

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 April 2015 in the Athenaeum, Leasgill at 7:30pm

Present : Cllrs A Bland (Chairman), J Alderson, P Clarke, G Capstick, D Cordwell, T Grindey, the Clerk (Mrs J Davidson) and no members of the public.

139/14 Apologies

It was resolved for apologies with reasons given to be noted from Cllr Shepherd.

140/14 Minutes

It was resolved for the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2015 as a true record.

141/14 Declaration of Interests

None.

142/14 Requests for Dispensations

None.

143/14 Public Participation

- PCSO Mark Hutchinson had submitted a written report. Since the last meeting there has been one crime reported in the Parish of Heversham which was the theft of a mobile phone from the Blue Bell Hotel. Rural acquisitive crime continues with opportunistic thieves targeting both secure and insecure out buildings, quad bikes, fuel oil, vehicles and power tools. Over recent weeks there have been several reports relating to doorstep sellers and also fish sellers in white vans have been back to our area. Anyone who encounters cold callers and feels there is anything suspicious about them are urged to call '101' with a vehicle registration if possible. Police are also investigating reports of possible deer poaching in the area and again - if anything suspicious is seen – it should be reported by calling '101'.
- District Cllr Rawlinson had conveyed her apologies as she would be running a marathon in the North Pole to raise funds for the Samaritans.
- County Cllr Bingham had conveyed his apologies due to being unavailable to attend this meeting.

144/14 Planning

- i) It was noted that no planning applications had been submitted to SLDC since the last meeting.
- ii) It was noted the following planning application had been granted by SLDC since the last meeting :
SL/2015/0007 – Blue Bell Hotel, Heversham, Milnthorpe
Demolition of 'recent' extensions and refurbishment
- iii) It was noted the following planning application had been withdrawn since the last meeting :
SL/2014/1218 – High Haverflatts Farm, Milnthorpe
Siting of ground based solar panels

145/14 Heversham and Hincaster Neighbourhood Plan

- a) It was noted the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is working towards asking the Parish Council to approve the publishing of the "Pre-Submission Consultation Draft" at the next meeting to be held on 19 May 2015.

- b) The draft needs to be approved by Heversham Parish Council, Hincaster Parish Meeting and SLDC before it goes out to everyone in the two Parishes for a formal consultation. A discussion was introduced as to what action should be taken by the Parish Council next. It was resolved that the draft Plan should be circulated to all members of the Parish Council inviting any personal comments/observations which would be reviewed by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. After any amendments have been made the draft would be circulated again to all members of the Parish Council - to be formally considered for approval to go out for consultation - at the next meeting to be held on 19 May 2015.

146/14 Highways/Footpaths

- a) It was reported that streetlight 104 is now operational after another visit by Optech Fibres who had identified that Electricity North West had unusually not connected the wires as they usually do.
- b) A discussion was introduced as to whether the Parish Council should have a streetlight management plan. It was agreed there should not be a policy to give priority to any of the streetlights that Heversham Parish Council have the responsibility for. Any future repair/maintenance work required for any of the lights should be assessed on merit if/when the eventuality occurs.
- c) The Heversham Parish Footpaths Report – Spring 2015 – which had been prepared by Mr John Bergus was received and noted. It was agreed to send a copy of the footpaths report to the Cumbria Highways Footpath Officer with a request as to whether a meeting could be arranged to discuss the rolling parish maintenance programme which it is understood is scheduled for Heversham during this year. Appreciation was conveyed to Mr Bergus for preparing the report which is felt makes a valuable contribution to the Parish Council.
- d) It was reported the footpath adjacent to Princes Way between the Bluebell Hotel and the road which leads to Ninezergh Farm is difficult to negotiate as it is covered with mud/debris and needs to be reported to Cumbria Highways (Ref : 62/WEB151349660).

147/14 Finance

It was resolved for the following payments to be approved :

Optech Fibres Ltd. – lighting/bulb/internal supporting equipment replacement	£623.40
Zurich Insurance – Insurance Cover 2015/16	£444.72
Dallam School – Playground Rent	£ 2.00

148/14 Village Clean

Appreciation was conveyed to the 10 volunteers who had attended the Village Clean held on 7 March 2015. Although a number of bags of litter were collected it was felt the Parish is relatively clean and tidy. Appreciation was conveyed to the residents who it is known help to maintain a good standard throughout the year.

149/14 Parish Meeting

The Parish Meeting which was had been held on 12 March 2015 was reviewed. It had been decided that this year's meeting would not be an event as it had been in previous years and only 3 members of the public had attended. It was agreed to assess year by year whether or not the Annual Parish Meeting should be an event.

150/14 Society of Local Council Clerks' Conference

The Clerk reported she had attended a Society of Local Council Clerks' Conference which had been held in Bolton on 25 March 2015. Items on the agenda had been :

- Law for Local Councils
- Managing your council's risk
- An update on neighbourhood planning progress, support available and examples of successful consultation and plan policies
- Consulting with your community
- Fracking
- Employment workshop

151/14 Westmorland Gazette

It was felt there were no relevant matters to be reported to the Westmorland Gazette.

152/14 Correspondence

- CALC Circular April 2015
- Any other correspondence, circulars and publications received since the last meeting and not included as an item on this agenda was noted.

153/14 Items for Information

- Cllr Grindey reported the 'Great Village Bake Off' – sponsored by Refresh, Milnthorpe - is to be held on Sunday 12 May 2015.

154/14 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Playground Report

155/14 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting to be held on 19 May 2015. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed : (Chairman)
Date : 19 May 2015