

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 14 October 2021** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill. The meeting followed Covid-19 government guidance

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell, Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards and Adele Shepherd; County Cllr. Roger Bingham (until 8pm); the Clerk and no members of the public

140/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Elizabeth Moffat (reasons accepted and noted) and District Cllr. Kevin Holmes

141/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

142/21 Declarations of Interest

None

143/21 Requests for Dispensation

None

144/21 Public Participation

None

145/21 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Nothing to report
- Commemoration seat in memory of Cllr. Gordon Capstick: The seat is expected to be delivered next week and the plaque would be ordered when the seat was received. It was agreed that the seat would be put on the plinth outside the playground. A ceremony would be arranged in due course
- Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting: There had been a good attendance and the Clerk was asked to check with the minutes whether any action was required
- Climate Emergency Working Group: A meeting had been held last week. Work was ongoing and specific proposals would be made to Council once they had been finalised

146/21 Reports

- a. District Councillor; None
- b. County Cllr. Bingham reported regarding the current Covid position and both crime and local government reorganisation matters
- c. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Grindey reported that a new website had been proposed. The Receipts and Payments Accounts, Trustees' Annual Report and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 July 2021 were received. **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. The Council agreed that it should open discussions with The Athenaeum Committee regarding the size of the reserve and how it is to be used through The Athenaeum for the benefit of the community

147/21 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/2021/0868 Land at Swallowmire, Deepthwaite, Milnthorpe**
Construction of agricultural storage building to house tractor, machinery, midden trailer and associated feedstuffs and bedding for existing equestrian and agricultural use
 - SL/2021/0890 Stonethwaite, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Single storey front, rear and roof extensions
 - SL/2021/0898 Malt House, Heversham**
Alterations and extension to existing dwelling
 - SL/2021/0962 Land adjacent to rail bridge at Woodhouse Lane, Woodhouse**
Installation of an auxiliary supply point for railway power supply and associated new vehicular access
 - SL/2021/0986 & 0987 Hawthorn Cottage, Church View, Heversham**
2 storey rear extension with terrace roof over, rear dormer window, enlargement of openings for access to new extension and various internal repairs

The Council had **no objections** to any of the above applications
- ii) It was noted that the following planning application had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
 - SL/2021/0814 1, Haverwood, Woodhouse, Heversham**
Replacement single storey rear extension and replacement detached double pitched roof garage
- iii) It was noted that no report had yet been received from SLDC regarding the reported development without permission and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries
- iv) The Chair stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had nothing new to report

148/21 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) County Cllr. Bingham had reported earlier that funds for removing the northern double yellow line gap (parking space) between Crow Wood and the Playground would not be available until April 2022 but that the Council's priority had been noted

- b) The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding warning signs that had been promptly erected but had not been collected afterwards
- c) It was noted that the road at Leasgill had been patched and not resurfaced as indicated previously and the Chair stated that he would pursue the matter

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The Chair reported that work on the map / visitor information noticeboards in collaboration with The Athenaeum was progressing well. They would include rights of way and permissive paths. It was envisaged that one would be placed outside the playground near the commemoration seat for Cllr. Gordon Capstick with a second by the post box outside The Athenaeum. The possibility of a third in the Heversham Hotel car park was being explored
- ii) The continuation of the licence for the old railway line had not yet been resolved with Dallam School
- iii) Cllr. Rendell reported that the replacement stile on the Head was to be done at the weekend

Trees and Woods:

- i) The trees in Quarry Wood had been marked and work was to proceed shortly. The considerable amount of ash die back would increase costs but the SLDC locality grant of £1,000 had now been received
- ii) A request for possible locations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy tree initiative had been made at the Annual Parish Meeting without success. The Council considered that a location in the corner of Tristrams field should be discussed with Dallam School as a possible joint initiative

149/21 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) The grant application for £8,000 to the Walney Extension Community Fund towards the finance for the next phase of the improvements had been refused. Grants had therefore been requested from Leasgill Quarry Trust and the Rhoda Thompson Trust towards a combi-swing – after taking into account the £350 already received from SLDC as a locality grant – and the supply only purchase of a combi-swing was **agreed** with separate installation by a qualified contractor. It was also agreed to monitor the position regarding the necessity for grass mats
- iii) It was agreed that an enquiry should be made regarding the outcome of the proposal for the replacement of the playground wall

150/21 Leasgill Quarry Trust

The Leasgill Quarry Trust financial report for the year ended 31 August 2021 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 Christmas Committee	Festive banner & lights	£1000	£1000
St Peter's Church, Heversham	Church clock repairs	£933.75	£933.75
Heversham Bowling Club	Replacement of rotting timberwork	£915.65	£750
Heversham Parish Council	Additional dog poo bin	£108.33	£100
Heversham Parish Council	Blue Bell sign / old smithy plaque	£1250	£1250
Heversham Parish Council	Combi-swing for playground	£1000	£925
Plumtree Housing Association Ltd	Garden improvements	£500	£500
Milnthorpe Parish Council	Stone sign on entry to village	£2000	£2000
	Totals	£7707.73	£7458.75

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

The amount available was increased as the Trust committee recommended that payment of two grants to Milnthorpe Parish Council from last year were not made as the claims were submitted after the closing date of 31 August 2021. It was **resolved** to accept the committee's recommendations

151/21 Remembrance Day

It was agreed to purchase a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day and to make a payment (including a donation) of £60. Cllr Grindey was appointed to represent the Parish Council at the Parish Remembrance Service and it was agreed to place the silhouettes in suitable locations

152/21 Christmas 2021

Cllr. Bland offered to arrange the purchase of the Christmas tree for Leasgill Green and Cllr. Rendell stated that he would arrange for additional lights if possible

153/21 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 2 June 2022

It was agreed to register that the Council would be lighting a beacon and arranging a piper on 2 June 2022 and the Clerk reported that he had booked The Athenaeum from 10am to 11pm that day

154/21 Code of Conduct

It was **resolved** to adopt the revised Code of Conduct (emailed to Cllrs. 14/9/21)

155/21 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been the following receipt since the last meeting:
SLDC – Locality grant re Quarry Wood - £1,000.00
- b) The following payments were approved:
Npower – street lighting electricity September 2021 - £34.18 – cheque 599
Andrew Kitching – hedge cutting - £82.20 – cheque 600
Royal British Legion – poppy appeal - £60.00 – cheque 601
Adele Shepherd – parish meeting costs - £48.09 – cheque 602

Tom Grindey – parish meeting costs - £4.04 – cheque 603

- c) It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would carry out the Clerk's annual appraisal
- d) It was noted that the Clerk was still exploring options regarding changing bankers to the Council
- e) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 30 September 2021 was £17,177.59 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman

156/21 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 announcement of local government reorganisation decision
- c. Lancashire CC – Community energy new & next event on 7/10/21 (emailed to Cllrs.17/9/21)
- d. CALC – Cumbria transport infrastructure plan public consultation (emailed to Cllrs 17/9/21)
- e. Highways England – A590 road marking renewal work in October 2021 (emailed to Cllrs 17/9/21)
- f. SLDC – Clinical waste dumped in lay-by (emailed to Cllrs.21/9/21)
- g. South Cumbria Rivers Trust – Press release re water quality map (emailed to Cllrs.21/9/21)
- h. CALC – Have your say on HIAMS (emailed to Cllrs.23/9/21)
- i. CALC – Notice of CALC AGM on 16/10/21 (emailed to Cllrs.1/10/21)
- j. CALC – Vacancy for new chair of Cumbria Local Nature Partnership (emailed to Cllrs.1/10/21)
- k. Cumbria Police – September 2021 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.5/10/21)
- l. CALC- Agenda and annual report for AGM on 16/10/21 (emailed to Cllrs.6/10/21)
- m. Cllr. Kevin Holmes – A590 consultation document and link (emailed to Cllrs.8/10/21)
- n. CALC – Developing your skills programme October – December 2021 (emailed to Cllrs.8/10/21)
- o. NALC – Chief Executive's bulletin (emailed to Cllrs.8/10/21)
- p. CALC – Cumbria Highways update regarding the HIAMS project and Highways England change of name to National Highways (emailed to Cllrs.11/10/21)

157/21 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Leasgill Quarry Trust grants

158/21 Items for Information- *no decisions or action permitted*

None

159/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda

What's Back On in Heversham

160/21 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11 November 2021 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.10pm