

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 11 October 2018** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Brian Rendell, Peter Clarke, Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; County Cllr. Roger Bingham; District Cllrs. John Holmes and Kevin Holmes; the Clerk; and no members of the public.

122/18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Gordon Capstick (reasons noted).

123/18 Declarations of Interest

None

124/18 Discussion with SLDC Development Management / Planning re Systemic Failures in Electronic Communication

Mr. Gareth Candlin (the SLDC Development Management Group Manager) and Cllr. Pete McSweeney (the Chair of the Planning Committee) attended the meeting with Cllr. John Holmes (one of the District Councillors) who is also a member of the Planning Committee. Mr. Candlin addressed the meeting and stated that neither he nor Cllr. McSweeney was in post at the time of the Brant House application meeting and Cllr. Holmes was not present due to illness. Mr. Candlin stated that SLDC recognises the Parish Council's role and explained that Planning Committee meetings took account of several material considerations including a Neighbourhood Plan before arriving at a decision and that the weighting of the considerations would be different from case to case. His attention was drawn to the several failures in electronic communication which in the Parish Council's opinion hampered it in fulfilling its role. He stated that SLDC was reviewing its IT systems and he noted the failures which had occurred. Several queries were raised with regard to the IT system and the weekly list of planning applications and Mr. Candlin undertook to investigate and reply as soon as possible. The Parish Council thanked him and Cllrs. McSweeney and Holmes for their attendance.

125/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2018 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

126/18 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

127/18 Matters Arising from Parish Meeting

Housing & Demography – Cllr. Clarke had met Fran Richardson of ACT who had afterwards sent a draft proposal for community engagement, which had been emailed to Cllrs. on 6/10/18 with Cllr. Clarke's thoughts on the draft. It was agreed to go forward with the outlined approach and that Cllr. Clarke would pursue this with ACT and report back on a more detailed project plan.

128/18 Ongoing Items

- New flower bed at the north end of the village: This was expected to be completed by the end of October at an amended cost of approx £600 (including footings). SLDC gave a grant of £330 towards the flower bed in 2017/18 and the Leasgill Quarry Trust committee had recommended a grant of £270 (see 137/18).
- Double Yellow Lines: The Clerk had been informed by Cumbria County Council Highways Dept that legal orders were being drafted for full consultation and that these would be advertised in the press.
- Speed Indication Device: The Clerk had made an application for funding to the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner but had been informed that nothing was available. An application had been made to the Rhoda Thompson Trust and the Leasgill Quarry Trust committee had recommended grants for the remainder of the cost of a device for the south end of the village and the full cost of a device for the north end (see 137/18).

129/18 B4RN

Cllr. Clarke reported that he had received an email from Dallam School stating that it had sufficient agreement from landowners to get B4RN to its Heversham site on which the School had agreed to host the cabinet. The Council agreed that it should ask the School to take the initiative in order to get the B4RN connection to its Heversham site. The Council was, however, concerned that this should be undertaken in a cost-effective way that facilitated the future roll-out across the village and Cllr. Clarke was to ask the School to confirm this and to suggest a joint project group to retain community interest.

130/18 Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that a quote was still awaited from Electricity North West with regard to their charges for taking lights off the wooden poles and connecting them onto the steel columns.

131/18 Reports

- a. A report on behalf of the Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team had been received and the Clerk reported that there were no crimes relating to the parish.
- b. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported that he was to ask for the grant of approx £330 to be put towards the cost of the south end speed indication device. He also commented on the SLDC "Customer Connect" project which aims to make it easier for residents to access SLDC services.
- c. County Cllr. Bingham reported on the matters discussed at the last County Council meeting including next year's budgeted 2% increase plus a 2% increase in adult social services; the decision that Parish Councils should receive notifications as well as councillors; and the purchase of a smaller white-lining machine.

- d. The Athenaeum: There was nothing to report.

132/18 WWI Commemoration

- Barn Dance: The posters and tickets were available. The Leasgill Quarry Trust committee had recommended that the Trust underwrite a possible loss to a maximum of £500 (see 137/18). It was calculated that 150 tickets needed to be sold to break-even.
- Beacon on Heversham Head: Cllr. Richards is to arrange a risk assessment and to notify the Fire Brigade.
- Church and Community Planning Group: Arrangements were now in place for the various events.
- Cllr. Grindley was appointed to represent the Parish Council at the Parish Remembrance Service.

133/18 Planning

i) **Primary School Site:** The meeting arranged with the Diocese for 21st September 2018 had not taken place as the Diocese had accepted a subject to contract offer from Dallam School for the site. The intended use was not yet known but the School had stated that it would discuss this with the Council. Cllr. Clarke was asked to notify the Diocese of a current rat infestation at the site.

ii) **Resolved** that **no objection** be made to the following planning application which had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:

SL/2018/0764 Havercroft, Dugg Hill, Heversham

Two storey side extension

134/18 Highways/Footpaths

- Cllr. Clarke reported that discussions were ongoing with regard to the items previously reported but there was no final outcome yet in each case.
- The meeting was informed that there was a large crack on St Mary's Well and that 3 drains near to the tennis courts needed attention.

135/18 Playground Report

- Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and continued to monitor the equipment.
- Cllr. Bland and Cllr. Rendell had yet to meet to discuss some equipment problems and they would look at the mud problem at the entrance, which had been reported by a parishioner.
- The inspections until the next meeting were to be carried out by Cllr. Rendell.

136/18 Finance

- The following payments were approved:
 - SLDC – Street lighting (received in precept 2018/19 – see 72/18b) - £1503.57 – cheque 446
 - Andrew Kitching – Hedge cutting - £75.00 – cheque 447
 - RBL Poppy Appeal – Poppy wreath - £45.00 – cheque 448
 - Brian Rendell – Fitting materials for monument bench - £25.00 – cheque 449
- Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 September 2018 was £21,510.57 and that the bank statement be counter-signed.
- It was agreed that Cllrs. Rendell and Clarke carry out the Clerk's annual appraisal.

137/18 Leasgill Quarry Trust

The Leasgill Quarry Trust financial report for the year ended 31 August 2018 was received and the Trust committee gave the following recommendations for the grants to be made by the charity:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
Milnthorpe Parish Council	Plaque to record Storm Desmond	£800	£800
St Peter's Church, Heversham	Clock repairs / maintenance	£1467	£1467
The Athenaeum, Leasgill	Snooker room replacement window	£1000	£Nil
Heversham Bowling Club	Shallow spiking machine	£966	£800
Heversham Parish Council	Smiley-type traffic speed sign - south	£1285	£1285
Heversham Parish Council	Flower bed at north end of village	£350	£270
Heversham Parish Council	Smiley-type traffic speed sign- north	£3220	£3220
Totals		£9088	£7842

The committee recommended that the Trust underwrite a possible loss on Heversham Parish Council's WW1 Barn Dance to a maximum of £500.

The Heversham Parish Council members of the committee had declared their interests in the Council's applications and Cllr. Clarke had declared an interest in the St Peter's Church application.

The committee also recommended that the Clerk's honorarium be increased to £350.

It was **resolved** to accept the committee's recommendations

138/18 Correspondence

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

- CALC – September 2018 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.17/9/18)
- CCC – Working Together programme / webpage (emailed to Cllrs.25/9/18)
- CALC – September North West Coastal Access update (emailed to Cllrs.28/9/18)
- CALC – Invitation to AGM on 10/11/18 (emailed to Cllrs.2/10/18)
- SLDC – Council agenda for meeting on 10/10/18 (emailed to Cllrs.3/10/18)
- Charity Commission – News October 2018 (emailed to Cllrs.5/10/18)

139/18 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Barn Dance and the WW1 arrangements
- Leasgill Quarry Trust grants – after applicants have been notified

140/18 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

- Cllr. Bland reported that the Grievegate milestone plaque was now in place.

141/18 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Promotion of wild flowers and wildlife

142/18 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8 November 2018 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Malcolm Richardson
Clerk to the Council