

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council,
held on Thursday 12 November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

Present: Cllr's Adrian Bland (Chairman); Peter Clarke; Tom Grindey; Adele Shepherd; County Councillor Roger Bingham; the Clerk and no members of the public.

71/15 Apologies - were received from Cllr's. David Cordwell; John Alderson; Gordon Capstick; PCSO 5367 Cairns and District Cllr. Annie Rawlinson.

72/15 Declaration of Interests - Cllr. Grindey declared an interest in item 12d, as he is related to the current Contractor for the village.

73/15 Dispensation Requests - None.

74/15 Minutes - the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 October 2015 were signed as a true record.

75/15 Matters arising from the Minutes

Item 61d, regarding the restoration of the milestone at Greivegate is to stay on the Agenda until the work is completed.

76/15 Public Participation - None.

77/15 Planning - the following planning application was considered:
SL/2015/0950 Croft Field, Leasgill. Erection of two dwellings. RESERVED MATTERS. - RESOLVED No objections.

78/15 Highways/Footpaths

- a) The path along Princes Way had now been attended to.
- b) Street light not working in Dugg Hill - RESOLVED the Clerk to find out which one.
- c) There have been complaints from residents about the state of the hedge opposite the crescent in Leasgill - RESOLVED the Parish Council will contact the land owner.
- d) To note the plastic bollard at the south end of the village has fallen over and is in need of repair: RESOLVED the Clerk to contact County Highways.

79/15 Consultations – the following were received and noted:

- a) Electoral review of South Lakeland. Consultation closes 11/1/16
www.lgbce.org.uk Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk. (*Emailed to Cllrs. 27/11/15*)
RESOLVED Cllr Clarke to review and report back
- b) Consultation on South Lakeland Development Management Policies DPD.
Ends 18/1/15 (*Emailed to Cllrs 6/11/15*).
- c) Consultation on South Lakeland Draft Statement of Community Involvement.
Ends 18/1/15 (*Emailed to Cllrs 6/11/15*).
- d) Consultation on South Lakeland Development Plan Document for Arnside & Silverdale AONB. . Ends 18/1/15 (*Emailed to Cllrs 6/11/15*).

80/15 Reports

a) Clerk attended 'Clerk's Forum' where she was given much information including some about the forthcoming Transparency code and Superfast Broadband.

b) Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team supplied a report which stated: since 7/10/15 no local crimes had been linked directly to the Heversham Parish but residents are urged to be vigilant and report suspicious incidents using 101 or 999 in an emergency.

c) District Councillor Annie Rawlinson supplied a report of the following: SLDC Housing 'Fit for the Future' review - runs to 18/12/15.

- Recycling & Waste update/reaction to changes There have been problems with the new rounds and several complaints have been made;
- South Lakeland's development opportunities which were showcased to a national investor audience on 6/11/15 giving many positive hopes for the area.

d) County Councillor Roger Bingham informed of the following:

- He has received complaints about bin collections and despite reassurances from SLDC there are still problems;
- There is a proposal to close Arnside Fire Station; this is a concern as the sea sometimes inhibits Milnthorpe Brigades access.

e) Athenaeum Accounts and Report to 31st July, 2015.

The Council noted that the Athenaeum was run well with Cash funds of £22,172 at the end of the financial year; compared to £21,551 last year. The Report was therefore approved by the Council and signed by it's Proper Officer. The Chairman requested that the Management Committee be thanked for their efficient and thorough work.

Athenaeum Quarterly Report ending 31st October 2015.

This showed the closing balance to be £22,398.59. A Council member wondered if there might be a possibility of having a hub for Wifi installed in the Athenaeum.

f) A report from the Task Group regarding the old railway line footpath.

Members of the group met with representatives of the Dallam School Charitable Trust on 5/11/15. Their Chairman made it clear that there was no intention of preventing the old railway from being used by the public as a footpath. He invited the Parish Council to identify specific routes on the land (*with certain conditions*) which might be registered as permissive paths in order to regularise what has been informal use of the land.

3 options were considered by the Council. RESOLVED to continue dialogue as suggested by the Charitable Trust and have it included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Clarke also reported that the school has had to lock the gate onto Tristrams following "joy riding" on the gravel car park. They had previously removed the walking gate in order to allow the temporary generator onto the site. It was noted that he have asked if the school will agree to put the gate back when the generator is removed in the fairly near future and that the school is considering this request.

81/15 Refuse. Complaints from residents over the change in refuse collection days:

- Information leaflets incorrect.
- Some bins not collected for 4 weeks.
- New teams of workmen, ill informed and missing refuse put out.

82/15 Finance

a) The bank reconciliation report as of 25 September 2015: showed total funds at 26/10/15 to be £15955.28;

The receipts/payments report and draft budget for 2015/16: having been considered and discussed the budget was amended to reflect that the Precept request will be £8,420 (£80 less than last year);

- b) SLDC correspondence regarding Parish Council Precepts and Council Tax, Base for 2015/16 (*Emailed to Cllrs 2/11/15*) was received and noted;
- c) playground inspections for 2015/16:RESOLVED to use SLDC again.
- d) Contractors Tender document for 2015/16: (*Councillor Grindey withdrew from the room.*) RESOLVED to invite Mr M Tyson to continue for the year of 2016 for a price of £1030.
- e) The repair and replacement water trough expenditure for the "Field of Dreams" was authorised.
- f) Income received into the Council's funds: :£300 (FOD),
- g) The following payment was authorised:
Martin Tyson, Contractor 2015, £1030, cheque no.100238.

83/15 Westmorland Gazette - Cllr. Clarke to submit report re Old Railway.

84/15 Correspondence

- a) SLDC Local Plan Overview- Autumn 2015. (*Emailed to Cllrs. 7/10/15*)
- b) Pension automatic enrolment. RESOLVED: The Clerk does not wish to receive a pension and does not need to be enrolled. (*According to information email from customer support forwarded to Cllr.s 5/11/15*)

85/15 Archives - The documents which have been sent to Archives have been listed by County Councillor Bingham and the Clerk is to write a formal thank you to him. A receipt of deposit has been supplied by Archives.

86/15 Police Cuts. - No action at this time.

87/15 Items for Information -The SPD is booked for part of March and May.

88/15 Items for future agendas

- Village tidy.
- Complete the recording of parish land.
- Pursue the replacement of the 30mph signs with no red ring.
- The milestone at Greivegate.
- The replacement of the footpath officer who has resigned.
- To consider what action to take about the audit procurement changes.

89/15 Date of next meeting - the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 10 December 2015.

Denise Challenor
Clerk to the Council