

# HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 12 October 2023** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

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

## 142/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Brian Rendell and Elizabeth Moffat (both reasons accepted and noted) Cllr. Grindey expressed his thanks for the support he had received on the death of his mother

The request by Cllr. Moffat to consider a change of day for future meetings was discussed and it was agreed that the Chair should email Cllrs. asking them to forward their thoughts to the Clerk for consideration at the next meeting

## 143/23 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

## 144/23 Declarations of Interest

None

## 145/23 Requests for Dispensation

None

## 146/23 Public Participation

None

## 147/23 Ongoing Items

- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: There was no further information to report. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye said that she would chase this
- Proposed village 20mph zone and yellow line parking restrictions: Concerns were expressed about the recent accident, which highlighted the Crow Wood parking problems. It was agreed that these, the yellow line restrictions and the 20mph limit should be the subject of a separate public meeting with the W&F Council and the Police – hopefully in November. The Council sent its best wishes to the injured parties
- 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: The Clerk reported that he was meeting the Council's lighting contractor in the morning
- Climate Change Working Group: The group supported the proposed 20mph limit and further solar panels in the village. It had been proposed that a meeting should be held for parties interested in community power and W&F Cllr. Battye suggested that the group speak to CAfS about their guide to community energy schemes

## 148/23 Climate and Ecology Bill

It was agreed to give the Council's support (see request emailed to Cllrs.6/10/23)

## 149/23 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye reported regarding Locality Board meetings including Highways, keeping railway ticket offices open and winter gritting
- b. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported regarding the damp including periodic running water in the snooker room and that the Snooker Club were willing to contribute significantly to the work that was needed. An assessor was to be approached and the Council's views were requested. It was agreed that the Council would support appropriate action but could not provide funds. Cllr. Grindey also reported that the Coronation Bench and the What's On In Heversham noticeboard were in place and that several events were planned for next year

## 150/23 Planning

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

### **TR/2023/0143 & 0146 The Coach House, Heversham Gardens, Heversham**

T1 Lime, crown lift to 6m and clear the telephone line; T2 Oak, remove epicormic growth; G1, fell mixed broad leaf scrub

The Council had **no comments** to make on these applications

- ii) It was noted that no planning applications had been notified as **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting
- iii) Neighbourhood Plan group: There was no report

## 151/23 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

### Highways:

- a) Potholes continued to be reported on HIAMS
- b) It was noted that the Parkhouse sign had now been repositioned correctly
- c) An update had still not yet been received regarding the Dallam School pupils' proposal for additional lighting on the A6 between Heversham and Milnthorpe. It was noted that the existing A6 lights were shrouded by tree growth and the Clerk was asked to report this
- d) Further moving of the Bay Cycleway signs had taken place. This had been reported again on HIAMS and the situation continued to be monitored
- e) Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Capstick and Mrs Margaret Rendell for their diligent work in looking after the south and north flowerbeds respectively

### Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) A meeting had not yet been arranged with the Footpaths Officer at Westmorland and Furness Council

### Trees and Woods:

- i) Cllr. Richards was monitoring the old railway line safety situation but the meeting had not yet been arranged with the Dallam School representative.
- ii) The new copse trees were expected in November. Very few of the first batch had survived and it was thought that the purchase of some bigger trees might be a budget item for next year. It was agreed to ask in the parish magazine if anyone had any saplings available
- iii) The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Cllr. Rendell that no action was necessary regarding the beech tree

### 152/23 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 question of the remainder of the playground fencing was deferred until the next meeting

### 153/23 Leasgill Quarry Trust

The Leasgill Quarry Trust financial report for the year ended 31 August 2023 was received and the Trust committee gave the following recommendations for the grants to be made by the charity:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
Heversham Parish Council	Further costs re Blue Bell sign & Old Smithy plaque	£250	£250
St Peter's Church	Replacement of external floodlights	£1600	£1600
The Athenaeum	Replacement of south facing windows	£1500	£1500
Heversham Bowling Club	Painting of clubhouse	£900	£700
Milnthorpe Bowling Club	Fill in & level off banking / eastern boundary guttering	£2000	£2000
Milnthorpe Parish Council	Further 2 plaques	£2000	£1200
Milnthorpe & Dist Allotment Assoc	Remove any remaining asbestos roof sheets	£1500	£950
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£9750</b>	<b>£8200</b>

The Heversham Parish Council members of the committee had declared their interests in the Council and The Athenaeum applications and Cllrs. Grindey and Rendell had declared their interests in the Heversham Bowling Club application

It was **resolved** to accept the committee's recommendations

### 154/23 Remembrance Day

It was agreed to purchase a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day and to make a payment (including a donation) of £60. Cllr Grindey was appointed to represent the Parish Council at the Parish Remembrance Service and it was agreed to place the silhouettes in suitable locations

### 155/23 Christmas 2023

The Chair said that he would contact Cllr. Bland to arrange the purchase of the Christmas tree for Leasgill Green and the Clerk would contact Cllr. Rendell regarding the lights for the tree. It was agreed to have carols round the tree on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm

### 156/23 D-Day 80 on 6 June 2024

It was agreed that a beacon was not to be purchased and that the question of any village participation in the celebration should be an agenda item for the 2024 Parish Meeting

### 157/23 Management of Coterminality between Health and Social Care

Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye is to arrange for Health Watch to provide an article for the Parish News

### 158/23 Dallam Boarding House

The Chair reported that he had met with the new Head of the Boarding House. The Council supported a proposed open evening event on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November to discuss future co-operation including the use of the Boarding House facilities in a wish to connect with the village

### 159/23 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 September 2023 - £88.22 – cheque 704
  - Royal British Legion – poppy appeal - £60.00 – cheque 705
  - St. Peter's Church – additional churchyard maintenance contribution - £100.00 – cheque 706
- c) The receipts and payments account for the half-year to 30 September 2023 was received and noted
- d) The half-year budget comparison 2023/24 was received and noted
- e) It was agreed that the Chair and the Vice-Chair should carry out the Clerk's annual appraisal
- f) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 September 2023 was £19,340.17, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

### 160/23 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) Cumbria Police - National Rural Crime Action Week 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.26/9/23)
- iv) W&FC – Planning validation checklist (emailed to Cllrs.2/10/23)
- v) CALC – Climate and carbon literacy training courses (emailed to Cllrs.2/10/23)

- vi) W&FC – Consultation on draft statements of licensing and gambling policies (emailed to Cllrs.4/10/23)
- vii) Cumbria Police – September 2023 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.5/10/23)
- viii) KEY – Autumn newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.5/10/23)
- ix) CALC – Autumn Cumbria Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner’s newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.9/10/23)
- x) CALC – Lancashire & South Cumbria Integrated Care Board October 2023 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.9/10/23)
- xi) W&FC – Online “StreetSafe” and “The Knowledge Hub” reporting tools from Cumbria Constabulary (emailed to Cllrs.9/10/23)

**161/23 Westmorland Gazette** – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Leasgill Quarry Trust funding

**162/23 Items for Information** – *no decisions or action permitted*

- There is to be a demonstration of the proposed St Peter’s Church floodlights at 7pm on Monday 16 October

**163/23 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

**164/23 Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9 November 2023 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm