

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 10 November 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 (from 8.00pm); Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and no members of the public

144/22 Apologies

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

145/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

146/22 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Grindey declared an interest with regard to items 160/22b re Martin Tyson Ltd and 160/22d

147/22 Requests for Dispensation

None

148/22 Public Participation

Very appreciative comments had been made by many parishioners regarding the Pop-Up Pub initiative and the Council concurred and gave its thanks to Cllr. Bland and his team

149/22 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Cllr. Richards stated that there was nothing new to report
- Climate Change Working Group: Cllr. Richards stated that the Group was disappointed with the street light and speed limits decisions made at the last meeting. Cllr. Battye drew attention to the various emails from CALC regarding climate change and biodiversity

150/22 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes was asked to comment on the length of time being taken by SLDC to make a decision regarding the planning applications at High Meadows and he advised the Council to raise the matter with the Planning Department
- b. County Cllr. Bingham; There was no report but questions were raised regarding the cost of bus travel and the availability of bus passes and it was agreed that this was a matter for the next meeting
- c. Shadow Authority Cllr. Battye reported that budgets were in progress; that the new Council had agreed that the anchor buildings were to be at Barrow, Penrith and both the Town Hall and the County Offices in Kendal; and that it had been agreed that there was to be more locally based PCSO support
- d. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that the cake bake had made a profit of £350 and that the next one was to be in 2024. The Receipts and Payments Accounts, the Trustees' Annual Report and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 July 2022 had been received and checked by the Clerk, who commented on the financial position. It was resolved that both the Accounts and the Annual Report be approved by the Council and signed by two Trustees. The Clerk said that he would forward an abbreviated summary of the accounts to the councillors. The Council's thanks were expressed to both the Treasurer and the Independent Examiner

151/22 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/2022/1011 14, Dugg Hill, Heversham
Demolition of existing porch and construction of replacement sun porch
The Council had **no objection** to this application
- ii) It was noted that no planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
- iii) It was noted that a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) re Heversham House of £325.20 had been paid to the Council since the last meeting and it was **agreed** to use the funds to replace and repair the playground fencing
- iv) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

152/22 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) Reports on HIAMS continued to be made and councillors were requested to make such reports when needed
- b) The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to express the disappointment that no notice was given for the recent weekend closure of Woodhouse Lane and that there had been no apparent concern regarding the effect on residents

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Chair reported that the third map / visitor information noticeboard was now ready to be placed by the playground and that additional funding for the project had been agreed by the Rhoda Thompson Trust
- ii) It was noted with warm thanks that Adrian Tayler had volunteered to take a lead in the footpaths / tracks working group in the new year
- iii) It was also noted that Dallam School are investigating the work needed on the kissing gate at Tristrams and are planning to coppice the old railway line past Tristrams taking responsibility for any tree work

Trees and Woods:

- i) The Chair and Vice-Chair said that they would plant the trees for the collaboration between the Council and Dallam School under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme as the trees were of no great size
- ii) It was agreed to obtain a plaque to mark the above and that the Chair should pursue the possibility of this being made by the students

153/22 Speed Limits

It was noted that a decision was awaited on the request for an extension of the current 50mph limit to Levens Bridge from the Casualty Reduction and Safer Highways committee

154/22 Field of Dreams

It was noted the process of claiming adverse possession had been started and that the initial estimate of fees to be paid out of the earmarked funds was £350

155/22 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and reported no problems other than the work needed on repairing and replacing the fencing. Cllr. Rendell's SLDC locality grant of £1,000 had been received and with the CIL money (see 151/22iii) would give available funds of £1,325 for that purpose. Quotes were to be obtained
- ii) The Rhoda Thompson Trust had offered a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the seesaw and picnic table
- iii) Cllr. Rendell continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting

156/22 Remembrance Day

The arrangements made at the last meeting were confirmed

157/22 Christmas 2022

Cllr. Bland reported that the purchase of the Christmas tree for Leasgill Green was in hand and it was **agreed** that Cllr. Rendell should purchase replacement lights

158/22 What's Back On In Heversham

It was agreed that further publications were not necessary as other outlets were now being used for that information including the Parish News. It was thought, however, that there might be interest in having a moveable notice board at future Pop-Up Pubs and the Chair said that he would make enquiries

159/22 Local Government Reorganisation

It was agreed that there was no further action that the Council should take in the light of its response to the consultation last year. Cllr. Battye said that she would report in future as to how the lack of coterminosity between health and social care would be managed in order to ensure effective integrated care for parishioners. The survey request from the Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority (emailed to Cllrs.4/11/22) was completed and the Clerk was asked to submit it

160/22 Finance

- a) The following receipts since the last meeting were noted:
 - South Lakeland District Council – community infrastructure levy - £325.20
 - South Lakeland District Council – locality grant - £1,000.00
- b) The following payments were approved:
 - M R Richardson – salary to 31/10/22 and expenses to date - £1,580.18 – cheque 648
 - HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £342.20 – cheque 649
 - Martin Tyson Ltd – grass cutting - £1,205.00 – cheque 650
 - Treble 3 Design Ltd – information noticeboard - £98.28 – cheque 651
 - Npower – street lighting electricity October 2022 - £90.40 – cheque 652
- c) The Chair and Vice-Chair reported that they had carried out the Clerk's annual appraisal and that his work was considered to be discharged with skill and knowledge. They also reported that there had been an across the board national salary award in the rate of pay of £1 per hour backdated to 1 April 2022, which was incorporated in the payment in b above, and that the Chair was investigating whether the Clerk's current spinal column point should be raised to point 21 from point 20
- d) **Resolved** that the Contractor's tender document for 2023, which had been received in the amount of £1,235, be accepted. Cllr. Grindey had withdrawn from the room for this item
- e) The appointment of Jean Airey as internal auditor for 2022/23 was confirmed
- f) The receipts and payments report for the half-year ended 30 September 2022 was received and noted
- g) The half-year budget comparison 2022/23 was received and noted
- h) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 October 2022 was £19,746.51, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chair

161/22 Correspondence

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

- a. Further items concerning local government reorganisation
- b. CALC – Carbon literacy training session on 1/12/22 (emailed to Cllrs. 20/10/22)
- c. SLDC – Do the right thing with your rubbish (emailed to Cllrs.21/10/22)
- d. CALC – Website audit completed and found to be compliant with regulations (emailed to Cllrs.21/10/22)
- e. CALC – Resilience update: cost of living crisis, warm spaces (sent to The Athenaeum committee, covid and vaccinations (emailed to Cllrs.21/10/22)
- f. CALC – Annual review (emailed to Cllrs.21/10/22)
- g. CALC – Request for responses to DLUHC committee funding inquiry (emailed to Cllrs.4/11/22)
- h. CALC – Local authority climate update (emailed to Cllrs.4/11/22)
- i. CALC – Update incl training courses (emailed to Cllrs.4/11/22)

- j. Charity Commission News (emailed to Cllrs.4/11/22)
- k. NALC – Chief executive's bulletin (emailed to Cllrs.4/11/22)
- l. Cumbria Police – September & October 2022 report (emailed to Cllrs.10/11/22)
- m. CALC – Green Space 2 Grow support pack (emailed to Cllrs.10/11/22)
- n. Power for People – Local electricity bill update (emailed to Cllrs.10/11/22)
- o. CALC – Boundary Commission – 2023 boundary review (emailed to Cllrs.10/11/22) – **Any comments by 5/12/22**

162/22 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Remembrance Day

163/22 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- The Bowling Club had been successful in having three teams promoted
- Thanks were due to SLDC who had removed the tipped waste within 24 hours

164/22 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- i) Buses (Fares and Routes) - December 2022
- ii) Coronation of King Charles III – December 2022

165/22 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8 December 2022 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm