

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 8 April 2021**
This meeting was held remotely via a video conference. A virtual meeting protocol was circulated to all attendees prior to the meeting, which was open to members of the public

Present – Cllrs Brian Rendell (Chairman), Peter Clarke, Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; District Cllr Kevin Holmes; the Clerk and one member of the public

39/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from County Cllr Roger Bingham

40/21 Requests for Dispensation

Cllrs Richards had requested a dispensation to address the meeting regarding the planning application in 46.21 concerning High Meadows, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham. The dispensation was granted

41/21 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Richards and Shepherd declared an interest in the High Meadows planning application in 46.21

42/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman

43/21 Public Participation

The member of the public present spoke with regard to the High Meadows planning application which was to be discussed in 46.21 and raised several matters which he wished the Council to consider. These included the access to the site, the removal of trees, the scale of the proposal, the height of the proposed garage, the surroundings, the conservation area, the absence of a pavement on Woodhouse Lane and the relation of the application to the Neighbourhood Plan

44/21 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: No progress had been made with regard to the outstanding matters since the last meeting
- Contact Line (coronavirus local community support network): The line continued at a low level and was effectively dormant. The Council expressed its thanks to the volunteers who had given great support. It was planned to produce a leaflet when the network closed and to link that with "What's Back On In Heversham"

45/21 Reports

- a. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported on a briefing he had attended regarding problems arising from lockdown and furloughing. He also reminded the Council of the postal vote arrangements for the 6 May elections
- b. County Cllr. Bingham had reported by email with his further comments regarding the local government reorganisation of Unitary Councils replacing Cumbria County Council and the six District Councils
- c. The Athenaeum: It had been confirmed that the building would re-open on 17 May 2021. Consideration was being given to a proposal to have a noticeboard showing local maps, etc, which was identical to a proposal by the footpaths / tracks working group and it had been agreed to pursue this jointly

46/21 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:

SL/2020/0917 Heversham House, Heversham

Change of use from residential care home (use class C2) to single dwelling (use class C3), 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/2021/0062 Land to west of 28, Dugg Hill, Heversham

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2016/1141 (single storey dwelling)

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

SL/2021/0174 High Meadows, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham

Proposed dwelling, garage and associated works

The Council had **divided opinions** with regard to this application – some councillors were generally comfortable with it while others were very much against the proposal. However, the Council was united in having **major concerns** about the Woodhouse Lane access and egress – both during construction and after completion. It was agreed that Cumbria County Council Highways Dept should be asked to comment on the adequacy of the access and egress. There was also concern about what appear to be conflicting statements with regard to the removal of trees and the Council was of the opinion that no trees of significance should be damaged

SL/2018/0631 Winter Fell, Dugg Hill, Heversham

Single dwelling (reserved matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout, scale, surface water management, sewage disposal)

The Council had **no objection** to this application

- iii) A development without permission had been reported and the Clerk was asked to submit the requisite formal form to the planning enforcement team at SLDC
- iv) No new members had been recommended for the Neighbourhood Plan group and councillors were asked to continue to keep this in mind

47/21 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

Highways:

- a) The Clerk reported that the position regarding "20 is Plenty" and a proposal for a 20mph speed limit throughout the village was unaltered from the last meeting
- b) The Clerk reported that he was waiting to hear from Cumbria County Council Highways Dept with regard to parking between Crow Wood and the Playground. He said that he would also pursue other avenues of action

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Chairman reported that it was expected that the work on the wall by the bench at G Handley's Copse would be done shortly
- ii) Cllr Clarke offered to speak to the churchwarden with regard to "dog poo in the churchyard"
- iii) A couple of stiles from Cumbria County Council were to be installed
- iv) As stated in 45.21c above, it is proposed to have a noticeboard showing local maps, etc

Trees and Woods:

The work to be carried out at Quarry Wood would be decided at the next meeting.

48/21 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting, continued to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting. One of the plaques at the entrance still needed to be refixed and a sign needed repair
- ii) SLDC had authorised a further locality grant of £350 towards playground improvements

49/21 Local Government Reorganisation

Cllr Clarke had prepared a report applying the factors which were considered to be important for Heversham to the four options. There were no proposed amendments to that report. Cllr Clarke was thanked by the other councillors for the work done in preparing the report and was **authorised** to use it as the basis for the Council's response

50/21 Annual Parish Meeting

It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held prior to the Annual Council Meeting on 20 May 2021 and that it would be adjourned until a date later in the year when it was expected that more parishioners would feel safe to attend

51/21 Village Tidy

It was reported that the smaller version this year with families, or no more than two persons, picking litter over the Easter weekend (2-5 April) in their own location and following social distancing guidelines had been a success and the Council expressed its thanks to everyone who had helped

52/21 VE Day

It was confirmed that the silhouettes would be placed in suitable locations on 8 May 2021

53/21 Invitation to Dallam School

It was agreed to invite the new Dallam Head and the new Head of Boarding to attend a meeting on a date to be discussed at the next meeting

54/21 Parish Land

The Clerk was asked to send an invoice to Tim Thacker as he would be stocking the "Field of Dreams" in 2021/22

55/21 Finance

- a) The following receipts were noted:
 - SLDC – locality grant re playground swing - £350.00
 - Leasgill Quarry Trust – grant re Christmas tree costs - £254.87.
 - Leasgill Quarry Trust – grant re flowerbed plants - £75.90
- b) The following payments between meetings were approved:
 - Dallam Tower Estate – licence fee - £1.00 – cheque 571
 - B Rendell – Contact Line telephone to 31/3/21 - £18.00 – cheque 572
 - Drew Ford Garden Machinery – mower service and repairs - £489.94 – cheque 573
- c) The following payment was approved:
 - The Athenaeum – meeting room hire - £42.50 – cheque 574
- d) **Resolved** that the old railway line access licence be continued – licence fee paid above
- e) The receipts and payments report for the year ended 31 March 2021 was received and noted
- f) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 March 2021 was £11,533.88 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman

56/21 Correspondence

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

- a. Further items from SLDC and CCC giving information re coronavirus (covid-19), testing and vaccination matters
- b. Further items from CALC and SLDC concerning local government reorganisation and the Bay authority proposals
- c. SLDC – Next step agreed towards Grange Lido and Promenade rejuvenation (emailed to Cllrs 22/3/21)
- d. CALC – Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership update (emailed to Cllrs 22/3/21)
- e. SLDC – March newsletter from SLDC's Locality Services Team (emailed to Cllrs 22/3/21)
- f. CALC – Training events to 30/6/21 (emailed to Cllrs 22/3/21)
- g. CALC – Cumbria County Council funding bids and initiatives re the environment and green recovery (emailed to Cllrs 22/3/21)
- h. SLDC – Briefing note re pop up campsites (emailed to Cllrs 29/3/21)

- i. CCC – Highways feedback survey results and reports (emailed to Cllrs 1/4/21)
- j. CALC – North West Coastal Access update 31/3/21 (emailed to Cllrs 7/4/21)
- k. Cumbria Police – Wildlife & Rural Affairs Spring 2021 (emailed to Cllrs 7/4/21)

57/21 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- VE Day
- Village Tidy success

58/21 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

- Discussions were taking place with Dallam School regarding an upgrade of the playground boundary at his own expense by the owner of Heversham House
- A scheme for the planting of trees to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee is likely to be launched in May 2021

59/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Presentation on Dark Skies – possibly at adjourned 2021 Annual Parish Meeting
- Discussion as to how the parish coped with the pandemic – at adjourned 2021 Annual Parish Meeting
- “What's Back On in Heversham” – when possible to produce
- Promotion of Wild Flowers and Wildlife – possibly at adjourned 2021 Annual Parish Meeting
- Heversham Village Heritage Exhibition – possible consultation later in the year
- Celebration of the B4RN installation – possibly at the adjourned 2021 Annual Parish Meeting
- NHS and Frontline Workers' Day 5 July 2021

60/21 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. It will be held on Thursday 20 May 2021 and will follow the Annual Parish Meeting (see above) which will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm