

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 11 November 2021** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill. The meeting followed Covid-19 government guidance

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Adrian Bland and Tom Grindey; the Clerk and no members of the public

161/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Brian Rendell, Elizabeth Moffat, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd (reasons all accepted and noted), County Cllr. Roger Bingham and District Cllr. Kevin Holmes

162/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

163/21 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Grindey declared an interest with regard to the item in 168/21 concerning Yew Tree Cottage and items 172/21 c) re Martin Tyson Ltd and 172/21 f)

164/21 Requests for Dispensation

None

165/21 Public Participation

None

166/21 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Cllr. Richards had reported by email on 9 November 2021 including that there was now a plan for the rest of the village
- Commemoration seat in memory of Cllr. Gordon Capstick: The seat had been delivered and looked good in its position outside the playground. It was agreed that the ceremony would be arranged once the plaque had been received
- Climate Emergency Working Group: Another meeting was to be arranged
- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 2 June 2022: It was agreed that further discussions should take place at the February 2022 meeting

167/21 Reports

- a. District Councillor: None
- b. County Cllr. Bingham had reported by email regarding local government reorganisation, the current Covid position, social care problems and winter worries such as local flooding, grit and salt
- c. The Athenaeum: The Chair had discussed the concern regarding the size of the reserves with the Chair of The Athenaeum Committee who had stated that the Committee intended to undertake various repairs, long-term maintenance and improvements in the next year, some of which were necessary to comply with updated fire regulations. The financial statement for the quarter ended 31 October 2021 had been emailed to Cllrs. on 10 November 2021. This showed expected expenditure of £10,500 on such items. It was agreed to review this when the financial statements to 31 July 2022 were received. It was reported that there was to be a fund-raising event in two weeks. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether free electric car charging points were still available and, if so, to forward the details to the Committee for discussion about putting a charging point in the car park

168/21 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/2021/1007 Higgings Barn, Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe**
Erection of a timber framed greenhouse to rear patio
 - SL/2021/1021 8A Haverwood, Woodhouse, Milnthorpe**
Single storey front & rear extensions and detached garage
 - TR/2021/0200 Yew Tree Cottage, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Prune yew tree as shown in submitted photographsThe Council had **no objections** to any of the above applications
- ii) It was noted that no planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
- iii) It was noted that no report had yet been received from SLDC regarding the reported development without permission. The Clerk had been informed that enquiries were still ongoing
- iv) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

169/21 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) A complaint had been received regarding parking near the church and the Clerk was asked to write to the PCC asking if they would issue a note concerning parking considerably
- b) The Chair had been informed that the road at Leasgill would be resurfaced in the next financial year

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Chair reported that work on the map / visitor information noticeboards in collaboration with The Athenaeum was still progressing well
- ii) It is understood that Dallam School intends to continue the licence for the old railway line
- iii) It was reported that the replacement stile on the Head was now in place

Trees and Woods:

- i) The work on the trees in Quarry Wood was to be done before the end of March 2022
- ii) The Chair and Vice-Chair had discussed with Dallam School a possible joint initiative under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree scheme with the location being in the corner of Tristrams field and the School was considering this

170/21 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
- ii) It was noted that the combi-swing would be delivered in December and arrangements would then be made for its installation
- iii) No report had yet been received regarding the outcome of the proposal for the replacement of the playground wall

171/21 Christmas 2021

The purchase of the Christmas tree for Leasgill Green was in hand but the Clerk reported that Cllr. Rendell had informed him that he was unable to arrange for additional lights due to supply problems

172/21 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
- b) The following payment between meetings was approved:
Creative Play (UK) Ltd – combi-swing - £1,390.80 – cheque 605
- c) The following payments were approved:
M R Richardson – salary to 31/10/21 and expenses to date - £1,356.55 – cheque 606
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson – £275.40 - cheque 607
Npower – street lighting electricity October 2021 - £39.50 – cheque 608
Martin Tyson Ltd - grass cutting - £1,205.00 – cheque 609
- d) The report from the Chair and Vice-Chair on the Clerk's annual appraisal was approved
- e) It was noted that the Clerk was still exploring options regarding changing bankers to the Council
- f) **Resolved** that the Contractor's tender document for 2022, which had been received in the amount of £1,205, be accepted. Cllr. Grindey had withdrawn from the room for this item
- g) The appointment of Jean Airey as internal auditor for 2021/22 was confirmed
- h) The receipts and payments report for the half-year ended 30 September 2021 was noted (emailed to Cllrs.11/11/21)
- i) The budget comparison for the half-year ended 30 September 2021 was noted (emailed to Cllrs.11/11/21)
- j) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 October 2021 was £16,558.28 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

173/21 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. CALC – Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner Ethics & Integrity Panel member recruitment (emailed to Cllrs.22/10/21)
- d. SLDC – Funding agreed to reduce inequalities in South Lakeland (emailed to Cllrs 22/10/21)
- e. CALC – Carbon zero in Cumbria & the Lake District event on 16/11/21 (emailed to Cllrs 25/10/21)
- f. CALC – Presentations from CALC AGM on 16/10/21 (emailed to Cllrs.27/10/21 and 3/11/21)
- g. NALC – New report on what councils can do on climate change (emailed to Cllrs.3/11/21)
- h. CCC – Connecting Cumbria newsletter November 2021 (emailed to Cllrs.3/11/21)
- i. CCC – Local cycling & walking infrastructure plans follow-up public consultation (emailed to Cllrs.5/11/21)
- j. SLDC – Brownfield Land Register 2021- request for site suggestions (emailed to Cllrs.8/11/21)
- k. SLDC – Five fridges dumped in Lyth Valley (emailed to Cllrs.10/11/21)
- l. SLDC – Business community invited to give views and help shape economic support strategies (emailed to Cllrs.11/11/21)

174/21 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- None

175/21 Items for Information- no decisions or action permitted

Refusal of application for payment of Heversham Bowling Club grant from Leasgill Quarry Trust

176/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- i) What's Back On in Heversham
- ii) Playground Committee

177/21 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9 December 2021 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

