

## HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2015 in the Athenaeum, Leasgill at 7:30pm

**Present :** Cllrs. Bland (Chairman), John Alderson, Peter Clarke, Gordon Capstick, Tom Grindey, and David Cordwell; County Councillor Roger Bingham; the Clerk and no members of the public.

**90/15 Apologies** - Cllr. Adele Shepherd; District Councillor Annie Rawlinson; PCSO 5251 Martin Boak.

**91/15 Declaration of Interests** - None.

**92/15 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12 November 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **93/15 Matters Arising.**

- Unfortunately the refuse collections are still not running smoothly. It is suggested that householders complain directly to South Lakeland District Council.
- Taking over the website has involved a lot of work for the Clerk and Cllr. Cordwell, who has almost mastered the system and will give the clerk some instruction on it.
- Cllr. Anderson raised a query about the Council's response to planning application SL/2015/0950 Croft Field, Leasgill. The Councillor's present when it was considered, affirmed their response and added that any parishioner may comment to SLDC's Planning office or at the appropriate Parish Council meeting.

**94/15 Public Participation** - No public.

#### **95/15 Planning**

1) There were no planning applications.

#### **96/15 Registration of Parish Land**

Land to be registered are: old Quarry Wood at the bottom of Heversham Head; the drinking hole by Deepthwaite Bridge on Rowell Lane; two pieces at Mabin Hall. These plots were identified on the map. RESOLVED the clerk to investigate how to register these with 'Land Registry'. Cllr. Grindey will clarify the availability of legal advice.

#### **97/15 Deterring "cold callers" in Heversham**

The police suggested looking at the callers documents and telephoning 101 for them to be checked. RESOLVED also that the clerk should enquire about obtaining 'No cold calling' signs for parishioners windows. It was suggested that the Leven's Clerk might be helpful as they also have had the problem.

#### **98/15 Highways/Footpaths**

a) John Burgess has indicated his intention to resign as the footpath officer. Councillors expressed their gratitude for his diligent work in the role and noted he was likely to continue until Spring. RESOLVED to consider splitting the job into 4 by bringing a definitive map to the next meeting. The need for replacements can be mentioned at the Parish Meeting, if not before.

- b) The replacement of the 30mph signs with no red ring - no action considered necessary.
- c) Update on the railway footpath - awaiting a formal response from the Trustees.
- d) Other Highways/Footpaths matters - The Council expressed concern that their notifications of floods on the A6 appeared not to be getting to Mr Nick Raymond of County Highways. RESOLVED that the Clerk makes contact to enquire what action will ensure the messages reach him.

### **99/15 Reports**

- a) Any meetings attended; the Clerk went to the Town Hall for website creation training, unfortunately it wasn't helpful as it was a different system than Serif and the teacher had no knowledge of Serif but did say she would investigate and respond with any findings.
- b) PCSO Martin Boak sent a report which stated there were no crimes this period reported for Heversham. Please dial 101 if worried about none urgent matters.
- c) District Councillor Annie Rawlinson; is working on flood issues and would like to be made aware of any of concern in the parish.
- d) County Councillor Roger Bingham.
  - The milestone at Greivegate has not progressed as it is necessary for Mr Bagot to cut back the shrubbery first.
  - The Budget is not finalised but it looks like the increase will be between 2-4%. No cuts will be made to the Police, NHS or schools. There have been discussions about possible cuts to the Fire Service.
- e) The Athenaeum Accounts 31st July 2015 as recorded in Minute 80/15-e were signed by Cllrs. Bland and Capstick.  
Cllr. Anderson asked the Council whether it would be a good idea to purchase a Defibrillator to be held at the Athenaeum for emergencies. It was thought unnecessary as the First Responders each now have one.

### **100/15 Finance**

Precept request form. - This has not yet arrived, so the Council agreed that the amount should be for £8420.00 and the clerk can seek the necessary signatures if required before the February meeting.

The following payments were approved and the cheques signed :

- HMRC paye for LDC, £140.79, cheque 240
- David Cordwell, Serif website programme, £33.48, cheque 241.
- L D Challenor, clerk's salary and expenses (3 months), £753.15 cheque 242.
- Bruce Nelson, fencing (FoD), £194.40 cheque 243.

### **101/15 Westmorland Gazette News**

Village tidy, footpath officer needed; Parish Meeting; retained firemen needed for Milnthorpe.

**102/15 Village Tidy** - the proposed date is March 5th 2016, starting from the Athenaeum at 10am. RESOLVED clerk is to try to obtain the necessary equipment, jackets etc. and ask about children taking part.

**103/15 External Audit** - RESOLVED the Council will use the suggested auditor when the audit procurement changes come into being.

**104/15 Floods** Councillors agreed that there appear to be no immediate actions or lessons arising from the Parish as a result of recent floods.

**105/15 Correspondence** - none.

**106/15 Parish Meeting** – set for the 10th March. Possible speakers; footpath officer about his role and a First Responder to explain the scheme. RESOLVED that the Council continue to search for ideas.

**107/15 Clerks Appraisal** - To be with Cllr. P Clarke.

**108/15 'Items for Information'** - *no decisions or action permitted*

There is to be a Ceilidh on 30/1/16 at the Athenaeum, in aid of the primary school. Contact Sarah Dickenson, 015395 63511 for tickets.

**109/15 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

Obtaining a card for storing the data taken by the SID.

**110/15 Date of meetings 2016**

Proposed dates which need to be confirmed when the rooms have been booked:

11 February;

10 March (Parish Meeting);

14 April;

12 May (Annual Meeting);

09 June;

14 July;

15 September;

13 October;

10 November;

08 December.

All meetings will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

*Denise Challenor*  
**Clerk to the Council**  
11 December 2015