

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Wednesday 23 April 2025** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey, Elizabeth Moffat, Mary Capstick and Natalie Fletcher; the Clerk and no members of the public

40/25 Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adrian Tayler (reasons accepted and noted) and Westmorland and Furness (W&F) Cllr. Janet Battye

41/25 Minutes: It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2025 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

42/25 Declarations of Interest: None

43/25 Requests for Dispensation: None

44/25 Public Participation: None

45/25 Ongoing Items

- Crow Wood: No reply had yet been received regarding clarification of the ownership of the area used for parking
- Yellow line parking restrictions: The approved proposal did not include the requested extension to Plumtree but this was under review. It was agreed that the Council should continue to request this
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was still awaited
- Village 20 mph application update: The initial engagement Teams meeting had taken place on Friday 28 March 2025 and there was to be an initial consultation from 4 June to 18 July 2025 with a statutory consultation in November 2025. The Locality Board would then make a decision in late winter / early spring 2026
- Community resilience (emergency planning) policy: The need for a policy was to be discussed at tomorrow's Annual Parish Meeting

46/25 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr: There was no written report. An answer had not yet been received to the question "Who holds W&FC to account re non-collection of signs, etc, which is equivalent to tipping?"
- b. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that the quiz night had made a profit of £488.50
- c. Cumbria Police: Reports had been received from Cumbria Police including the Operation Enhance update (emailed to Cllrs.28/3/25) and the Neighbourhood Policing Team update for March 2025 (emailed to Cllrs.14/4/25)

47/25 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning application had been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
2025/0620/HOU The Stable, Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe
Installation of a metal framed glass green house
The Council had **no comments** regarding this application
- ii) It was noted that the following planning application had been **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting:
2025/0182/HOU Sundown Heversham
Detached single storey garage
- iii) It was noted that comments from a parishioner concerning Valley View, Leasgill had been forwarded to W&FC Planning Department
- iv) Neighbourhood Plan group: There was nothing to report

48/25 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) Action was still awaited on the potholes at Woodhouse Lane and at the junction with the A6 south
- b) The query as to the responsibility for the restoration of milestones was deferred to the next meeting as Cllr. Battye was not present

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) Cllr. Tayler is to affix some of the round waymarker signs to the finger post through Quarry Wood

Trees and Woods:

- i) A risk assessment had been arranged regarding the trees in Quarry Wood and at Mabbin Hall Lane

49/25 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Capstick had inspected the playground since the last meeting and had reported no immediate problems
- ii) Cllr. Capstick would monitor the equipment and carry out the inspections until the next meeting
- iii) Cllr. Bland reported that the repair and replacement of the fencing was in hand
- iv) Following the annual inspection report, it was noted that there was some remedial and tidying work needed and it was agreed to attend to such items including the removal of the concrete stumps and checking the matting
- v) The play tractor was expected to be ready for collection in May 2025
- vi) A majority agreed to obtain quotes for taking down and rebuilding the gate posts

50/25 Street Lighting Electricity: The Clerk reported that he had been informed that the 2024/25 costs were now not to be refunded by W&FC. He was authorised to continue to negotiate and to take further action if necessary

51/25 Annual Parish Meeting: The arrangements were confirmed

52/25 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been the following receipt since the last meeting:
HMRC - VAT refund 2024/25 - £574.57
- b) The following payment made by direct debit since the last meeting was approved:
Npower – street lighting electricity March 2025 - £147.23
- c) The following payment between meetings was approved:
Playdale Playgrounds Ltd - play tractor - £2,919.24 – cheque 761
- d) The following payments were approved:
M R Richardson – salary & expenses to 30/4/25 – £1,677.71 – cheque 762
HMRC – PAYE / NIC re M R Richardson - £441.82 – cheque 763
CALC – annual subscription 2025/26 - £250.21 – cheque 764
The Athenaeum – hire of hall 2024/25 - £234.00 – cheque 765
- e) The receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2025 was received and approved
- f) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 March 2025 was £16,283.19, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

53/25 Correspondence

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

- i) W&FC – New playground strategy to ensure inclusive and engaging play spaces (emailed to Cllrs.27/3/25)
- ii) W&FC determined to tackle blight of roadside litter (emailed to Cllrs.27/3/25)
- iii) CALC News – January & February 2025 (emailed to Cllrs.14/4/25)
- iv) W&FC responds to devolution consultation (emailed to Cllrs.14/4/25)
- v) National Highways – A590 safety improvement works between Brettagh Holt and M6 Junction 36 on 24-26 April 2025 (emailed to Cllrs.16/4/25)
- vi) W&FC – Armed Forces Covenant (emailed to Cllrs.22/4/25)
- vii) CALC – Post Office / Directly Managed Branch update (emailed to Cllrs.22/4/25)

54/25 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

55/25 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- The primary school warning signs were still operating

56/25 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- a. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme Plaque – When new trees are ready in 2026

57/25 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 28 May 2025 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

