the overgrown hedge at the tennis court and the debris left in the road, which had caused problems for residents and animals and had caused flooding. This had been resolved with Dallam School

Footpaths/Tracks:

i) The Chair reported that the gate at Tristrams directly onto the Head had not yet been repaired

Trees and Woods:

- i) The Chair reported that the Old Railway Line was to be closed in stages from November to deal with the ash dieback
- ii) The Chair reported that the second instalment of saplings were not yet ready for transfer to the Jubilee Copse but that some more saplings had been received
- iii) Iain Richards was keen to develop the Old Railway Line with new planting but there was no enthusiasm for the project as a Council scheme

126/24 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Capstick had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported no problems
- ii) Cllr. Capstick would monitor the equipment and carry out the inspections until the next meeting
- iii) The Clerk reported that the gate pillars had been repaired. Cllr. Bland agreed to arrange the repair and replacement of the fencing. It was agreed to pursue grants in this regard including a £500 locality grant from W&FC Cllr. Batty

127/24 Leasgill Quarry Trust

It was agreed to request a grant for toddler kit for the playground - possibly including a tractor for small children

128/24 Training

The slides for the W&FC training session on 31 July 2024 were noted

129/24 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
- b) The following payment between meetings was approved:
A Thexton - playground gate repairs - £300.00 – cheque 743
- c) The following payments made by direct debit since the last meeting were approved:
Npower – street lighting electricity July 2024 - £130.02
Npower – street lighting electricity August 2024 - £130.92
Information Commissioner's Office – data protection registration fee - £35.00
- d) The following payments were approved:
A2A Advertising Ltd – domain name registration – £36.00 – cheque 744
Andrew Kitching – hedge cutting - £106.56 – cheque 745
Jones Lighting Ltd – electricity pole - £1,139.40 - cheque 746
- e) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 August 2024 was £24,048.40, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

130/24 Correspondence

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

- i) CALC – W&FC Library News August 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.2/8/24)
- ii) W&FC – Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.2/8/24)
- iii) Cumbria Police – HMICFRS Inspection results (emailed to Cllrs.2/8/24)
- iv) Office of Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner – Police, Fire & Rescue services plan consultation (emailed to Cllrs.2/8/24)
- v) Cumbria Police – Operation Enhance (anti-social behaviour and violence) (emailed to Cllrs.2/8/24)
- vi) CALC – Training programme September to December 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.2/8/24)
- vii) CALC News May and June 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.2/8/24)
- viii) CALC – NALC community case study document survey (emailed to Cllrs.2/8/24)
- ix) National Highways – Future work notice re installation of speed enforcement technology along the A590 from Ayside to Brettagh Holt (emailed to Cllrs.2/8/24)
- x) W&FC – Temporary road closure – Woodhouse Lane – on 16/9/24 (emailed to Cllrs.5/9/24)
- xi) W&FC – South Lakeland Town and Parish Council newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.9/9/24)
- xii) Boundary Commission – Ward boundary review – initial consultation (emailed to Cllrs.9/9/24)
- xiii) CALC – Online briefing session on 11/9/24 re boundary review (emailed to Cllrs.9/9/24)
- xiv) Cumbria Police – Neighbourhood Policing Team update August 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.9/9/24)
- xv) CALC – Notice of Annual General Meeting on 12/10/24 (emailed to Cllrs.9/9/24)
- xvi) W&FC – Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.9/9/24)
- xvii) CALC – Request for guest list nomination for Cumbria's 50th anniversary celebration on 4/10/24 (emailed to Cllrs.10/9/24)
- xviii) Lifescape Project – Cumbria White- Tailed Eagle Project social feasibility study (emailed to Cllrs.10/9/24)
- xix) CALC – W&F local plan design code slide presentation (emailed to Cllrs.10/9/24)
- xx) CALC News July and August 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.10/9/24)
- xxi) CALC – Slides from ward boundary review briefing session on 11/9/24 (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/24)
- xxii) CALC – Launch of new Cumbria People and Nature Network website (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/24)
- xxiii) CALC – W&F branch forum – Highways and Local Councils briefing on 24/9/24 (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/24)
- xxiv) CALC – Charge my street webinars (emailed to Cllrs.23/9/24)

131/24 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

132/24 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

133/24 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- a. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme Plaque – When new trees are ready
- b. Proposed village 20mph zone – 2025
- c. Newsletter – possibly May 2025

134/24 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 30 October 2024 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.45pm