

# HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 11 March 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), Adrian Bland, Tom Grinsey, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; District Cllr Kevin Holmes; the Clerk and one member of the public

## 19/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Clarke (reasons noted) and County Cllr Roger Bingham

## 20/21 Requests for Dispensation

None

## 21/21 Declarations of Interest

None

## 22/21 Minutes

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

## 23/21 Public Participation

It was **resolved** to amend Standing Order 31 to cancel permission to report on meetings during the period during which remote meetings took place as such meetings were held in members' homes and recording would invade their privacy. The member of the public present had nothing to raise

## 24/21 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: There was currently disagreement concerning an appropriate route over Dallam Estate land
- Contact Line (coronavirus local community support network): The line continued at a low level

## 25/21 Reports

- a. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported on local government reorganisation and the A590 roundabout improvements
- b. County Cllr. Bingham had reported by email that arrangements for speed trials on Woodhouse Lane and other places in Heversham were planned after the end of the pandemic and that the Moss Lane and Leasgill resurfacings were being treated as high priority. He had also reported that parish elections, the Police and Crime Commissioner election and four by-elections would take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and had commented on the local government reorganisation of Unitary Councils replacing Cumbria County Council and the six District Councils
- c. The Athenaeum: The building was still under lockdown but was expected to be able to re-open on 17 May 2021. It was proposed to hold regular car boot sales after re-opening

## 26/21 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 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 noted that this application was currently invalid

### SL/2019/0871 Little Deepthwaite Farm, Woodhouse, Milnthorpe

Formation of vehicular access to the highway

The Council **objected** to this application as it believed that it was inappropriate for large articulated vehicles to be using Deepthwaite bridge and the lane on either side of the bridge. Although the application may improve access for such vehicles from the lane into the site, it was the Council's opinion that large vehicles should not be on the lane as much of it is narrow and there is very poor visibility on the corner to the east of Deepthwaite bridge / farm. The Council is also of the opinion that there should be a weight restriction on the bridge and that a structural survey should be undertaken to check whether one is necessary

- iii) A report from the Neighbourhood Plan group had been forwarded to Cllrs on 9 March 2021. SLDC had advised that the ceiling of 30 new dwellings should be seen as indicative rather than an absolute maximum. The group had noted that there was still some remaining headroom and had concluded that there was little reason to commence a formal review / amendment process. The group did, however, propose that the Council should engage in the SLDC Local Plan review so that the principles of the Neighbourhood Plan were sustained therein. This was **agreed**. Councillors were also asked to consider new members for the working group and make recommendations at or before the next meeting

## 27/21 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

### Highways:

- a) The Clerk reported that "20 is Plenty" was still awaiting the speed trial as reported previously and that a proposal for a 20mph speed limit throughout the village would also need speed trials (see County Cllr Bingham's report above). Cllr Richards stated his opinion that the Council should also be asking for a reduction in the A6 speed limit to 40mph as the consequent reduction in road noise would be highly beneficial
- b) The Clerk was asked to contact Cumbria County Council Highways Dept with regard to parking between Crow Wood and the Playground

**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 next month
- ii) Action with regard to "dog poo in the churchyard" was deferred until the next meeting

**Trees and Woods:**

The decision as to work to be carried out at Quarry Wood was deferred to the next meeting. It was reported that the fallen trees on the footpath at the old railway line had been cleared

**28/21 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 some signs were loose
- ii) SLDC had authorised a further locality grant of £350 towards playground improvements

**29/21 Local Government Reorganisation**

Cllr Clarke reported that the consultation working group at present consisted solely of himself. He had emailed a report on 9 March 2021 which included suggestions as to factors which could be considered to be important for Heversham. These were all agreed to be relevant. Cllr Clarke had proposed that he would prepare a draft application of those factors to the four options. The other councillors were asked by the Chairman to peruse that draft when received and make comments so that the Council's response could be finalised at the next meeting

**30/21 Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed to postpone the May parish council meeting to 20 May 2021 so that it could be held in The Athenaeum under the current roadmap out of lockdown. The Annual Parish Meeting would be held prior to that meeting but it was intended to adjourn the Annual Parish Meeting until a date later in the year when it was expected that more parishioners would feel safe to attend

**31/21 Village Tidy**

It was agreed to have a 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. Councillors were to arrange the areas in which they would litter pick. Equipment was available from SLDC under those circumstances

**32/21 VE Day**

It was agreed to place the silhouettes in suitable locations on 8 May 2021

**33/21 Finance**

- a) It was noted that there were no receipts since the last meeting
- b) It was noted that there were no payments to approve
- c) The Asset Register was received and approved
- d) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 28 February 2021 was £10,772.70 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman

**34/21 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 – NALC consultation briefing on local authority model planning design code (emailed to Cllrs 12/2/21)
- d. SLDC – Greening Campaign 16/2/21 meeting summary (emailed to Cllrs 17/2/21)
- e. CALC – NALC comments and questions re consultation on Right to Regenerate (emailed to Cllrs 19/2/21)
- f. CALC – Communications webinar 17/3/21 (emailed to Cllrs 19/2/21)
- g. SLDC – Council plan for recovery and renewal agreed 23/2/21 (emailed to Cllrs 24/2/21)
- h. SLDC – Council approves new budget and sets Council Tax 2021/22 (emailed to Cllrs 24/2/21)
- i. SLDC – Council Tax support scheme to continue (emailed to Cllrs 4/3/21)
- j. SLDC – Green bin collections to partially restart (emailed to Cllrs 4/3/21)
- k. Lancashire County Council – Zero carbon communities conversation (emailed to Cllrs 4/3/21)
- l. CCC – Resurfacing works A65 Crooklands to Cow Brow, Lupton from 15/3/21 (emailed to Cllrs 4/3/21)
- m. SLDC – Business support grant criteria expanded (emailed to Cllrs 4/3/21)
- n. CALC – Carbon calculator for parishes (emailed to Cllrs 4/3/21)
- o. CALC – Presentation slides from Nature Recovery event 25/2/21 (emailed to Cllrs 4/3/21)
- p. CALC – February / March 2021 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs 4/3/21)
- q. Power for People – Webinar invitation re driving the community energy revolution (emailed to Cllrs 5/3/21)
- r. Kent Estuary Youth Project – Annual report (emailed to Cllrs 11/3/21)

**35/21 Westmorland Gazette** – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- The parish council elections on 6 May 2021 and that anyone interested in becoming a councillor should contact the parish clerk who would explain how to be nominated
- Litter pick arrangements

**36/21 Items for Information- no decisions or action permitted**

- The Clerk reported that the nomination packs for the parish council elections would be available shortly
- Cllr Grindley stated that the milestones were in need of painting and that he would ask County Cllr Bingham if the County Council would arrange to do so

**37/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- Presentation on Dark Skies – possibly Include on 2021 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 when possible
- Heversham Village Heritage Exhibition – consultation later in the year
- Celebration of the B4RN installation – possibly at the 2021 Parish Meeting
- NHS and Frontline Workers’ Day 5 July 2021

**38/21 Date of next meeting**

- It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8 April 2021

The meeting closed at 9.15pm