

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Mary Capstick; Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and no members of the public

165/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Elizabeth Moffat (reason accepted and noted)

166/23 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

167/23 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Grindey declared an interest with regard to items 175/23b re Martin Tyson and 175/23c

Cllr. Clarke declared an interest with regard to item 172/23iv

168/23 Requests for Dispensation

Cllr. Clarke had requested a dispensation re item 172/23iv in case any Councillor wished to ask questions. The dispensation was granted

169/23 Public Participation

None

170/23 Ongoing Items

- Change of meeting day: It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Cllr. Moffat whether she intended to stand for re-election in May 2024 as there was little point in changing the date if she didn't so intend. If she was to stand, the Clerk was asked to ascertain whether any Cllr. would find difficulty in attending on the fourth Wednesday of each relevant month
- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: The Clerk was asked to send a reminder (with a copy to W&F Cllr. Battye) asking for an urgent response and noting that, in the absence of progress, there appears to be an increasing desire to reduce the proposition from 50mph to 40mph up to the A590 slip road
- Proposed village 20mph zone, Crow Wood and yellow line parking restrictions: The proposed separate public meeting with the W&F Council and the Police later this month had not yet been arranged. It was repeated that the wish was to hold this as soon as possible but definitely before Christmas. W&F Cllr. Battye informed the meeting that the 20mph policy was on the W&FC website and gave the Council a copy of the policy statement. It was noted that there had been a general village aspiration at a Parish Annual Meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to W&FC expressing interest about the potential to implement a 20mph limit through the village
- Dallam School pupils' proposal for additional A6 lighting: After discussion as to the location of the requested new lighting and the expected length of time it would take for approval, it was agreed to suggest to Dallam School that they supply head torches to the pupils for use on that stretch of the A6
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was awaited
- Temporary Bus Stops: There was no further information to report
- Street Light Removal: It was **agreed** to accept the quote from the lighting contractor in the sum of £949.50 plus VAT to supply and install a new steel column for the light near Valley View when the electricity pole was removed. The Clerk informed the Council that he would check if the CIL money could be used for that purpose. It was also agreed that a warm LED light was to be requested
- Dallam Boarding House open evening event: It was noted that the Boarding House is continuing to plan an event for the village, which the students will publicise

171/23 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye reported regarding the successful campaign to keep railway ticket offices open, winter gritting, electric car charging points, an amendment to the climate change plan, dentistry, the Integrated Care Board and technology
- b. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that a report was being commissioned on the damp proofing and listed several scheduled events

172/23 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning application had been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
SL/2023/0766 Tweenways, Heversham
Two storey rear extension, external rear staircase and detached garage following demolition of existing utility and store
The Council had **no comments** to make on this application
- ii) It was noted that the following planning application had been **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting:
TR/2023/1036 The Old Post Office, Heversham
T1 Birch - fell; T2 Magnolia – reduce (via thinning) height by 2m and density; T3 Cypress - Fell; T4 Smoke bush - repollard at 2.5m to clear power lines above
The Council had not seen this application but would have had no comments
- iii) It was noted that the following planning application had been **refused** by W&FC since the last meeting:
SL/2023/0614 Valley View, Leasgill
Replacement dwelling

- iv) It was noted that the following planning application had been listed for **appeal** since the last meeting:
SL/2023/0250 Land to the south of Eversley Coach House, Leasgill
Application for outline planning permission for the creation of a detached dwelling with a detached garage/workshop with all matters reserved except access
The Council **agreed** to send their disagreement with two of the reasons for refusal of the application
In that it believed that the settlement of Leasgill doesn't end at Valley View and that permission would not harm the character of the area
- v) Neighbourhood Plan group: There was no report

173/23/ Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) Potholes continued to be reported on HIAMS
b) The Clerk had reported to Milnthorpe Parish Council the shrouding by trees of the existing A6 lights between Milnthorpe and Heversham

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) A meeting was still awaited with a Footpaths Officer at Westmorland and Furness Council and the group were pursuing kissing gate and other gate problems

Trees and Woods:

- i) Cllr. Richards was monitoring the old railway line safety situation but the meeting was still awaited with the Dallam School representative.
ii) The new copse trees were expected next week. The request in the parish magazine for saplings had received a very good response with over 20 promised

174/23 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and had reported no problems
ii) Cllr. Rendell continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting
iii) As Cllr. Rendell was not present, the playground fencing discussion was again deferred

175/23 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
b) The following payments were approved:
Npower – street lighting electricity October 2023 - £99.98 – cheque 708
M R Richardson – salary to 31/10/23 and expenses to date - £1,540.43 – cheque 709
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £326.00 – cheque 710
Martin Tyson – grass cutting - £1,235.00 – cheque 711
c) **Resolved** that the Contractor's tender document for 2024, which had been received in the amount of £1,235, be accepted. Cllr. Grindey had withdrawn from the room for this item
d) The appointment of Jean Airey as internal auditor for 2023/24 was **confirmed**
e) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 October 2023 was £19,086.15, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

176/23 Correspondence

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

- i) Further climate change information and updates
ii) Further community resilience information
iii) CALC – Biodiversity net gain information guide (emailed to |Cllrs.26/10/23)
iv) CALC – Changes to postal and proxy voting (emailed to Cllrs.26/10/23)
v) St Bees Parish Council – Parish wildlife mapping (emailed to Cllrs.27/10/23). Cllr. Richards stated that this had been forwarded to Dallam School
vi) CALC – Cumbria Constabulary & the Office of the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner public consultation survey (emailed to Cllrs.2/11/23)
vii) Cumbria Police – South Lakes Focus October 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.7/11/23)
viii) CALC – Community survey for the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (emailed to Cllrs.7/11/23)
ix) CALC – Utd Utilities Windermere drop-in sessions (emailed to Cllrs.7/11/23)
x) CALC – Draft minutes for AGM on 30/9/23 (emailed to Cllrs.7/11/23)

177/23 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

178/23 Items for Information – no decisions or action permitted

- The Chair reported that there had been an across the board national salary award in the Clerk's rate of pay of £1 per hour backdated to 1 April 2023 and that this wasn't included in the payment above

179/23 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- a. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme Plaque – When new trees are ready in 2024
b. Planning policy and objections – Spring 2024
c. B4RN, noting the success of the installation – Annual Parish Meeting

180/23 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14 December 2023 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill (preceded by Carols at the Tree on Leasgill Green)

The meeting closed at 9.42 pm

