

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 September 2015 in the Athenaeum, Leasgill at 7:30pm

Present : Cllrs Peter Clarke (Chairman), John Alderson, Gordon Capstick, Tom Grindey, Adele Shepherd, County Councillor Roger Bingham, District Councillor Annie Rawlinson, the Clerk and no members of the public.

Cllr Clarke (Vice Chairman) acted as the Chairman for this meeting

37/15 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr. Bland and Cllr. Cordwell.

38/15 Declaration of Interests / Requests for Dispensations

Cllr. Clarke declared an interest in item 7d) in that he uses the footpath he intends to mention.

39/15 Appointment of a New Parish Clerk

- i) Apologies were received from the last Clerk Mrs Jacky Davidson who has now ended her employment as Clerk. The Council wish to record their appreciation for her years of service.
- ii) The last day in post of Mrs Davidson was 31 August 2015;
- iii) The appointment of Mrs Denise Challenor is with effect from 1 September 2015;
- iv) The expense allowances for the new Clerk as per email of 13/9/15 have not yet been agreed. RESOLVED Cllr. Clarke will contact CALC for guidance;
- v) RESOLVED that a Working Group is not necessary as the Clerk has adapted the NALC Contract of Service (with amendments). This was signed by the Clerk and Chairman on the understanding that once circulated to the Council, there will be a week allowed for further amendments to be suggested;
- vi) A change of contact for bank details from Mrs J Davidson to Mrs D Challenor was authorised and a mandate authorised/signed for new signatories on the HSBC Leasgill Quarry Bank Account. These will be Cllr. Capstick, Cllr. Grindey, Cllr. Shepherd and Cllr Clarke.

40/15 Minutes

- i) The Parish Council meeting which had been scheduled to be held on 9 July 2015 was cancelled due it not being quorate;
- ii) The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2015 as a true record.

41/15 Matters Arising

- i) The filing cabinet temporarily placed in the Athenaeum still needs its contents sorting. RESOLVED Cllr. Clarke will contact "County Archives" to enquire what should be kept and what they would like to store. A working party including Cllr. Grindey , Cllr. Clarke the Clerk and two local people who might become involved; will deal with the task by next meeting.
- ii) Community Transport Scheme. RESOLVED the Clerk to liaise with the clerk for Milnthorpe, regarding their progress.
- iii) The Clerk produced the map of "Not spot Masts for Cumbria" The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr. Cordwell about it.
- iv) It was RESOLVED to include "Matters Arising from the Minutes" on the agenda in the future.

42/15 Public Participation

Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team

A report from PCSO Mark Hutchinson was read out covering: the theft of diesel fuel, livestock, horse tack and opportunistic thefts from insecure premises. Residents are asked to check on the elderly and vulnerable and call 101 if they have concerns.

A report from District Councillor A Rawlinson

- The waste recycling will change on 21st September.
- The mobile library has ended, ways of serving those affected are being considered.
- The Lyth Valley pump is intended to be switched off. SLDC decide on 28/10/15 about a proposed Internal Drainage Board, with opportunities for the public to comment. Heversham residents may attend at either of the two meetings:- Village Institute, Levens, 7pm or Village Hall Brigsteer, 14/10/15, 7pm
- There is £1000 available for village improvements, apply before the end of the year. RESOLVED to consider this at the next meeting.
- Cllr. Rawlinson chaired part one of the SLDC Overview & Scrutiny Housing Review looking at the Housing Strategy (for the next decade). She will report back at the next PC meeting.

A report from County Councillor R Bingham

- The Milestone at the foot of Grievegate is not a listed structure. The plan is to raise it, so it is more visible.
- The painting of the signposts has been delayed due to lack of funding.
- There is enough grit stored for the winter roads.
- The potholes marked for repair will be done when possible- no set time.

43/15 Planning

i) The following planning application was considered:

SL/2015/0704 – Leasgill House, Leasgill.

Application to approve reserved matters. - RESOLVED No objections .

44/15 Highways/Footpaths

a) Street light 104 this is still not working. RESOLVED to ask Cllr. Bland to speak to Optec Fibres again before paying their invoice.

b) Notice regarding the closure of Woodhouse Lane. Complaints have been received about the not being given notice of closure which was very inconvenient for residents. RESOLVED Cllr. Bingham to clarify with Highways what had happened.

c) A request for the north Dugg Hill sign to be replaced repaired (Cllr Grindey) RESOLVED Clerk to contact SLDC about it.

d) Other Highways/Footpaths matters.

1. Concern was expressed about the notice on the new gate underneath the Woodhouse Lane bridge on the old railway line. It was feared that the public might be excluded at some point. RESOLVED Cllr. Clarke to clarify what the legal options are to prevent this.

2. The shrubbery at Back Lane and on the A6, bordering Hallbarrow is overhanging and needs pruning. RESOLVED the clerk will write to the perceived owners about it.

e) To receive a report on the speed indicator which has recently been in the parish (Cllrs Grindey&Alderson). Due to time restraints the SID was only used in one location. Presently the belief is that there is no residual benefit. RESOLVED to try it one more time and possibly buy a memory card for the Council to record and study the data at their leisure.

45/15 Parish Remembrance Service

a) The purchase of a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day. RESOLVED the Clerk will order one from the British Legion for £45, to be delivered to Cllr. Grindey.

b) RESOLVED Cllr. Grindey will represent the Parish Council at the Parish Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th November.

46/15 Website – The Council considered a report from Cllr Cordwell regarding the arrangements for the website. RESOLVED the Clerk to order the programme at £9.99 but defer the more expensive programme until it is known that it will be needed.

47/15 Leasgill Quarry –the annual meeting of the Leasgill Quarry Trust Working Group will be held at the Athenaeum at 6.30pm on 8th October 2015. Application deadline for a grant is 30th September. A form can be obtained from the Clerk or Cllr. Peter Clarke.

48/15 The Athenaeum – to receive the financial report for the 4th quarter of the financial year 2014/15. This was not available, so will be on the next Agenda.

49/15 Finance

i) The Internal Audit has now been completed and the accounts have been submitted to the External Auditor.

ii) The following payments were considered:

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| SLDC – Street Lighting, Repairs, Maintenance & Energy - Paid | £ 66.09 |
| Optech Fibres Ltd.- Street Light 104 (not to pay yet/work unsatisfactory) | £ 55.80 |
| Mrs J Davidson Salary & Administration Costs (April – August) - Paid | £1,281.20 |
| Mrs J Davidson – Post Redirection - Paid | £ 10.00 |

iii) The Annual Return was accepted and approved and it was noted there were no issues arising.

50/15 Westmorland Gazette - RESOLVED the Clerk to inform of the Lyth Valley drainage pump issue; the Woodhouse Lane closure and her new appointment.

51/15 Correspondence

SLDC Standards Committee Agenda for 22/9/15. Note: there are 2 vacancies for Parish Members. Dallam School invite members to a launch of the new Conference Facilities at Heversham Campus on 9/10/15 at 1pm and the official opening of the John Handley War Memorial Pavilion on Tristrams Playing field from 2.20pm Cllr. Grindey will attend.

51/15 Items for Information - *no decisions or action permitted.*

52/15 Items for consideration for a future agenda.

The Athenaeum Financial Report.

What might be needed with the money available from District Cllr. Rawlinson.

53/15 Date of next meeting - to confirm the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 8 October 2015 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

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