

## HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 13 February 2020**  
at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

**Present** – Cllrs. Brian Rendell (Chairman), Adrian Bland, Gordon Capstick, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd (from 7.45pm); County Cllr. Roger Bingham (until 8.15pm); District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; the Clerk and two members of the public

### 1/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Peter Clarke (reasons noted)

### 2/20 Declarations of Interest

None

### 3/20 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2019 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman

### 4/20 Public Participation

The members of the public present had nothing to raise

### 5/20 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: 90% of the Leasgill section was signed up and the project was coming together
- Conversations about the village in the 2030s: Cllr. Clarke had sent a report stating that the proposed Heversham Hub which arose from the 2030s conversations has become "What's On in Heversham". A group of six volunteers have been working on it and the first issue is now at the printers and should be distributed around 22<sup>nd</sup> February. On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March the group will be holding a tea and scones session in The Athenaeum for feedback and for ideas for new activities in the village
- Promotion of Flowers and Wildlife: It was agreed that the Council would pay for seed to be scattered in the churchyard and on verges and that the promotion of wild flowers and wildlife should be a discussion item at the Annual Parish Meeting
- BT payphone removal / alternative use: Cllr. Grindey confirmed that the current cost of a defibrillator and cabinet was approx £1,250 plus VAT. Enquiries were being made with regard to the cost of signage and the availability of grants. The Clerk reported that confirmation from BT with regard to the kiosk adoption had not yet been received
- Celebration of VE Day 75 on 8 May 2020: The WI had offered to arrange the coffee morning and Cllr. Grindey was making enquiries with regard to historic village photographs for the power point display. Final arrangements were deferred until the next meeting
- Heversham Village Heritage Exhibition: Cllr. Clarke had sent a report stating that the engagement process was continuing with very positive and supportive response from the village. The next phase will be the development of a design brief and it is planned to launch a discussion about that at the end of March.

### 6/20 Reports

- a. The Clerk read out the monthly area update for January 2020 which had been received from South Lakes Police. There were no crimes specific to the parish. It is expected that in future a PCSO will attend at least one parish meeting per year
- b. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported with regard to the South Lakeland Local Plan and Customer Connect
- c. County Cllr. Bingham reported with regard to the rise in the County Council portion of the Council Tax 2020-21 of 1.99% with an additional increase in the precept for adult social care of 2%. There was also to be an increase in the police precept to allow for more police officers. He also referred to the change in the pattern of local crime with a reduction in anti-social behaviour and less knife crime in rural areas but the increase in county lines drug problems entering from the south
- d. The Athenaeum: It was noted that the financial report for the second quarter ended 31 January 2020 had been received and emailed to Cllrs. on 11/2/20. Cllr. Grindey reported that there was to be a meal in The Athenaeum on 22<sup>nd</sup> February

### 7/20 Planning

- i) It was noted that no planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting
- ii) It was however noted that the SLDC Planning Committee had approved application SL/2018/0715 (Land to the east of Park House Drive) subject to conditions
- iii) It was **resolved** that **no objection** be made to the following planning applications which had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:
  - SL/2020/0042 The Willows, Dugg Hill, Heversham**  
Single storey side & rear double garage extension
  - SL/2020/0062 High Haverflatts Farm, Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe**  
28 ground mounted solar panels
- iv) The Clerk reported that he had spoken with Mr Alastair McNeill at SLDC with regard to whether there was a need to renew the Heversham & Hincaster Neighbourhood Plan in 2025 and that the advice given was that the Plan won't cease to exist after 2025 but would remain part of the South Lakeland Local Plan until such time as a new Neighbourhood Plan was prepared. He also advised that the Council should participate in the review of the Local Plan to see if the Council's wishes were included

## 8/20 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

**Highways** – The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Cumbria County Council Highways Dept with regard to problems which had arisen due to the northernmost gap on the west side in the double yellow lines. They were making enquiries and would respond in due course

**Footpaths/Tracks** – Cllr. Clarke had sent a report stating that monitoring of paths continues, that delivery of some replacement kissing gates for the Head and stiles for Rowell was awaited and that work on the footpath guides would re-commence shortly. He noted that the plans for the coastal path will bypass this area (crossing the estuary by train) and wondered whether the Council should ask whether CCC are challenging this. It was agreed not to pursue this matter.

**Trees** – It was agreed that Cllr. Richards should ask Andrew Hancock to check the Mabbin Hall Lane trees

## 9/20 Playground Report

- i) The playground had been re-opened. Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and continued to monitor the equipment
- ii) The inspections until the next meeting were to be carried out by Cllr. Rendell
- iii) The WI had asked if they could plant a tree in the playground in a suitable location and this was agreed

## 10/20 Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that this would be on 19 March 2020 and that the Chairman would ask County Cllr. Bingham if he would give a talk with regard to Heversham's historical timeline dovetailed with a report from Cllr. Clarke on the Heversham Village Heritage Exhibition. "What's On in Heversham", B4RN, VE Day 75, Wild Flowers and Wildlife, the Playground and Street Lighting would also be on the agenda

## 11/20 Village Tidy

It was agreed that the tidy would be at 10am on Saturday 21 March 2020 (linked to The Great British Spring Clean 2020). The Clerk was asked to contact SLDC to request litter pickers, gloves, hi-viz jackets and collection bags.

## 12/20 Finance

- a) The following receipts were noted:
  - Leasgill Quarry Trust – playground equipment grant - £4,000.00
  - Rhoda Thompson Trust – playground equipment grant - £1,698.00
- b) The following payment between meetings was approved:
  - NPower Ltd – street lighting electricity (quarter to 30/12/19) - £133.79 – cheque 514
- c) The following payments were approved:
  - M R Richardson – salary to 31/1/20 and expenses to date - £1,165.23– cheque 515
  - HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £257.60 – cheque 516
  - A2A Advertising Ltd – annual web hosting and security certificate plus website amendment - £186.00 – cheque 517
- d) The amendment to the SLDC street lighting charge in the budget 2020/21 to £1,540 from £2,105 and to the total precept to £11,701 (giving a revised increase of 3.65%) from £11,595 were **approved**. The completion and submission of the precept form 2020/21 to SLDC in the revised amount was **approved**
- e) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 January 2020 was £10,079.32 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman
- f) The 2020/21 Financial Risk Assessment and Effectiveness of Internal Audit documents were received and **approved**
- g) **Resolved** that the old railway line access licence be continued - the licence fee of £1 having been paid by a benefactor
- h) **Resolved** that the Clerk be paid for the additional 12 hours he had spent with regard to obtaining a reduction in the SLDC street lighting charge and the playground purchases/ financing

## 13/20 Correspondence

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

- a. CALC – Nominations to attend Royal Garden Party on 27/5/20 (emailed to Cllrs.18/12/19)
- b. CALC – Developing your skills programme January to July 2020 (emailed to Cllrs.7/1/20)
- c. CCC – Park Road, Milnthorpe drainage works, resurfacing & road closure from 11/1/20 (emailed to Cllrs.7/1/20)
- d. Natural England – Notification of publication of Coastal Access reports Silecroft to Silverdale (emailed to Cllrs.8/1/20)
- e. CCC - Extra Levens and Arnsdale areas bus services (emailed to Cllrs.10/1/20)
- f. CALC – Paperwork for next meeting of District Association on 5/3/20 (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/20)
- g. CALC – North West Coastal Access January 2020 update (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/20)
- h. SLDC – South Lakeland Local Plan upgrade and review briefing on 30/1/20 (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/20)
- i. CALC – Citizens Advice recruitment information (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/20)
- j. SLDC – Customer Connect programme update (emailed to Cllrs.23/1/20)
- k. RAF Spadeadam– Battle of Britain 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations 7-13 September 2020 (emailed to Cllrs.24/1/20)
- l. CALC – NALC's Spring Conference on 17/3/20 (emailed to Cllrs.24/1/20)
- m. Cumbria Police – Local CCTV cameras and security advice for local communities (emailed to Cllrs.24/1/20)
- n. SLDC – Request for topics for consideration by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2020/21 (emailed to Cllrs.4/2/20)
- o. CALC – Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's Council Tax precept consultation (emailed to Cllrs.4/2/20)
- p. CCC – Working Together service in South Lakeland (emailed to Cllrs.4/2/20)
- q. SLDC – South Lakeland Local Plan review presentation on 30/1/20 (emailed to Cllrs.4/2/20)
- r. CALC – Environment Agency Flood Action Week 2020 (emailed to Cllrs.5/2/20)

- s. CALC – Community-led housing workshops 27/2/20 (emailed to Cllrs.5/2/20) Cllr. Clarke hoped to attend
- t. CALC – Climate emergency support workshop 13/3/20 (emailed to Cllrs.6/2/20)
- u. CCC – Temporary road closure - C5074 Viver Lane, Hincaster (emailed to Cllrs.7/2/20)
- v. CALC – Recruitment of Chair for the Cumbria Local Nature Partnership (emailed to Cllrs.7/2/20)
- w. CALC – February/March 2020 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.10/2/20)
- x. SLDC – South Lakeland Local Plan review – stakeholder launch on 6/3/20 (emailed to Cllrs.11/2/20)

**14/20 Westmorland Gazette** – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- VE Day 75 – Appeal for historic village photographs
- Re-opening of the playground
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Village Tidy

**15/20 Items for Information-** *no decisions or action permitted*

- Dallam School Technology Dept. are to analyse the speed indication device data as a school project
- Decisions with regard to Leasgill School are on hold pending the appointment of a new headmaster – although maintenance of the property continues
- Parish Elections are to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**16/20 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Parish Election

**17/20 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19 March 2020 and will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

