

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 17 September 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, Tom Grindey and Adele Shepherd; County Cllr. Roger Bingham (until 8.15pm); District Cllr. Kevin Holmes (from 8.20pm); the Clerk and one member of the public

56/20 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Iain Richards (reasons noted)

57/20 Declarations of Interest

None

58/20 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2020 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman

59/20 Public Participation

The member of the public present had nothing to raise

60/20 Ongoing Items

- B4RN: Cllr. Richards had emailed his report. Fibre cable is being connected and some houses will follow soon. A road cut by Birdcage Cottage is due on 5 October but the cuts on the lanes from The Athenaeum may need a full road closure, which would cause a delay in that area. Cllr. Clarke reported that he understood that the route through the churchyard was being agreed with B4RN. Two wayleave agreements for the Old Quarry, School Lane and The Athenaeum were **approved**
- What's On in Heversham: Cllr. Clarke reported that contact had been made with each organisation and not enough was back on to produce "What's Back On in Heversham" at this time
- Promotion of Wild Flowers and Wildlife: It was agreed to defer this until a village meeting in the spring
- BT payphone removal / defibrillator use: The Clerk reported that the agreement for purchase had been sent to BT but they were not attending their office or collecting the mail. He had emailed a photocopy and that had been accepted by BT. They were to countersign the agreement once they returned to their office. Once the telephone equipment had been removed, they were to email a completion notice and we would then own the kiosk. After discussion it was agreed that the only signage would initially be on the kiosk and that road signs were not necessary. Cllr. Grindey was authorised to order the defibrillator and signage. The Clerk reported that the defibrillator at The Athenaeum had been used and the pads needed replacements. It was agreed to purchase two sets for that defibrillator costing approx £100 plus VAT
- Heversham Village Heritage Exhibition: Cllr. Clarke reported that the consultation re the design brief had been postponed until the spring due to the ongoing coronavirus restrictions
- Contact Line (coronavirus local community support network): Cllr. Clarke reported that it was the general feeling that the network should continue to tick over with the support of the existing volunteers

61/20 Reports

- a. District Cllr. K. Holmes reported in relation to the road works from Junction 36 of the M6 to the Brettargh Holt roundabout. The works are eight schemes rolled into one to reduce the road closure times. The section of road normally carries 30,000 trips per day. The work on the west bound carriageway is to remove 330m of road surface which involves 60,000 tonnes of product being removed and replaced. A temporary recycle unit has been set up which will allow 70% of the removed product to be recycled and re-used saving 49,000 HGV miles and reducing the carbon impact by 45%. Work will continue 24 hrs per day and that side should be completed by 13 October. The east bound carriageway replacement work will then be done with an expected completion date of 25 October. A tidy up and finish period of 3-4 weeks will follow which should have very little effect on traffic flow. The ensuing traffic problems on the A6 had been exacerbated by United Utilities placing traffic lights at Levens Bridge while drawing water. These lights have now been removed
- b. County Cllr. Bingham reported on the current Covid levels and that it was still disrupting council business with the majority of meetings still being virtual although services were gradually returning to normal. He also reported that a government grant had been received for sustaining health and social needs while most patients were not being cared for in hospital: that highways activities had increased and that he had asked for Moss Lane between the church corner and the A6 be repaired and resurfaced urgently; that he had complained about reportedly faulty work on the tidal sluice gates; that he had asked for a flood inspection for Prince' Way and Leasgill; on Dallam's satisfactory exam results and attendance rates when they returned last week ; and on the re-opening of Kendal library and swimming pool
- c. The Athenaeum: It was noted that the Annual General Meeting was to be held on Wednesday 23 September 2020

62/20 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as approved by SLDC since the last meeting:
SL/2020/0295 Curlew Cottage, Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe
Replacement shed

SL/2020/0328 High Meadows, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham

- Two storey rear extension and replacement attached two storey garage with ancillary accommodation above
- ii) It was noted that the following planning application had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:

TR/2020/0104 Beech Tree Barn, Heversham Gardens, Heversham

- Prune back beech and oak to give minimum 3 metre clearance
- iii) Cllr. Clarke informed the Council that he was to convene a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan committee to discuss the Plan's relationship to the South Lakeland Local Plan

63/20 Highways/Footpaths/Trees

Highways:

- a) The Clerk was asked to explore and clarify the legal position with regard to the placing of "20 is Plenty" signs on Woodhouse Lane
- b) It was agreed to ask Martin Tyson to fix a Woodhouse Lane sign
- c) It was noted that the hedge by the Dallam School boarding house had been cut – as had the village hedges. It was also noted that the beech hedge by the playground had not yet been cut

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) It was agreed to stabilise and refurbish the wall by the bench at G Handley's Copse and to obtain a quote for the work. It was thought that the cost would be approx. £500 and that a request be made to use a SLDC locality grant or to otherwise apply for a grant from Leasgill Quarry Trust
- ii) Cllr. Rendell had fixed the Heversham Head bench and Cllr. Richards was to attempt to clear the graffiti

Trees and Woods:

The email from a parishioner concerning the use of Mabbin Hall Wood was discussed and it was noted that the wood was not the property of the Parish Council and that it was therefore unable to take any action
Andy Hancock was still to be asked to check Quarry Wood

64/20 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) It was agreed to ask for opinions at the Annual Parish Meeting as to the next phase of the improvements and to place a notice at the playground asking for suggestions to be made to Cllr. Rendell

65/20 Leasgill Quarry Trust

The grant application agreed to be made at the July meeting for a handrail past the Cockpit was amended to a request for a grant for steps at the same site with an estimated cost of £1,000. In addition to the grant request in 63/20(i), grant requests were also to be made towards a Christmas Tree and Lights at Leasgill (estimated cost £600) and additional plants / flowers in the flowerbeds and the village (estimated cost £200)

66/20 Remembrance Day

It was agreed to purchase a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day and to increase the payment (including a donation) to £60. Cllr Grindey was appointed to represent the Parish Council at the Parish Remembrance Service, which Cllr. Clarke informed the meeting was to commence at 10.00 in St Peter's followed by an external service

67/20 Finance

- a) The following receipt was noted:
J Thacker & Sons Ltd – field of dreams rent - £380.00
- b) The following payment between meetings was approved:
BT Payphones – purchase of telephone kiosk - £1.00 – cheque 547
- c) The following payments were approved:
A2A Advertising Ltd – domain name registration - £30.00 cheque 548
Andrew Kitching – hedge cutting - £59.32 – cheque 549
- d) The national pay award 2020/21 (emailed to Cllrs.5/9/20) was noted and it was agreed to amend the Clerk's salary accordingly
- e) The annual payment of the Data Protection registration fee of £35 by direct debit was noted
- f) The budget comparison 2019/20 was received and noted
- g) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 31 August 2020 was £19,148 58 which had been reconciled with the bank account and that the bank statement be counter-signed by the Chairman

68/20 Correspondence

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

- a. Further items from SLDC, CALC and Cumbria Police – information re coronavirus (covid-19) matters
- b. SLDC – Council Tax hardship fund set up by Council for residents in need (emailed to Cllrs.17/7/20)
- c. SLDC – Support for green business start-up programme (emailed to Cllrs.17/7/20)
- d. CCC – Road closures updates – A6 Levens Hall & Park Road, Milnthorpe (emailed to Cllrs.24/7/20 to 7/8/20)
- e. CALC – NALC policy consultation re upcoming Devolution White Paper (emailed to Cllrs.24/7/20)
- f. CALC – Devolution White Paper – Lilian Burns report (emailed to Cllrs.24/7/20)
- g. SLDC – Morecambe Bay Council leaders ask for partnership to be considered in devolution talks (emailed to Cllrs.24/7/20)
- h. SLDC – Kendal Town Hall clock to be paused from 27 July (emailed to Cllrs.24/7/20)
- i. CALC – Cumbria Local Nature Partnership newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.27/7/20)
- j. SLDC – Annual canvass communications (emailed to Cllrs.27/7/20)
- k. CALC – Highways asset management strategy 2020-25 (emailed to Cllrs 27/7/20)
- l. SLDC – Partnership extended to support carbon neutrality aims (emailed to Cllrs.6/8/20)
- m. SLDC – Climate change community fund launched (emailed to Cllrs.6/8/20)

- n. Tim Farron – Support for the Local Electricity Bill’s re-introduction (emailed to Cllrs.18/8/20)
- o. CALC – Planning for the future consultation planned by NALC (emailed to Cllrs.18/8/20)
- p. CALC – Nominations to executive committee (emailed to Clls.18/8/20)
- q. CCC – Temporary road closure – C5073 (B4RN works) (emailed to Cllrs.18/8/20)
- r. CALC – Local government reorganisation in Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.18/8/20)
- s. Highways England – Maintenance work on A590 between M6 Jct36 & Brettargh Holt roundabout -Sept to Dec 2020 (emailed to Cllrs.19/8/20)
- t. Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner – Satisfaction survey (emailed to Cllrs.5/9/20)
- u. SLDC – South Lakeland Local Plan review (emailed to Cllrs.5/9/20)
- v. CALC – Developing your skills programme Sept to Dec 2020 (emailed to Cllrs.5/9/20)
- w. SLDC – Specialist to drive cultural investment (emailed to Cllrs.5/9/20)
- x. CALC – CCC approves proposal for Local Government reform (emailed to Cllrs.5/9/20)
- y. SLDC – One bin appeal on resumption of fortnightly green bin collections (emailed to Cllrs.5/9/20)
- z. CALC – Reminder of South Lakeland District Association meeting on 17/9/20 (emailed to Cllrs.7/9/20)
- aa. CALC – Planning White Paper summaries, links and responses (emailed to Cllrs.11/9/20)
- bb. CALC – AGM agenda for 26/9/20; 2019 minutes; and 2019/20 annual review (emailed to Cllrs.14/9/20)
- cc. CALC – Newsletter for September/October 2020 (emailed to Cllrs. 15/9/20)
- dd. SLDC – Latest guidance from NHS Test & Trace (emailed to Cllrs.15/9/20)
- ee. SLDC – 20mph speed limit plan for town centres (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/20)
- ff. CCC – Temporary road closure C5073 Deepthwaite (emailed to Cllrs.17/9/20)

69/20 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- B4RN – installation has commenced but it’s still possible to opt in
- Request for ideas/suggestions/help for the next phase of the playground – particularly from residents whose children/grandchildren use it

70/20 Items for Information- no decisions or action permitted

Cllr. Clarke had been notified that the Dallam School boarding house had 79 out of a possible 130 students. It was possible that groups of larger than 6 may be seen together in the village as they were treated as one household. No visitors or non-boarders were allowed in the boarding house. Nothing will happen with regard to the Leasgill Campus until after a new head is appointed

71/20 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

72/20 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 8 October 2020 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

