

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 8 October 2020** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill. This meeting followed Covid-19 government guidance with regard to village halls and community centres including social distancing and the wearing of masks

Present – Cllrs. Brian Rendell (Chairman), Peter Clarke, Adrian Bland and Tom Grindey; County Cllr. Roger Bingham (until 8.15pm); District Cllr. Kevin Holmes; the Clerk and no members of the public. Cllr. Iain Richards attended via Zoom

73/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Adele Shepherd (reasons noted)

74/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Grindey declared an interest with regard to the Heversham Bowling Club grant in minute 82/20 in addition to the declarations of interest mentioned in that minute

75/20 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2020 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman

76/20 Public Participation

None

77/20 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: 44 properties had been connected. The road cut by Birdcage Cottage had been done and there would be a road closure on 5 January 2021 to make the the cuts on the lanes by The Athenaeum. The Council's warm thanks were expressed for the hard work done by John Armer, Barry Cheeseman and Cllr. Iain Richards
- BT payphone removal / defibrillator use: The payphone had now been decommissioned and the defibrillator had been ordered. The signage was still to be ordered
- Contact Line (coronavirus local community support network): Cllr. Clarke reported that this was still ticking over and that new fliers had been ordered

78/20 Reports

- a. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported that council services were gradually returning to normal with fortnightly green waste collections resuming; the proposed local government reorganisation was being discussed at length; and there had been several instances of bad behaviour in the South Lakes
- b. County Cllr. Bingham reported on the current Covid levels; the numerous road works being done as Highways spent government grants and caught up on matters not dealt with during the lockdown; his repeated request for emergency repairs on Moss Lane; and his request for the recently damaged Crooklands road bridge to be urgently repaired to avoid diversions through Heversham and other villages. He also reported that he had contacted Highways in support of the request for a 20mph speed limit on Woodhouse Lane and that a speed trial was to be arranged as a first step
- c. The Athenaeum: The Receipts and Payments Accounts, Trustees' Annual Report and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 July 2020 were received (emailed to Cllrs.29/9/20). **Resolved** that both the Accounts and the Annual Report be approved by the Council and signed by two Trustees. The Council's thanks were expressed to both the Treasurer and the Independent Examiner

79/20 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning application had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
SL/2020/0273 Land to the south of Deepthwaite Farm, Milnthorpe
Formation of manege for horses
- ii) It was noted that the following planning application had been submitted to SLDC, circulated to members of the Council and subsequently had been notified as approved by SLDC:
SL/2020/0362 Caversfield, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham
Installation of velux windows to north front elevation to match existing
- iii) It was noted that the following planning application had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
PN/2020/0053 Halforth Farm, Heversham
(Prior notification application) Roofing over two sections of collecting yard
- iv) The Council received the report from the Neighbourhood Plan committee (emailed to Cllrs.3/10/20) with regard to the Plan's relationship to the South Lakeland Local Plan. It was agreed that the committee should review policy HH2 with regard to the maximum of 30 new dwellings and report back to the Council. They should also informally monitor the Local Plan and the national planning White Paper keeping the Council informed as necessary

80/20 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

Highways:

- a) The Clerk reported that the the legal position with regard to the placing of "20 is Plenty" signs on Woodhouse Lane was that permission should be obtained from the Police, Cumbria County Council and South Lakeland District Council. County Cllr. Bingham had already reported to the meeting on this matter (see 78/20b)

b) The abandoned Mini at Leasgill was discussed

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Clerk reported that SLDC had confirmed that a locality grant could be used to stabilise and refurbish the wall by the bench at G Handley's Copse
- ii) The quote of £1,000 for the installation of steps at The Cockpit was accepted
- iii) Cllr. Clarke informed the Council that fly tipping had been reported on the track on Heversham Head and it was agreed to report this to SLDC

Trees and Woods:

Andy Hancock (Bergen Tree Services) had inspected Quarry Wood with Cllr. Richards and suggested some management work. It was agreed that Cllr. Richards would carry out some essential safety and tidying work and that the quote from Bergen Tree Services for the larger tree work would be considered when preparing the 2021/22 budget with a view to it being carried out next winter

81/20 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) Several positive suggestions had been made for the next phase of the improvements

82/20 Leasgill Quarry Trust

The Leasgill Quarry Trust financial report for the year ended 31 August 2020 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	Replacement of bench on Grisleymires Lane	£500	£500
Milnthorpe Parish Council	New handrail at the Laking Steps	£1000	£1000
Heversham Bowling Club	Replacement/repair of window frames & woodwork, internal decorating and replacement carpet	£2000	£1900
Heversham Parish Council	Installation of steps at The Cockpit	£1000	£1000
Heversham Parish Council	Christmas tree, lights & decorations	£800	£700
Heversham Parish Council	Additional plants/flowers – flowerbeds & village	£200	£200
	Totals	£5500	£5300

The Heversham Parish Council members of the committee had declared their interests in the Council applications and Cllr. Rendell had declared an interest in the Heversham Bowling Club application
It was **resolved** to accept the committee's recommendations

83/20 Data Protection

The Clerk reported with regard to his attendance at the NALC free webinar giving an update on the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and said that he would email councillors with notes for their attention

84/20 Finance

- a) The following payments were approved:
Mrs P Forrester – refund of payment for The Athenaeum defibrillator pads - £109.00 - cheque 551
Royal British Legion – poppy wreath - £60.00 – cheque 552
P Clarke – refund of payment for Contact Line printing - £23.00 – cheque 553
WEL Medical Ltd – defibrillator and cabinet - £1579.20 – cheque 554
- b) It was agreed that Cllrs. Rendell and Clarke should carry out the Clerk's annual appraisal
- c) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 September 2020 was £18,996.86 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman

85/20 Correspondence

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

- a. SLDC – Kendal College press release re two electric vehicle charge points (emailed to Cllrs.18/9/20)
- b. SLDC – Town and Parish Council briefing on Locality Working and Customer Services (emailed to Cllrs.18/9/20)
- c. CALC – Climate change action plan and supporting documents (emailed to Cllrs.21/9/20)
- d. SLDC – Barrow, Lancaster & South Lakeland councils to consider case for new unitary authority (emailed to Cllrs.23/9/20)
- e. SLDC – Launch of NHS Test & Trace app (including links) on 24/9/20 (emailed to Cllrs.23/9/20)
- f. CALC – Training courses and externally delivered finance courses (emailed to Cllrs.29/9/20)
- g. CALC – Climate change presentation to South Lakeland District Association meeting on 17/9/20 (emailed to Cllrs.29/9/20)
- h. CALC – Local Plan review update presentation to South Lakeland District Association meeting on 17/9/20 (emailed to Cllrs.29/9/20)
- i. SLDC – Link to SLDC council meeting on 6/10/20 (emailed to Cllrs.29/9/20)
- j. SLDC – News release re covid-19 signs damaged by vandals (emailed to Cllrs.2/10/20)
- k. CALC – Cumbria CVS trustee recruitment (emailed to Cllrs 2/10/20)
- l. SLDC – Covid-19 guidance updated for Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.2/10 /20)
- m. SLDC – Standards Committee agenda for meeting on 13/10/20 (emailed to Cllrs.5/10/20)
- n. CALC – Minutes of South Lakeland District Association meeting on 17/9/20 (emailed to Cllrs.5/10/20)
- o. SLDC – Councils approve next step in talks on potential reorganisation (emailed to Cllrs.7/10/20)
- p. SLDC – Proposal for members' allowances increases by the Independent Remuneration Panel (emailed to Cllrs.7/10/20)

86/20 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- B4RN – installation had commenced with 44 properties already connected but it was still possible to opt in.
Many thanks to John Armer, Barry Cheeseman and Iain Richards for their hard work in getting the project to this point

- The purchase of the telephone kiosk to enable the imminent installation of a defibrillator
- The grants awarded by the Leasgill Quarry Trust
- Thanks for the several positive responses to the request for ideas for the next phase of the playground Improvements

87/20 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

It was reported that sponsored swift boxes had been placed on the church

88/20 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- Presentation on Dark Skies – possibly Include on 2021 Annual 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 in Spring 2021
- Heversham Village Heritage Exhibition – consultation in Spring 2021
- Celebration of the B4RN installation – possibly at the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting

89/20 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 12 November 2020 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm