

# HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 14 April 2022** at 9.00pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

**Present** – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; the Clerk and three members of the public

## 41/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Elizabeth Moffat and Brian Rendell (reasons accepted and noted) and from County Cllr. Roger Bingham

## 42/22 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

## 43/22 Declarations of Interest

None

## 44/22 Requests for Dispensation

None

## 45/22 Public Participation

None

## 46/22 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Cllr. Richards reported that work was progressing
- Commemoration seat in memory of Cllr. Gordon Capstick: It was noted that the ceremony would take place before the lighting of the beacon on 2 June 2022
- Climate Change Working Group: There had been a discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting and Cllr. Richards was asked to send his proposed street lighting options to the Clerk

## 47/22 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes had reported at the Annual Parish Meeting prior to this meeting
- b. County Cllr. Bingham: No report
- c. The Athenaeum: An email had been received stating that the committee didn't want to proceed with an electric charging point in their car park. The Clerk was asked to send councillors a copy of the paperwork showing the appointment of the management committee by the Parish Council as trustees

## 48/22 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning application had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:  
**SL/2022/0322 Field End, Leasgill**  
Demolition of existing garage and erection of double garage and store and associated external works  
The Council gave its **active support** to this application
- ii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:  
**SL/2021/0230 Land opposite Brant House, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**  
All reserved matters for plots 1 and 2 (SL/2022/0029 & 0030 have been withdrawn)  
**SL/2022/0010 3, Bay View, Heversham**  
Single storey side and rear extensions and rear patio with glazed balustrade (retrospective)
- iii) It was noted that the Council had sent an email to SLDC regarding the issues relating to the listed building status of Hawthorn Cottage and the Council's wish to see the property used as a permanent family residence
- iv) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

## 49/22 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

### Highways:

- a) The Council repeated its concern about the standard of the resurfacing works on both U5072 Leasgill and Moss Lane, Heversham and particularly the drops into the gullies. It was reported that there was a fallen tree by an A6 layby
- b) Reports on HIAMS continued to be made regarding potholes; the damaged road sign on the A6 at Parkhouse; and the manhole covers on Woodhouse Lane

### Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Chair reported that the three map / visitor information noticeboards work was moving forward rapidly
- ii) The Chair stated that there was nothing new to report

### Trees and Woods:

- i) The Clerk reported that the trees for the collaborative project between the Council and Dallam School under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme had been ordered for delivery in November
- ii) Cllr. Bland reported that the Quarry Wood would be made safe and that the work already agreed was now expected to be undertaken in November
- iii) There was a discussion about whether the Council or Mr Randall were responsible to pay for repairing the wall which had been damaged when taking down the fallen tree

### **50/22 Playground Report**

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting, continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting
- ii) It was noted that the combi-swing had been installed at a cost of £802.50 plus VAT

### **51/22 Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed to identify road signs that needed to be cleaned and to check whether they were in the correct location; and to put the proposed request to CCC that the A6 speed limit is reduced to 50 mph throughout on the next agenda

### **52/22 Village Tidy**

It was noted that the annual tidy had been successful although there had been a disappointing turnout

### **53/22 Dog Poo Near Tennis Courts**

Action that could be taken was discussed including taking photos of the human with the dog and sending them to SLDC for prosecution. It was reported that there was also a problem at Low Lane and near the former primary school. It was agreed to put up warning signs and put comments in the Westmorland Gazette and the Parish News

### **54/22 Grit Bins**

In addition to the possibility of new bin locations, it was reported that the Moss Lane bin needed to be replaced

### **55/22 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 2 June 2022**

Cllr. Richards reported that he had obtained permission from the landowner but Cllr. Grindey reported that the piper wasn't available. The Pudding Party in The Athenaeum had been arranged and the WI would collaborate

### **56/22 Parliamentary Constituencies Secondary Consultation**

It was agreed that no action was to be taken

### **57/22 Parish Land**

The Clerk was asked to send an invoice to Tim Thacker as he would be stocking the "Field of Dreams" in 2022/23

### **58/22 Finance**

- a) The following receipts since the last meeting were noted:
  - South Westmorland Village Maintenance Association – return of funds - £728.74
  - HSBC – compensation - £50.00
- b) The following payments were approved:
  - Npower – street lighting electricity March 2022 - £39.02 – cheque 621
  - SLDC – annual playground inspection fee - £176.87 – cheque 622
  - CALC – course fee - £20.00 – cheque 623
  - P Clarke – new dog poo bin - £130.14 – cheque 627
  - CHB Surfacing Ltd – installation of new combi-swing - £963.00 – cheque 625
  - CALC – annual subscription - £204.38 – cheque 626
- c) The receipts and payments report for the year ended 31 March 2022 was received and noted
- d) All charges to date had been refunded by HSBC and compensation of £50 paid. The Clerk was still to continue to explore options regarding changing bankers to the Council as charges were to be made from 1 April 2022
- e) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 March 2022 was £12,265.61, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

### **59/22 Correspondence**

The following correspondence received and not included as an item on this agenda was noted:

- a. Further items concerning local government reorganisation
- b. SLDC – Innovative projects set to create more affordable housing (emailed to Cllrs 24/3/22)
- c. Cumbria Police – February 2022 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs 24/3/22)
- d. SLDC – Briefing note on the Homes for Ukraine scheme (emailed to Cllrs.10/4/22)
- e. CALC – United for Ukraine website (emailed to Cllrs.10/4/22)
- f. CALC – Minutes of the South Lakeland District Association meeting on 24/3/22 (emailed to Cllrs.10/4/22)
- g. CALC – Civility and respect video request (emailed to Cllrs.10/4/22)
- h. CALC – NALC's Smaller Councils Committee request for issues of relevance and services to provide (emailed to Cllrs.10/4/22)
- i. CALC – Resilience project to provide support and information to Councils (emailed to Cllrs.10/4/22)

**60/22 Westmorland Gazette** – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Annual Parish Meeting report
- Dog poo
- Jubilee Pudding Party

**61/22 Items for Information** – *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

**62/22 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- i) "What's Back On in Heversham" – September 2022
- ii) Playground committee – May 2022
- iii) Local government reorganisation – September 2022
- iv) Improved access to footpaths and tracks – June 2022
- v) Poppy collection – July 2022

**63/22 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12 May 2022 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Signed.....(Chair)  
12 May 2022