

## HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 11 February 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, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; the Clerk and no members of the public

### 1/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from County Cllr. Roger Bingham and District Cllr. Kevin Holmes

### 2/21 Requests for Dispensation

None

### 3/21 Declarations of Interest

None

### 4/21 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2020 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman

### 5/21 Public Participation

None

### 6/21 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: 95 properties had now been signed up. The road crossing on the lane by The Athenaeum had been completed and the nearby properties were all connected
- BT kiosk / defibrillator use: The defibrillator was installed. It was now registered with the Ambulance Service and the posters would be in place shortly
- Contact Line (coronavirus local community support network): Cllr. Clarke reported that current use was at a low level but the service would continue to be available until at least the Spring

### 7/21 Reports

- a. District Cllr. K. Holmes had submitted his report to the Chairman. Local government reorganisation discussions continued before the imminent government decision. Care and support for carers in the South Lakes was being prioritised
- b. County Cllr. Bingham had emailed his report on the current Covid position; on the financial pressure on councils; and on highways work which was needed including the awaited resurfacing of Moss Lane. The Clerk was asked to enquire about progress on the arrangement of the speed trial on Woodhouse Lane and whether the Leasgill resurfacing was being treated as high priority
- c. The Athenaeum: There was nothing to report as the building was under lockdown

### 8/21 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:  
**SL/2018/0715 Land to the east of Park House Drive, Heversham**  
Residential development of 6 dwellings, including 2 affordable dwellings, with parking and amenity space  
The Clerk was asked to enquire about the arrangements for the CIL payment  
**SL/2020/0733 1, Eversley House, Leasgill**  
Proposed first floor metal balcony to master bedroom
- 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/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 & alterations, detached garage, erection of retaining walls and removal of trees to western boundary  
The Council **supported** the revised alteration to the existing entrance onto Heversham Road. Although not objecting to non-viable trees being removed, it noted that they appear to be non-viable as a result of previous incorrect advice from SLDC  
**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)  
The Council had **no objection** to this application
- iii) There was no report from the Neighbourhood Plan group as it was awaiting a report from the Clerk, who had requested advice from SLDC as to whether it was possible to remove the ceiling of 30 new dwellings

### 9/21 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

#### Highways:

- a) The Clerk reported that “20 is Plenty” was still awaiting the speed trial as reported above.
- b) The Clerk was asked to put a proposal for 20mph for the whole village on the next agenda, together with parking between Crow Wood and the Playground

#### Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Clerk reported that the locality grant of £500 to stabilise and refurbish the wall by the bench at G Handley’s Copse had been received and the Chairman reported that it was expected that the work would be done in April

- ii) The installation of steps at The Cockpit had been completed and the Chairman was thanked for his endeavours
- iii) A discussion took place concerning the tightness of the Tristrams kissing gate. It was noted that Cllr Richards is planning to fence his land at the bottom of the Head but that this would not affect the right of way from Fluster Gap
- iv) The Clerk was asked to put "dog poo in the churchyard" on the next agenda

#### **Trees and Woods:**

The decision as to work to be carried out at Quarry Wood was deferred to a later meeting. It was agreed that fallen trees on the footpath at the old railway line should be tidied up

#### **10/21 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 needed to be refixed
- ii) It was agreed that the next phase of the improvements would include additional swings (for older children). The Chairman and Clerk were to explore finance opportunities. SLDC had been asked to authorise a further locality grant towards playground improvements

#### **11/21 Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed to defer the arrangements to the next meeting

#### **12/21 Village Tidy**

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to ascertain what equipment is currently available from SLDC

#### **13/21 Finance**

- a) The following receipts were noted:
  - SLDC – Locality grant re stabilising and refurbishing the wall by the bench at G Handley's Copse - £500.00
  - Leasgill Quarry Trust – grant re installation of steps at The Cockpit - £980.00
  - St Peter's Church – refund re Christmas tree - £40.00
- b) The following payments between meetings were approved:
  - A Thexton – Installation of steps at The Cockpit - £980.00 – cheque 566
  - Npower Ltd – street lighting electricity (quarter to 31/12/20) - £124.68 – cheque 567
- c) The following payments were approved:
  - M R Richardson – salary and expenses to 31/1/21 - £1,165.49 – cheque 568
  - HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £270.00 – cheque 569
  - A2A Advertising Ltd – annual website SSL certificate - £48.00 – cheque 570
- d) The 2021/22 Financial Risk Assessment and Effectiveness of Internal Audit documents were received and approved
- e) It was noted that the precept form 2021/22 had been completed and submitted to SLDC
- f) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 January 2021 was £12,312.59 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman

#### **14/21 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 proposal
- c. CALC – Developing your skills training programme Jan – June 2021 (emailed to Cllrs 11/12/20)
- d. Cumbria Police – Wildlife and rural affairs bulletin – Winter 2020 (emailed to Cllrs 11/12/20)
- e. CALC – National lockdown support grants (emailed to Cllrs 11/12/20)
- f. SLDC – News release - £500,000 plan to boost town is approved (emailed to Cllrs 17/12/20)
- g. CALC – North West Coastal Access update December 2020 (emailed to Cllrs 18/12/20)
- h. SLDC – Extra accommodation for rough sleepers to be created in South Lakeland (emailed to Cllrs 21/12/20)
- i. SLDC – Approval of grants totalling £718,000 to Levens community housing project (emailed to Cllrs 28/12/20)
- j. CCC – Temporary road closure – U5339 Leasgill – to enable B4RN to carry out excavation and installation works commencing 1/2/21 (emailed to Cllrs 13/1/21)
- k. CCC – Permanent change to vehicle movements at Newby Bridge from 8/2/21 (emailed to Cllrs 20/1/21)
- l. SLDC – South Lakeland businesses receive vital lockdown support grants (emailed to Cllrs 1/2/21)
- m. CALC – North West Coastal Access update January 2021 (emailed to Cllrs 1/2/21)
- n. CALC – Friends of the Lake District virtual dark skies festival 5-21 February 2021 (emailed to Cllrs 1/2/21)
- o. CALC – Training events to 21 June 2021 (emailed to Cllrs 1/2/21)
- p. SLDC – Greening Campaign open meeting on 16/2/21 (emailed to Cllrs 3/2/21)
- q. SLDC – Invitation to consultation event on 4/2/21 re changes to local government structures (emailed to Cllrs 3/2/21) **Cllr Clarke had attended and his report was emailed to Cllrs on 9/2/21. It was agreed that a consultation working group would be formed when appropriate**
- r. CALC – Opportunity to become a volunteer to help deliver a new programme to boost knowledge about climate change (emailed to Cllrs 4/2/21)
- s. SLDC – Slides and comments re consultation event on 4/2/21 (emailed to Cllrs 6/2/21)
- t. SLDC – Suspension of green bin collection extended until March (emailed to Cllrs 6/2/21)
- u. CALC – Nature Recovery event on 25/2/21 (emailed to Cllrs 8/2/21)
- v. CCC – Highways customer service feedback survey (emailed to Cllrs 9/2/21)
- w. Cumbria Police – Safer internet by 2021 (emailed to Cllrs 9/2/21)

#### **15/21 Westmorland Gazette** – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- B4RN – report on the progress to date and the availability for residents to still opt in.
- Contact line still continuing to assist residents
- The work done at The Cockpit

**16/21 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted***

- Cllr Clarke reported that he had been informed that maintenance work was being carried out at the old primary school and that its future use was not yet decided. It was suggested that the new Dallam Head and the new Head of Boarding be invited to a future meeting
- It was also reported that the graffiti had been removed from the bench at Heversham Head and that a tree had been planted in the flowerbed at the north of the village – both by benefactors

**17/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Presentation on Dark Skies – possibly Include on 2021 Annual Parish Meeting agenda
- Discussion as to how the parish coped with the pandemic
- “What’s Back On in Heversham” – when possible to produce
- Promotion of Wild Flowers and Wildlife – village meeting in Spring 2021
- Heversham Village Heritage Exhibition – consultation in Spring 2021
- Celebration of the B4RN installation – possibly at the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting

**18/21 Date of next meeting**

- It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021

The meeting closed at 9.25pm