

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 12 May 2022** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey, and Elizabeth Moffat; District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye and no members of the public

64/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Brian Rendell, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd (reasons accepted and noted) and the Clerk

The meeting noted the Clerk's continuing ill health and wished him a speedy recovery

Cllr. Bland chaired the meeting until the new Chair was elected

65/22 Election of Chair

Cllr. Grindey proposed and Cllr. Bland seconded Cllr. Clarke to be the Chair for 2022/23. There were no other nominations and the proposal was carried unanimously. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form for 2022/23 was to be signed by Cllr. Clarke and witnessed by the Clerk in due course

66/22 Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr. Clarke proposed and Cllr. Grindey seconded Cllr. Rendell to be the Vice-Chair for 2022/23. There were no other nominations and the proposal was carried unanimously. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form for 2022/23 was to be signed by Cllr. Rendell and witnessed by the Clerk in due course

67/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

68/22 Declarations of Interest

None

69/22 Requests for Dispensation

None

70/22 Public Participation

None

71/22 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Cllr. Richards reported that good progress was being made by virtue of Barry Cheeseman's drive and hard work. Getting to Haverflatts will depend upon residents being willing to be engaged
- Street Lighting: Nothing to report
- Climate Change Working Group: It was understood that the group had not met

72/22 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes reported that the SLDC AGM would be next week and that when canvassing he had picked up a lot of concern on Dugg Hill re the Park House Drive development. He understood that SLDC were to transfer the land to South Lakes Housing. It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider any new planning application if and when received
- b. County Cllr. Bingham: No report
- c. Cllr. Battye stated that the first meeting of the Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority would be on the following Tuesday
- d. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that there was to be a village barbecue on 18 June from 4.00pm

73/22 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/2022/0377 Waterside Fold, Heversham
Construction of a first floor glazed balcony to south west elevation
The Council had **no comment** on this application
- ii) It was noted that the following planning application had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
SL/2021/1007 Higgings Barn, Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe
Erection of a timber framed greenhouse to rear patio
- iii) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

74/22 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) The absence or obscuring of several road signs and the faded or missing repeater signs were noted and the Clerk was to be asked to notify Highways
- 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 map / visitor information noticeboards work was still progressing and a potentially better site for a central one was being explored
- ii) The Chair stated that there was nothing new to report from the Footpaths Group

Trees and Woods:

- i) The Clerk had informed the Chair that the order for the trees for the collaborative project between the Council and Dallam School under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme had been accepted and delivery would be in November when a planting exercise with the school would be required
- ii) It was reported that the fallen trees on Grievegate have finally been removed following the intervention of County Cllr. Jim Bland
- iii) Cllr. Bland reported that excellent progress was being made in Quarry Wood with the cutting work completed. The felled timber is to be removed to Ninezergh and a decision will be required about disposal
- iv) The Chair reported that he had received a request that the Council consider a Community Orchard. It was agreed that the Council would support the idea being explored and more detailed proposals being brought forward with regard to it being established and maintained. It was noted that one site for consideration was the Field of Dreams. The Chair agreed to feed this support back and liaise with the residents from whom the suggestion had come

75/22 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and had reported no problems
- ii) He continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting. He was to be asked to monitor the presence of dog poo as it had been noted that families with dogs were using the playground
- iii) It was agreed that a committee to take responsibility for ongoing development would be desirable and remains an objective but no-one has to date come forward to take the lead in forming one

76/22 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 2 June 2022

Jane Cushnie has agreed to co-ordinate the pudding party and its publicity. The Chair is to contact her to clarify if she needs support.

It was noted that the farmer and landowner have agreed to the use of Heversham Head for lighting the beacon. Cllr. Bland will ensure that suitable wood is available and make any associated arrangements. The Clerk was to be asked to formally notify the fire brigade of the planned lighting

77/22 Speed Limits

In the light of the views expressed at the Annual Parish Meeting, it was agreed that the Clerk should be asked to write to CCC to seek an extension of the current 50mph limit to Levens Bridge

78/22 Matters Raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

The only additional item was regarding tractor warning signs on Woodhouse Lane. The Clerk was to be asked to contact the PCSO and ask if appropriate signs warning tractors to slow down can be in place for mowing time

79/22 Finance

- a) The following receipts since the last meeting were noted:
 - SLDC – parish precept - £12,220.25
 - SLDC – parish grant - £204.45
- b) The following payments were approved:
 - M R Richardson – salary and expenses to 30/4/22 – £1,370.29 – cheque 628
 - HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £297.20 – cheque 629
 - Zurich Municipal – annual insurance to 31/5/23 - £455.44 – cheque 630
 - Npower – street lighting electricity April 2022 – £90.43 – cheque 631
- c) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 April 2022 was £23,149.80, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

80/22 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 – Street naming and numbering addressing guidance and policy (emailed to Cllrs 8/5/22)
- c. CALC – “Together with Refugees” countrywide forum for Cumbria Town and Parish Council representatives (emailed to Cllrs 8/5/22)
- d. SLDC – Information in respect of Community Led Housing (emailed to Cllrs.8/5/22)
- e. CALC – North West Coastal Access update April 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.8/5/22)

81/22 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- Jubilee Pudding Party and Bonfire
- Thinning work in Quarry Wood

82/22 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- Bowling Club Open Day as part of Bowls Big Weekend on 29 May 2022

83/22 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- i) “What's Back On in Heversham” – September 2022
- ii) Local government reorganisation – September 2022
- iii) Improved access to footpaths and tracks – June 2022
- iv) Poppy collection – July 2022
- v) Defibrillator pads renewal – June 2022

84/22 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9 June 2022 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm