

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council, held on **Thursday 14 July 2016** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present - Chairman A Bland, Cllr's T Grindey, G Capstick, Adele Shepherd and Iain Richards; County Councillor R Bingham; the Clerk; Mr Malcolm Richardson and no members of the public.

87/16 Apologies - from Cllr's Peter Clarke and Brian Rendall; City Councillor A Rawlinson and PCSO 5251 Boak.

88/16 Minutes - the Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2016 as a true record.

89/16 Ongoing items

- Greivgate Stone: no progress; Cllr. Bingham has reminded the contractor of the deadline for funding which is 31/3/17.
- Repair of water trough and fence in Field of Dreams; not yet done; the water trough will be repaired by the new tenant and the rent will be reduced accordingly.
- Bollard repair; now standing upright but Cllr's are uncertain how secure it is.
- Blocked road drain near Athenaeum entrance; reported to Highways.
- Gardener for the new garden; Cllr. Richard's contact can't oblige; **Cllr. Shepherd's ongoing.**
- Tree Management; no progress but not urgent/next agenda.
- Dallam Estate re. old railway line; **Cllr Clarke to attend a meeting in September.**
- Land registry; ongoing.
- Overgrown hedges near Plumtree and Heversham gardens; **Cllr Shepherd still to approach Plumtree**; Carolyn Moses will do her stretch northwards until reaching what is thought to be the County Council's responsibility. Cllr. Bingham will check on this, especially as there is a dead tree which needs addressing.
- Cost of providing broadband for the Athenaeum; Cllr. Richards has found the cost of providing Fibre at £170 per annum by BT. Fibre was thought to be unnecessary. **RESOLVED Cllr. Richards will ask Mr Smith which provider they have for the telephone line and whether this can include Broadband provision and at what cost**; which will probably be a cheaper option and which the Council would be happy to fund.

89/16 Declarations of Interest

None received.

90/16 Public Participation

None - There were no members of the public.

The report on behalf of Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team received from PCSO Boak showed no crime reported in Heversham. The SID is in use locally and speeds are being monitored;

District Councillor A Rawlinson; nothing to report.

Relevant matters from County Councillor R Bingham:

- Some of the roads noted for repair have been done, including Woodhouse Lane and three major county highways.
- There is a debate concerning the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg on the west coast. Concerns have been expressed about the routes waste will take to get to the site.
- Children's services in Cumbria failed it's Ofsted inspection and may be put into special measures.

- Arnside Bus service is to be reduced.

91/16 Planning

The following planning application has been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of Heversham Parish Council since the last meeting:

- SL/2016/0594 Berguille, Moss Lane, Heversham. Alterations and extension to form two dormer windows and front porch. - **No objections.**

92/16 Highways/Footpaths

- a) Road works progress. A good job has been done on Woodhouse Lane area. Cllr. Bingham will pass on comments to the Highways department.
- b) The hedge that borders the playground and the pavement near light 107 needs cutting. **RESOLVED to authorise Cllr. Bland to get someone to trim it and the Field of Dreams hedge for a maximum expenditure of £50.**

93/16 Administration

- a) The recommendation from the interview panel to appoint Mr Malcolm Richardson as the new Clerk to the Parish Council was agreed and the starting date for Mr Richardson will be 1st August overlapping with the current clerk in order to create a smooth transition.
- b) The salary and expenses were confirmed and the letter of appointment was signed by both parties; a copy given to each. Mr Richardson was given a copy of his Contract of Employment, signed by Cllr. Bland.
- d) The change of clerk letters in relation to finance were signed by the authorised Cllrs.
- e) The clerk informed the Cllr.'s that there was a Clerk's Induction Course in September at a cost of £55 for two, two hour sessions. Mr Richardson was willing to attend and the Council authorised the expenditure. **RESOLVED the clerk will book a place for Mr Richardson.**

94/16 Boundary Commission

RESOLVED to send the formal response prepared by Cllr. Clarke from the Council to SLDC.

95/16 Finance

- a) The following payments were approved:
 - Iain Richards, insurance for the Queens bonfire, £107.13, cheque 261.
 - L D Challenor salary to 31st August and expenses to date £654.45, cheque 262.
 - HMRC only, paye for L D Challenor, £143.10, cheque 264.
 - A Bland, reimbursement for machined pole from M D Hanafin £32.40, cheque 265.
- b) The clerk informed the Council that the Annual Statements 2015-16 have been sent to the external accountants on time; that it is currently the period for the public to view the accounts and that all the required information regarding the Accounts has been placed on the website.

96/16 Correspondence

Any other correspondence received and not included as an item on this agenda:

- a) Information about The Central Heating Fund which aims to install up to 250 central heating systems across the participating council's areas into homes which are not already fully centrally heated. Grants are available to eligible households. The offer is on a first come, first served basis. Their home must not have an existing mains gas connection or already have a full central heating system. Tel. 01228 817352. (Emailed to Cllrs 14/6/16)
- b) Clerk and Council's Direct Publication.
- c) Clarke telecom inform of plans to upgrade telecommunications radio base station at land on Hilderstone Lane, Burton in Kendal. - Not thought to be of relevance to this parish.

97/16 Westmorland Gazette - Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- "Boogie in the Barn" held at Ninzergh Farm by Chairman Adrian Bland raised a staggering £5800. This will be share between St John's Hospice and St Peter's Primary school.
- The BBQ organised by Cllr. Tom Grindey raised a very welcome £800+ for the Athenaeum which will be undergoing a new Central Heating system shortly. To supplement funds further Roger Bingham will give a guided walk around the village on the afternoon of 18th September.
- The Council commented that Highways had done a good job of surfacing Woodhouse Lane area.
- Denise Challenor will leave her post as clerk on 31st August 2016 after a year in office. The Council thanked her for helping them when in need and she thanked them for the gift presented; the work offered and the kind way she had been treated. Mr Malcolm Richardson was welcomed as her replacement and it is planned that he will overlap with Denise for a period.
- SLDC Empty Homes Scheme. Lynne Leach is to be contacted on 01539 793375 if anyone knows of a property that's been empty for some time. The hope is to contact the owners and bring it back into use.

98/16 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

- The Dugg Hill sign will be erected before the next meeting.

99/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Road works against survey a copy of which is expected from Cllr. Bingham when available. (Feb. 2017 Agenda)

100/16 Date of next meeting - the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 15 September 2016 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

Denise Challenor
Clerk to the Council