

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting which was held on Thursday 11 February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

Present : Cllrs. Bland (Chairman), John Alderson, Adele Shepherd , Gordon Capstick, Tom Grindey, and David Cordwell; County Councillor Roger Bingham; District Councillor Annie Rawlinson; the Clerk and two members of the public.

1/16 Apologies - Cllr. Peter Clarke

2/16 Declaration of Interests - to receive declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda. Note : Members are reminded to check their Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests forms to ensure that they are accurate and up to date. - None

3/16 Minutes - the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10 December 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4/16 Matters Arising

- Cllr. Grindey confirmed that the SID will be in use for two weeks and he will purchase the memory card shortly so data can be stored.
- The Clerk confirmed the best way to contact Nick Raymond from Highways was by personal email or the switchboard for Highways 0845 6096609.
- Trading Standards will send information on deterring "cold calling" (which is currently being produced) when available. The Council can then decide whether they want to proceed.
- The meeting dates are confirmed and booked as suggested except for September's which has been changed to 15th.
- The hedge opposite the Crescent has been reported as needing trimming.

5/16 Public Participation

i) No member of the public wished to speak.

ii) Report from Kendal Rural Policing Team; None available

iii) Relevant matters from District Councillor A Rawlinson;

- The requested grant of £305 has been received from Heversham Parish Council, to create a garden area at the entrance to the village.
- Floods have been priority and Cllr. Rawlinson has been on an emergency preparedness course.
- There have been recycling complaints and it seems there has been a calendar mix-up. The recycling and floods will be raised at the Parish Meeting.

iv) Relevant matters from County Councillor R Bingham

- The stone at Greaves Lane has still not been done but is imminent.
- Recycling has been raised a lot but SLDC make assurances that it's okay now.
- Floods have contributed to potholes and although many have been reported A and B roads are the priority and small roads may not be done until August/September. Woodhouse should be done in the next financial year.
- There has been 40 million set aside by the government for houses to be made watertight, this includes dampness and any parishioners who want to know more should ring Cllr. Bingham.

- Discussions about Council tax and Relief's, Grants and changes in policing, are underway at present.

6/16 Planning

- a) No planning applications have been received by SLDC since the last meeting.
- b) SL/2015/0950 Crost Field, Leasgill. - Refused by SLDC.

7/16 Parish Land

- a) Registry of Parish Council Land; namely: the old Quarry Wood at the bottom of Heversham Head, the drinking hole by Deepthwaite Bridge on Rowell Lane; two pieces at Mabin Hall .- RESOLVED: To use Solicitor Sarah Clegg from the Auctionmart who has quoted up to £500 for registrations which are straightforward but more if there are unforeseen problems. County Cllr. R Bingham has muted that he might be able to authorise a grant of £500 if an application can be made in time for this financial year.
- b) The fence around the 'Field of Dreams' has been breached in another place. RESOLVED: to finance the cost of the repair which is expected to be between £200-£300.

8/16 Highways/Footpaths

- a) To consider reporting the state of the lane to Tristrams after the recent building work to the County Council/Dallam school.- This has already been reported by County Cllr. Bingham. RESOLVED: No action required.
- b) TheLeasgill/Heversham school flashing lights which have not been operating properly have been reported to SLDC.
- c) Concern has been expressed about the number of accidents on the stretch of the A6 from Levens to Heversham's boundary at Hawsbarrow.- It was proposed(JA), seconded (AS) and carried; to request Highways to carry out a survey of the speed of vehicles on this stretch.
- d) Footpath warden duties. Cllr. Peter Clarke is prepared to do some of the route and it is intended to ask for volunteers at the Parish Assembly and to split the route according to what they can do. If no-one comes forward it is not considered to be essential to have this role filled.
- e) The footpath along the A6 from Dallam School to Minthorpe is needing resurfacing. RESOLVED: To write to Nick Raymond and copy in Tim Farron MP as it is dangerous for those walking in the dark and the school children use it.
- f) There is a big pothole which is hard to avoid by the triangle at the south of Heversham. RESOLVED: Report to Highways.
- g) The street light outside Springlea is not working. RESOLVED: not to report for the moment.

9/16 The Athenaeum

- a) The financial report for the 2nd quarter of the financial year 2015/16 period ending 31 January 2016 and the Charity Commission Return 2015/16 (emailed to Cllrs 6/2/16) have been received. It was noted that the balance of over £24,000 is very healthy and the Trustees therefore might consider putting in a wireless connection to Superfast Broadband for it's customers. - RESOLVED: The Clerk to formerly request the provision of Broadband.

The Councillors thought the Athenaeum was being managed very well and the documentation excellent .It was considered that the queries from the Annual Return and answered by Mr Smith had been answered correctly.

- b) Other Athenaeum Matters.

- There will be a 'Grand Village Bake-off' in the Athenaeum on the 8th May; the format will be the same as last year.
- The Sports and Barbeque day will be held on Saturday 11th June.

10/16. Finance

- a) To receive and approve the Financial Risk Assessment RESOLVED: Signed by the Chairman as adequate.
- b) The arrangements for the Internal Audit - RESOLVED: Mr Hartley be asked again to complete the work and offer a fee of £50.
- c) The Asset Register. RESOLVED: The four plots of land to be added to the register with the nominal value of £1 each.
- d) It was noted that the precept form has been completed and returned to SLDC;
- f) The following payments were authorised:
 - C T Hayton Ltd., Mower service, £232.80, cheque100244.

11/16. Village Clean – This will take place on 5th March 2016, starting at 10 am at the Athenaeum. SLDC will provide 30 kits which will be delivered to Cllr. Clarke's home for collection. There will be no children's visibility jackets provided.

12/16. Neighbourhood Plan - A progress report was received from the Steering group of the Neighbourhood Plan. The responses can be viewed on: www.hevershamandhincasternp.co.uk RESOLVED: The Council would like to see the two new documents currently being produced before they are submitted to SLDC.

13/16. Correspondence noted:

- a) Nalc emails about Queens 90th birthday celebrations (Forwarded to Cllr.s 12/1/16.)
- b) Natural England email about their consultation on the potential Morecambe Bay and Suddon Estuary special protection area. (emailed to Cllrs. 21/1/16)
- c) Questions to answer on Infastructure Planning. (Emailed to Cllrs. 21/1/16)- No action.
- d) Notice of LAP meeting on 2nd March. (Emailed to Cllrs. 3/2/16)
- e) CALC newsletter. Feb. 2016. (Emailed to Cllrs. 3/2/16)

14/16. Queens 90th Birthday To decide upon the Celebrations for the village. There will be a Pudding Party organised by Jane Cushnie and Bonfire organised by Ian Richards on Thursday 21st April.

15/16. Website. Progress is being made but still more work, before all the information required is ready.

16. Parish Meeting

Arrangements for the Parish Meeting to be held on 10 March 2016. The Chairman will arrange for the following presentations:

- The Queens 90th Birthday celebrations.
- Development Plans for the Blue Bell.
- A report on the refuse and recycling changes and the Lyth Valley drainage boards proposals.
- An update on developments at Greenside Farm.
- B4RN Hyperfast Broadband

County Councillor Bingham and County Councillor Rawlinson will give their reports. The police must also be invited.

Cllrs Grindey and Shepherd will purchase the refreshments to be covered by the Chairman's allowance.

17/16. To note any 'Items for Information' - None.

18/16. Westmorland Gazette

There will be a village clean on 5th March, those willing to participate please meet at the Athenaeum at 10 am.

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19/16. To receive items for consideration for a future agenda

Armed forces Day Celebration 25/6/16

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2016. Date of next meeting - to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be 14 April 2016. All meetings will commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

Denise Challenor
Clerk to the Council