

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 11 May 2023** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell, Adrian Bland and Tom Grindey; the Clerk and no members of the public

60/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Elizabeth Moffat and Iain Richards (reasons accepted and noted) and from Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye

61/23 Resignation of Councillor

The resignation of Cllr. Adele Shepherd was received and regretfully accepted. The Council acknowledged her active involvement over a long period of time and unanimously expressed great thanks for her services to the parish

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

62/22 Election of Chair

Cllr. Rendell proposed and Cllr. Grindey seconded Cllr. Clarke to be the Chair for 2023/24. There were no other nominations and the proposal was carried unanimously. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form for 2023/24 was signed by Cllr. Clarke and witnessed by the Clerk

63/22 Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr. Clarke proposed and Cllr. Bland seconded Cllr. Rendell to be the Vice-Chair for 2023/24. There were no other nominations and the proposal was carried unanimously. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form for 2023/24 was signed by Cllr. Rendell and witnessed by the Clerk

64/23 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

65/23 Declarations of Interest

None

66/23 Requests for Dispensation

None

67/23 Public Participation

None

68/23 Ongoing Items

- Climate Change Working Group: It was agreed that a report should be requested for the next meeting naming the members of the group, whether it needed to be refreshed and its priorities for the next year. Terms of reference needed to be agreed including that the group should receive and disseminate all climate change information and report quarterly to the Council
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme: The Chair is to contact Dallam School again regarding the production of a plaque
- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: There was no further information to report
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was awaited
- "What's On" noticeboard: The noticeboard was expected soon and the location was to be agreed with The Athenaeum committee
- Buses – Fares and Routes: There was no information yet as to whether Stagecoach would agree to designated temporary bus stops at the A6 laybys when the road through the village was closed to buses

69/23 Reports

- a. Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Battye had forwarded a report referring to the start of the work of the new Council with her being elected Vice-Chair of the South Lakeland Locality Board, the Chair of one and a member of several other committees; changes in planning procedures being introduced to ensure that the views of Parish and Town Councils are more readily heard; and the intention to have speed limits on the agenda
- b. The Athenaeum: The quarter's accounts to 30 April 2023 had been received and were noted. Cllr. Grindey reported that there was to be bingo on 20 May

70/23 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning applications had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:

PN/2023/0045 College Green Farm, Heversham

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a new agricultural storage (silage) building

SL/2023/0255 Heversham House, Heversham

Revised elevations, stonework details and window openings attached to planning permission SL/2020/0917 (change of use from residential care home (use class 2) to single dwelling (use class 3), alterations to the vehicular access, extensions and alterations, erection of detached garage, erection of retaining walls and removal of trees to the western boundary

SL/2023/0385 Land adjacent to railway bridge at Woodhouse Lane, Woodhouse

Installation of an auxiliary supply point for railway power supply & associated new vehicular access

The Council had made **no comments** on these applications but noted its **support** for the higher quality and more appropriate work being done on Heversham House

- ii) It was noted that no planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting
- iii) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing to report except that a community Infrastructure levy of £747.87 on Bank House, Leasgill had been received

71/23 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) Potholes continued to be reported on HIAMS including those left on Mabbin Hall Lane after top dressing and those at the south end of the village were to be reported again
- b) The brick crumbling on Woodhouse Lane bridge was noted. It had been reported on HIAMS but it was considered to be no danger to persons on the footpath

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Working Group meeting had been held on 3rd May 2023 and the group was re-invigorated. The Council acknowledged with thanks the work of Adrian Tayler and in particular his production of six electronic footpath guides. It was agreed to put these on the Council website
- ii) Some stile concerns had been identified and contact was to be made with the Footpaths Section of Westmorland and Furness Council

Trees and Woods:

- i) A report had not yet been received from the Dallam Scholl trustees' meeting regarding the Council's continued responsibility for the trees on the old railway line
- ii) Damaged and diseased trees were being removed

72/23 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported no problems. The arranged fencing work was to be done before the next meeting and it was agreed to use the community infrastructure levy monies towards completing all other necessary fencing work at the playground
- ii) Cllr. Rendell continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting

73/23 Village Tidy

The lack of volunteers was discussed and it was agreed that there should be better village publicity next year with, for example, prior announcements made at the pop-up pub

74/23 Coronation of King Charles III

Both the barbecue at the pop-up pub on Saturday 6 May and the village street party at The Athenaeum on Sunday 7 May 2023 were very well attended and very successful events. The surplus from the pop-up pub was to be donated towards The Athenaeum Coronation Bench and the street party broke even.

75/23 Matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

There were no matters which were not included earlier on the agenda

76/23 Parking around the Church

This matter was deferred until the next meeting

77/23 Appointment of Representatives

Representatives were appointed as follows for the following outside bodies and working groups for 2023/24:

Leasgill Quarry Trust (three representatives) – Cllrs. Clarke, Grindey and Rendell

Athenaeum Committee (two representatives) – Cllrs. Bland and Grindey

District Association (one representative) – Cllr. Clarke

Footpaths and Tracks (one representative) – Cllr. Clarke

78/23 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been the following receipts since the last meeting:
 - Westmorland & Furness Council precept - £13,681.85
 - Westmorland & Furness Council precept grant - £173.15
 - Westmorland & Furness Council – community infrastructure levy - £746.87
- b) The following payments between meetings were approved:
 - Adele Shepherd – parish meeting expenses - £42.47 – cheque 675
 - Tom Grindey – parish meeting expenses - £6.44 – cheque 676
 - Brian Rendell – north flowerbed - £87.50 – cheque 677
- c) The following payments were approved:
 - M R Richardson – salary & expenses to 30/4/23 - £1,506.14 – cheque 678
 - HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £320.80 – cheque 679
 - Zurich Municipal – annual insurance to 31/5/24 - £497.09 – cheque 680
 - Npower – street lighting electricity April 2023 - £102.95 – cheque 681
 - M R Richardson – pop-up pub “What’s On” noticeboard - £162.00 – cheque 682
 - M R Richardson – defibrillator pads - £71.94 - cheque 682
 - Mrs M Capstick – south flowerbed - £59.20 – cheque 683
- d) The receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2023 was received and noted
- e) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 April 2023 was £27,849.90, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

79/23 Correspondence

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

- a. Further climate change information and updates
- b. Further community resilience information
- c. CALC – Green Space 2 Grow support pack (updated 21/4/23) (emailed to Cllrs. 21/4/23)
- d. CALC – Agenda & attachments for Special General Meeting to approve draft Memorandum of Articles of Association for a private company limited by guarantee (emailed to Cllrs.27/4/23)
- e. Power for People /Tim Farron MP – Request for support for community renewable energy in Energy Bill (emailed to Cllrs.3&4/5/23)
- f. CALC – Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner’s support services survey (emailed to Cllrs.4/5/23)

80/23 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- Resignation of Cllr. Adele Shepherd
- Thanks to everyone who helped at the Coronation celebrations

81/23 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

82/23 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.

83/23 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8 June 2023 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm