

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 19 March 2020** at 7.40pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Brian Rendell (Chairman), Peter Clarke and Tom Grindey; the Clerk and no members of the public

18/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Adrian Bland, Gordon Capstick, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd (reasons noted); County Cllr. Roger Bingham and District Cllr. Kevin Holmes

19/20 Declarations of Interest

None

20/20 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2020 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman

21/20 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

22/20 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Deferred until the next meeting
- What's On in Heversham: Cllr. Clarke reported that the first issue had been published and distributed. The cost had been £192, which was covered by a grant from Leasgill Quarry Trust (see 29/20 Finance). Several ideas for new village activities had arisen from the tea and scones meeting on 7 March including a monthly walking group, a village run, and an open book club. A welcome pack for new residents and a Christmas tree with lights were also under consideration. Although the group had agreed to actively follow up these matters, everything was on hold at the moment due to coronavirus restrictions
- Promotion of Flowers and Wildlife: Deferred until the next meeting
- BT payphone removal / alternative use: The Clerk reported that confirmation from BT with regard to the kiosk adoption had been received and that BT had forwarded an agreement for purchase. It was agreed not to sign the agreement until the finance of the installation had been agreed. Enquiries were still being made with regard to the availability of grants
- Celebration of VE Day 75 on 8 May 2020: It was agreed to cancel the arrangements for the celebration
- Heversham Village Heritage Exhibition: Cllr. Clarke reported that the consultation briefing was on hold due to coronavirus restrictions

23/20 Reports

- a. The Clerk read out the monthly area update for February 2020 which had been received from South Lakes Police. There were no crimes specific to the parish
- b. District Cllr. K. Holmes: The report was deferred until the next meeting
- c. County Cllr. Bingham: The report was deferred until the next meeting
- d. The Athenaeum: The report was deferred until the next meeting

24/20 Planning

- i) It was noted that no planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting
- ii) It was noted that amendments had been made to planning application **SL/2019/0230 (Land opposite Brant House)**. It was **resolved** that the Council comment that affordable plot 2 was very small and that the Council considers that the to be agreed commuted sum re plot 1 should only be used to provide affordable housing in Heversham parish and not in adjoining parishes – bearing in mind that the application was approved after over-riding the Neighbourhood Plan. It was also agreed that it should be suggested that a possible use of the commuted sum would be to support or increase the affordable housing on the Park House Drive site (SL/2018/0715)
- iii) It was noted that no details were currently available with regard to the following planning application which had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:
SL/2020/0182 Land adjacent to Ghyll Cottage, Leasgill
All matters reserved by conditions 1,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10

25/20 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

Highways – There were no matters reported

Footpaths/Tracks – Cllr. Clarke reported that the wood for the replacement kissing gates for the Head and stiles for Rowell had been received and he was to check whether it was the landowner's responsibility to do the work. He also undertook to check the state of the bench by G Handley's Copse. A handrail past the Cockpit was under consideration and an estimate of cost was to be obtained

Trees – The Mabbins Hall Lane trees had been inspected and all necessary work had been completed. It was agreed to ask Marcus Knipe to check Quarry Wood

26/20 Playground Report

- i) 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

27/20 Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Meeting had been adjourned to a date to be agreed when coronavirus was no longer causing problems

28/20 Village Tidy

It had been agreed that the tidy would be postponed until a new date between 11-27 September 2020 (linked to The Great British September Clean 2020).

29/20 Finance

- a) The following receipts were noted:
 - SLDC – locality grant towards playground equipment - £500.00
 - Leasgill Quarry Trust – grant towards What's On in Heversham set-up costs - £192.00
- b) The following payments between meetings were approved:
 - Ten Stories High – What's On in Heversham set-up costs - £192.00 – cheque 518
 - C T Hayton Ltd – mower service - £214.33 – cheque 519
- c) The following payments were approved:
 - M R Richardson – additional hours as per minute 12/20h - £118.88– cheque 523
 - HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson - £29.80 – cheque 524
- d) **Resolved** that the Asset Register be approved
- e) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 29 February 2020 was £8,726.47 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman

30/20 Correspondence

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

- a. SLDC – Update re Storm Dennis (emailed to Cllrs.14/2/20)
- b. SLDC – SLDC agenda for council meeting on 25/2/20 (emailed to Cllrs.17/2/20)
- c. SLDC – South Lakeland Local Plan review discussion paper & draft policy review document (emailed to Cllrs.17/2/20)
- d. SLDC – Engagement pack for South Lakeland Local Plan (emailed to Cllrs.18/2/20)
- e. Cumbria Police - Concern for missing Milnthorpe teenage girl (emailed to Cllrs.21/2/20)
- f. CALC – Major package of support from Government for storm-hit areas (emailed to Cllrs.24/2/20)
- g. CALC – North West Coastal Access monthly update February 2020 (emailed to Cllrs.24/2/20)
- h. CALC – Cumbria in Bloom Pride in your Community competition 2020 (emailed to Cllrs.24/2/20)
- i. SLDC – Climate conversations (emailed to Cllrs.25/2/20)
- j. CALC – Final paperwork for District Association meeting on 5/3/20 (emailed to Cllrs.25/2/20)
- k. CALC – Campaign for the Local Electricity Bill (emailed to Cllrs.27/2/20)
- l. CALC – List of training courses until 25/6/20 (emailed to Cllrs.28/2/20)
- m. Cumbria Police – Concern for missing 13 year old boy (emailed to Cllrs.2/3/20)
- n. CALC – Crosby Ravensworth tree project (emailed to Cllrs.5/3/20)
- o. CALC – ACT Gazette Spring 2020 (emailed to Cllrs.5/3/20 and 9/3/20)
- p. SLDC – Parish remuneration panel report 2020-21 (emailed to Cllrs.7/3/20)
- q. CALC - Coronavirus advice updates (emailed to Cllrs.11/3/20 and 16/3/20). It was **resolved** to delegate powers to any two of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk if coronavirus restrictions were to apply
- r. SLDC – Coronavirus briefing (emailed to Cllrs.17/3/20)
- s. SLDC – Coronavirus community resilience sub-group information (emailed to Cllrs.17/3/20). It was agreed to explore the feasibility of setting up a local support network with St Peter's Church and Heversham WI. The Parish Council intelligence form with regard to local community covid-19 response groups, which had today been received from Cumbria County Council, was to be submitted by the Clerk accordingly

31/20 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- VE Day 75 celebrations cancelled
- The Parish Council is exploring the feasibility of setting up a local support network with St Peter's Church and Heversham WI to assist people in need due to coronavirus restrictions or advised precautionary action

32/20 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

- None

33/20 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- None

34/20 Date of next meeting

It was agreed to not hold a meeting in April 2020 and that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14 May 2020 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

