

## HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 8 December 2022** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

**Present** – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell, Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey and Iain Richards; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and no members of the public

### 166/22 Apologies

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

### 167/22 Minutes

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

### 168/22 Declarations of Interest

None

### 169/22 Requests for Dispensation

None

### 170/22 Public Participation

None

### 171/22 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Cllr. Richards stated that there was nothing new to report. The Council expressed its gratitude to everyone who had helped for their efforts on behalf of the parish. It was agreed to no longer have B4RN as a standing item and to only pick it up as necessary
- Climate Change Working Group: Cllr. Richards reminded the Council that the Group had highlighted climate change considerations with regard to the decisions on both the street lights and speed limits
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme: The 30 trees had been planted and students at Dallam School were to produce a plaque for the copse. It was agreed that the Council should apply for more free trees, which the Woodland Trust had said were available, using Cllr. Richards' field as a nursery until subsequent relocation
- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation that an Engineering Safety Study (ESS) was to take place this financial year and that this would then be assessed for consideration of funding in line with other ESS priorities. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Cumbria County Council whether the lighting application by the Dallam School students has been considered
- Management of the lack of coterminosity between health and social care in order to ensure effective integrated care for parishioners: Cllr. Battye reported that there was to be a briefing about joint bodies and that she was monitoring the situation and would report back in a future meeting

### 172/22 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes reported on the amount of phosphates going into Lake Windermere and the effect on fish and algae. Otherwise there was nothing to report
- b. County Cllr. Bingham; There was no report
- c. Shadow Authority Cllr. Battye reported that work continued on the arrangements for the transfer. The Council Plan is listed for approval at a meeting on 19 December 2022
- d. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that expenditure continued on improvements including to the car park lighting. The Clerk reported that quarterly accounts were to be available in future and that he had amended the Athenaeum link on the Council website

### 173/22 Planning

- i) It was noted that no planning applications had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting
- ii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
  - SL/2022/0729 7, Park House Drive, Heversham**  
Upper ground floor rear extension, glazed balcony and pitched roof to garage
  - SL/2022/0797 Land to the south of Deepthwaite Farm, Deepthwaite**  
Variation of condition 5 (approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2020/0273 (formation of menage for horses)
- iii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been withdrawn:
  - SL/2021/0174 High Meadows, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**  
Proposed dwelling, garage and associated works
  - SL/2022/0158 High Meadows, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**  
Improvement of existing Woodhouse Lane access to provide highways compliant independent vehicular entrance and driveway
- iv) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

### 174/22 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

#### Highways:

- a) Reports on HIAMS had been made including regarding the manhole covers in Woodhouse Lane and councillors were requested to continue to make such reports when needed

- b) Reference was made to the report on HIAMS in January 2022 regarding potholes at the south end of the village. Five had been filled in but a road closure was needed for a full permanent repair. It was agreed to keep this under review

#### **Footpaths/Tracks:**

- i) The Chair reported that the third map / visitor information noticeboard was now ready to be placed by the playground when the fencing had been completed
- ii) It was reported that Adrian Taylor intended to produce electronic footpath guides as part of the reactivation of the Footpaths Group in the new year

#### **Trees and Woods:**

- i) There was nothing to report other than dealt with above under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme

#### **175/22 Field of Dreams**

It was noted that the process of claiming adverse possession was ongoing

#### **176/22 Playground Report**

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported no problems other than the fencing for which he had received an acceptable quote of £950 plus VAT, which may increase between now and when the work is due to be done in February / March
- ii) Cllr. Rendell continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting

#### **177/22 Christmas 2022**

Cllr. Bland had purchased the Christmas tree for Leasgill Green and Cllr. Rendell had purchased replacement lights

#### **178/22 Pop-Up Pub "What's On" Noticeboard**

It was agreed to purchase a moveable notice board to be used at future Pop-Up Pub

#### **179/22 Buses (Fares and Routes)**

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Stagecoach and request that the 755 was routed through the village and enquire as to why our parishioners were discriminated against compared to Windermere residents, who were able to purchase cheaper tickets for travel to Kendal. He was also asked to write to the County Council whether there was any specific bus travel support for refugees by way of subsidy

#### **180/22 Coronation of King Charles III**

It was agreed to have a beacon if there was to be a national chain and to reserve The Athenaeum for the afternoon and evening of the bank holiday Monday, noting that there may also be an initiative around the pop-up pub on the Saturday

#### **181/22 Civility and Respect Pledge**

It was agreed to sign up to the pledge

#### **182/22 Finance**

- a) The following receipts since the last meeting were noted:  
Rhoda Thompson Trust – Information noticeboard grant - £254.48
- b) The following payments were approved:  
Terra Firma – Information noticeboard installation - £207.10 – cheque 653  
South Lakeland District Council – Parish election costs - £100.00 – cheque 654  
Brian Rendell – Christmas lights from Festive Lights - £122.97 – cheque 655  
Adrian Bland – Christmas tree - £70.00 – cheque 656  
Npower – Street lighting electricity November 2022 - £99.11 – cheque 657  
A2A Advertising Ltd – Ssl web hosting fee - £60.00 – cheque 658  
Dallam School Charitable Trust – Playground rent for 5 years to 31/8/27 - £5.00 – cheque 659
- c) The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2023/24, which was amended and **approved** including a total precept of £13,855 which is 11.5% more than last year. **Resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to complete the precept form when it is received and obtain the necessary signatures
- d) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 November 2022 was £16,678.73, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chair

#### **183/22 Correspondence**

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

- a. Further items concerning local government reorganisation
- b. Items concerning the cost of living crisis including the questionnaire for councillors (emailed to Cllrs.1/12/22), which Cllrs. were requested to complete
- c. CALC – Cumbria local authority climate update (emailed to Cllrs.15/11/22)
- d. CALC News September & October 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.16/11/22)
- e. CALC – South Lakeland District Association minutes 21/9/22 (emailed to Cllrs.16/11/22)
- f. CALC – Training programme January to July 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.23/11/22)
- g. CALC – Information updates (emailed to Cllrs.7/12/22)
- h. Cumbria Police – October & November report (emailed to Cllrs.7/12/22)
- i. CALC – NALC legal update (emailed to Cllrs.7/12/22)
- j. Power for People – Request for support for the amendments to the Energy Bill (emailed to Cllrs.7/12/22)

#### **184/22 Westmorland Gazette** – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Progress on the request for an extension of the 50mph speed limit on the A6 to Levens Bridge

**185/22 Items for Information – no decisions or action permitted**

- The poppy collection raised £500
- There are to be carols on Leasgill Green at 6pm on Thursday 22 December 2022

**186/22 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- i) Parish Meeting
- ii) County Cllr. Roger Bingham's retirement

**187/22 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9 February 2023 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm