

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 10 February 2022** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Elizabeth Moffat (from 8.20pm); District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; the Clerk and two members of the public

1/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Adele Shepherd (reasons accepted and noted) and County Cllr. Roger Bingham

2/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

3/22 Declarations of Interest

None

4/22 Requests for Dispensation

None

5/22 Public Participation

One of the members of the public remarked upon the road closures from the resurfacing work due to start on 15 February 2022

6/22 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Cllr. Richards reported the installation work at Dugg Hill was being done and that everyone in the village who had applied would be connected. Warm thanks were expressed to Cllr. Richards and everyone else who had helped in the successful rollout of B4RN in the parish
- Commemoration seat in memory of Cllr. Gordon Capstick: It was noted that the plaque had not yet been delivered and that the ceremony would take place once the plaque had been received
- Climate Emergency Working Group: A meeting had been held and had produced several suggestions such as no mowing in May; amending the timing of the street lighting in the period from April to September; public building solar panels; and issuing free seeds to parishioners. It was agreed to explore the practicality and cost of adjusting the time of the street lighting and to consider the funding of free seeds within the budget next year or to make it the subject of a Leasgill Quarry Fund application. It was also agreed that a sign could be erected stating why dead wood had been left unmoved. Cllr. Richards expressed his disappointment that The Athenaeum had not taken up the SLDC offer of a free electric car charging point

7/22 Reports

- a. District Cllr. Holmes reported regarding local government reorganisation and that the judicial review costs totalled £60K. He gave some interesting information regarding the financial recovery from the pandemic including the increase in earnings; the number and amount of grants made and that it appeared that the businesses which struggled financially were those working from home. A further £10M had been given to SLDC from Westminster
- b. County Cllr. Bingham had sent his apologies as he was at a County Council budget meeting
- c. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that a new projector and sound system had been ordered and that there was to be a village barbecue at the time of the Jubilee

8/22 Planning

- i) 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/2022/0002 Curlew Cottage, High Haverflatts, Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe**
Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission SL/2020/0295 (replacement shed)
The Council had made no comments and the application had subsequently been approved
 - SL/2022/0010 3, Bay View, Heversham**
Single storey side and rear extensions and rear patio with glazed balustrade (retrospective)
The Council had **no objection** to this application
 - SL/2019/0475 Woodhouse Farm, Woodhouse**
Demolition of agricultural sheds and open-fronted parking/machinery shed/dilapidated stone barns, formation of new/modified vehicular access to highway and site access driveway, conversion of barn to east of existing farmhouse to form two dwellings, erection of four dwellings and garage block and associated infrastructure and landscaping
The Council **positively supported** this application and commented upon the inclusion of smaller and lower cost housing, which it would like to see having a local occupancy condition
- ii) It was noted that the following reserved matters had been listed for discussion by SLDC Planning Department and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
 - SL/2022/0029 & 0030 Land opposite Brant House, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham (previously SL/2019/0230)**
All reserved matters for Plots 1 & 2 (two affordable dwellings)
Emails had been sent to SLDC requesting further information
- iii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
 - SL/2021/1085 Tower View, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Removal of existing conservatory and the erection of a new 2 storey side extension with associated internal alterations and rear facing dormer at first floor

SL/2021/1021 8A, Haverwood, Woodhouse

Single storey front and rear extensions and detached garage

SL/2021/1070 2, The Croft, Leasgill

Property improvements including kitchen extension and dormer

- iv) It was noted that the reported developments without permission had both been resolved
- v) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

9/22 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods**Highways:**

- a) It was noted that the resurfacing works on both U5072 Leasgill and Moss Lane, Heversham (emailed to Cllrs. 25/1/22) were to start on 15 February 2022
- b) Reports on HIAMS had again been made regarding potholes on the A6 and at the southern entrance to the village and the damaged road sign on the A6 at Parkhouse. New reports had been made reporting manhole covers on Woodhouse Lane. Councillors agreed proactively to report issues through HIAMS
- c) Cllr. Richards reported that the Climate Emergency Working Group had also discussed the wish for a 20mph limit throughout the village and the reduction of speed on the A6. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways Dept and County Cllr. Bingham to see if the A6 process could be started

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Chair reported that there had been a glitch with artwork issues on the three map / visitor information noticeboards but that work was now ongoing
- ii) The Chair reported that the Trailway Group would like to see the trailway connected between Tristrams and Hincaster and the Council re-affirmed this to be an objective

Trees and Woods:

- i) Cllr. Rendell reported that he had contacted Mr Randall and contractors were to comment on the safety of the tree and advise as to the work to be done. The Chair had spoken with Mr Parratt regarding fallen trees and endangered walls and necessary work was to be done
- ii) The Chair said that he would contact Cllr. Bland to ascertain when the work already agreed in Quarry Wood would be undertaken
- iii) The Chair reported that the trees for the collaborative project between the Council and Dallam School under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme would be delivered in the Autumn

10/22 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. He had cleared mud from the entrance and was monitoring a gate pillar which was starting to show signs of degrading
- ii) It was noted that the combi-swing had been delivered and that arrangements had been made for its installation before the end of March
- iii) It was agreed that the current yearly 15 cuts of grass was reasonable but should be monitored

11/22 Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Meeting would be held on 14 April 2022 and that, in addition to the normal reports, there would be comments on speed control, lighting, the Jubilee celebrations, the playground and Quarry Wood. It was also agreed to enquire as to whether SLDC or Cumbria Action for Sustainability could do a climate mitigation presentation

12/22 Village Tidy

It was agreed that the annual tidy would be held on 26 March 2022. The Clerk was asked to make the usual arrangements and the Chair was to place a notice in the magazine

13/22 South Westmorland Village Maintenance Association

The Clerk reported on the continuing difficulties being experienced by the Association. The efforts which had been made to source a replacement contractor had been unsuccessful. It therefore appeared that the Association would have to be closed and funds returned to the Councils. The Council's refund would be £728.74. The question of future gritting was discussed and the Council agreed to keep an eye on the situation. The Clerk suggested that councillors look at the current grit bins as to whether they were in the right place; whether they were full and in good condition; and whether there were places where grit bins were needed with suggestions to be brought to the next meeting

14/22 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The arrangements for the beacon on Thursday 2 June 2022 were discussed including obtaining permission from the landowner, which Cllr. Richards offered to do, the lighting of the beacon, bell ringing and a piper. There was to be a Pudding Party in The Athenaeum in the afternoon before lighting the beacon. There was to be a village barbecue at The Athenaeum on Saturday 4 June and street parties were being arranged for the Sunday

15/22 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
- b) The following payment made between meetings was approved:
Npower – street lighting electricity December 2021 - £48.86 – cheque 615
- c) The following payments were approved:
M R Richardson – salary and expenses to 31/1/22 - £1,261.52 – cheque 616
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £275.40 - cheque 617
A2A Advertising Ltd – annual web hosting - £78.00 – cheque 618
Npower – street lighting electricity January 2022 - £48.40 – cheque 619

- d) The Financial Risk Assessment 2022/23 was received and **approved**
- e) It was noted that the precept form 2022/23 had been completed and submitted to SLDC
- f) It was noted that the Clerk had been informed by HSBC that they were to refund charges made to date and were to apply free banking to the Council accounts. The Clerk was therefore no longer continuing to explore options regarding changing bankers to the Council
- g) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 January 2022 was £13,229.69, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

16/22 Correspondence

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

- a. Further items giving information re coronavirus (covid-19) matters
- b. Further items concerning local government reorganisation
- c. SLDC – Council's postcard campaign to reach dog walkers (emailed to Cllrs 21/12/21)
- d. Cumbria Police – November 2021 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs 21/12/21)
- e. Cumbria Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – Consultation regarding the policing part of the council tax precept (emailed to Cllrs.11/1/22)
- f. Cumbria Police – Newsletter concerning awareness of crimes targeting vulnerable people in the community (emailed to Cllrs.11/1/22)
- g. Cumbria Police – Newsletter concerning tackling domestic abuse in Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.11/1/22)
- h. CALC – NALC policy consultation briefing on the OFCOM postal regulation consultation (emailed to Cllrs.13/1/22)
- i. SLDC – Handy person scheme helps people maintain independent living (emailed to Cllrs.28/1/22)
- j. CALC – Connecting Cumbria newsletter January 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.28/1/22)
- k. CALC – South Lakeland District Association minutes of 27/1/22 meeting (emailed to Cllrs.2/2/22)
- l. CALC – New CCC Cumbria Highways online reporting system (emailed to Cllrs.2/2/22)
- m. Anne Robson Trust – Advertising their pre-bereavement helpline (emailed to Cllrs.8/2/22)
- n. CALC – CCC wildlife sites event on 17/2/22 (emailed to Cllrs.8/2/22)
- o. CALC - EA Flood training sessions on 3 & 8 March 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.10/2/22)
- p. CALC – ACT news update re moving to net zero carbon (emailed to Cllrs.10/2/22)

17/22 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Village Tidy
- Basic details of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations plans

18/22 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- Bowling Club Quiz Night – 26 February 2022
- Complaints about bird scarers to be entered in Next Door

19/22 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- i) Local government reorganisation
- ii) Switching off street lighting
- iii) "What's Back On in Heversham"
- iv) Playground committee
- v) Poppy collection – July 2022 agenda

20/22 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10 March 2022 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm