

# HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 9 March 2023** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

**Present** – Cllrs. Brian Rendell (Acting Chair), 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

## 21/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Peter Clarke and Elizabeth Moffatt (reasons accepted and noted)

## 22/23 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair after amending 15/23 to read “defibrillator pads” instead of “defibrillator batteries”

## 23/23 Declarations of Interest

None

## 24/23 Requests for Dispensation

None

## 25/23 Public Participation

None

## 26/23 Ongoing Items

- Climate Change Working Group: Cllr. Richards reported that a meeting had been held last week. Among the matters discussed were solar heating, the wind supply on the Head, home insulation, house outside lighting, roadside verges and tree planting
- Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme: The production of a plaque is ongoing
- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: There was no further information to report
- Field of Dreams: The Council’s claim had been filed by the appointed agent
- Pop-Up Pub “What’s On” noticeboard: The order had recently been cancelled as the company were unable to deliver. Cllr. Clarke and the Clerk were to re-order
- Buses – Fares and Routes: It was agreed that the Clerk should enquire whether Stagecoach would agree to designate temporary bus stops at the A6 laybys when the road through the village was closed to buses

## 27/23 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes gave his final report regarding the winding-up jobs being undertaken by the District Council and the last cabinet and council meetings
- b. County Cllr. Bingham; There was no report
- c. Shadow Authority Cllr. Battye reported that work continued on getting everything in place for a smooth handover on 1 April 2023. Locality boards and highways were priorities
- d. The Athenaeum: It was reported that the curtains had been installed and there was to be a bingo night in April

## 28/23 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:  
**PN/2023/0020 Marsh Farm, Heversham**  
Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed installation of Solar Photovoltaics (PU) equipment on the south facing existing steel span non-domestic building  
The Council had therefore made **no comment** at this stage on this application
- ii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as withdrawn by SLDC since the last meeting:  
**SL/2021/0962 Land adjacent to railway bridge at Woodhouse Lane, Woodhouse**  
Installation of an auxiliary supply point for railway power supply and associated new vehicular access
- iii) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

## 29/23 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

### Highways:

- a) Potholes reports on HIAMS continued to be made

### Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) There was no report

### Trees and Woods:

- i) Cllr. Richards reported that he had inspected the trees on the railway and would do additional necessary work. The Council expressed their thanks

## 30/23 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported no problems. The fencing work was expected to be done in April
- ii) Cllr. Rendell continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting

## 31/23 Village Tidy

Arrangements were finalised for the annual tidy on 25 March 2023

### **32/23 Coronation of King Charles III**

The proposed holding of a village street party at The Athenaeum on Sunday 7 May 2023 was considered and it was agreed to make further enquiries as to interest so that a final decision could be made at the next meeting. It was noted that there was to be a barbecue at the pop-up pub on the Saturday

### **33/23 Annual Parish Meeting**

The arrangements made at the last meeting for the Annual Parish Meeting on 27 April 2023 were confirmed

### **34/23 Finance**

- a) It was noted that there had been the following receipt since the last meeting:  
HMRC – VAT refund to 31 March 2022 - £507.21
- b) The following payments were approved:  
Pam Forrester – defibrillator battery - £346.80 – cheque 666  
Npower – street lighting electricity February 2023 - £96.11 – cheque 667  
Adele Shepherd – refund re retirement gift - £50.00 – cheque 668  
Adrian Bland – pop-up pub fridge - £967.19 – cheque 669
- c) The Asset Register was received and **approved**
- d) The 2023/24 Effectiveness of Internal Audit document was received and **approved**
- e) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 28 February 2023 was £14,238.28, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chair

### **35/23 Correspondence**

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

- a. Further items concerning the local government reorganisation including the meeting notes and presentation from the "Next Council Conversation" event on 8/2/23 (emailed to Cllrs.15/2/23); the pre April 1 briefing for CALC members on 16/3/23 (emailed to Cllrs.2/3/23); & the Shadow Authority cabinet recommendation of the budget for the new Council (emailed to Cllrs.2/3/23) and its approval
- b. Further climate change information and updates
- c. Further cost of living crisis information
- d. Further community resilience information
- e. Power for People – Government report supports Local Electricity Bill (emailed to Cllrs. 17/2/23). The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to Tim Farron MP asking him to request the Government to support the bill
- f. Cumbria Police – January 2023 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.2/3/23)
- g. SLDC – South Lakeland strategic housing and economic needs assessment (SHENA) study available to view and comment (emailed to Cllrs.2/3/23)

**36/23 Westmorland Gazette** – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Village Tidy
- Annual Parish Meeting

**37/23 Items for Information** – *no decisions or action permitted*

- A request was made for information about the proposals for the future use of the former primary school

### **38/23 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- a. Management of the lack of coterminosity between health and social care in order to ensure effective integrated care for parishioners.

### **39/23 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 13 April 2023 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm