

## HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on **Thursday 9 June 2016** at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

**Present** - Chairman Adrian Bland, Peter Clarke, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards, Brian Rendall, Adele Shepherd; County Councillor Roger Bingham; City Councillor Annie Rawlinson; Mr William Bancroft, Headteacher of Dallam School; the Clerk and two members of the public.

**71/16 Apologies** for absence were received from PCSO 5251 Boak.

**72/16 Declarations of Interest** - None.

**73/16 Minutes** - the Council authorised the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2016 as a true record.

### **74/16 Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

- Greivegate Stone progress report. - Work should be completed soon.
- Parish Land registration - solicitor Sarah Clegg has sent the information off to Land Registry.
- Field of Dreams – Use of the field had been opened to offers and Tim Thacker was successful. Bruce Nelson is to repair the fence and water trough.
- Old railway line (Tristrams) - Dallam Estate has not responded yet. Cllr. Clarke will contact them again in 4 weeks.
- Garden volunteer - none found so a couple of gardeners will be approached to quote for an hour a month.
- Tree Management - Cllr. Clarke will circulate information when ready.

### **75/16 Public Participation**

- John Chew spoke about a plot of land off Dugg Hill that he bought in the 1970's and on which he now wishes to build a three bedroomed home for his own occupation. He said it would conform to traditional designs. **The Council noted his intentions and raised no concerns about the principle of development on that site.**
- A report from William Bancroft, Head of Dallam School.
  - 1) He confirmed that the Council's request to retain a permissive footpath through Wilson's Field and along the track of the old railway as far as the Woodhouse Lane bridge had been approved by the Dallam School Charitable Trust. There will be signage indicating that it is for residents of the parish and that dog fouling will not be acceptable. He reported that the school and trustees had concern about dog fouling on Tristram's field and were reviewing options, bearing in mind the dedicated rights of way that cross the field. He indicated that they were considering the request to reinstate the "kissing gate" by the main gate, which now has to be kept locked because of irresponsible driving within the car park.
  - 2) He explained that the boarding house, Whitbarrow Hall, was built five years ago to provide enough provision for boarders to ensure a viable sixth form. Since then, funding has been reduced to the extent that if some students leave before the term ends it creates financial difficulties. The school is therefore to apply for planning

permission to create twelve more student rooms on the end of the existing accommodation, which should actually improve the look of the building and incorporate two existing student rooms to create new staff accommodation. 3) He indicated that to fund the expansion of Whitbarrow Hall; the school is proposing that half the car park opposite the school, at the northern end, adjoining the existing properties, will be sold with outline permission for two detached houses and the remaining car park will be extended towards the south, with no loss of spaces. He expected that the works should be completed by September 2018.

**The Council noted the school's plans and raised no concern about the principle of development on the site as long as there was no loss of car park spaces.**

It was noted that the hedge on the village road adjacent to the entry to Heversham Gardens required cutting back and Mr Bancroft agreed to look into this. He confirmed that the school no longer had any plans to consider building on the playground or its adjacent land.

Mr Bancroft was thanked for attending and for the positive response on the issue of the footpath.

- A report on behalf of Kendal Neighbourhood Policing Team was received which showed little of relevance to the parish other than speeding traffic through Leasgill which will be addressed.
- Relevant matters from District Councillor A Rawlinson
  1. Rubbish/recycling issues have almost ceased now.
  2. The submitted Neighbourhood Plan fits in with the Council plan and if adopted it will be the first outside the National Park. It's on target for affordable homes and new jobs and credit should be given to the Parish.
- Relevant matters from County Councillor R Bingham.

Cllr. Bingham and Peter Hoskins from Highways have made a thorough investigation of the road works required in the Parish. Cllr. Bingham will supply the Council with a list of the works to be undertaken - a lot of which will be done this year. **RESOLVED: to keep each other informed and put on the Agenda for February 2017 to review progress.**

## **76/16 Planning**

To note any planning applications which have been received, or granted, by SLDC since the last meeting:

- SL/2016/0285 Bank House, Leasgill. Single dwelling. - **Comments: no objections providing the roof height is similar to surrounding properties.**
- SL/2016/0507 Dallam Boarding House, Heversham. Two storey extension to the existing boarding house. - **Comments: Happy to support the application.**

## **77/16 Finance**

a) The following payments were approved:

- L D Challenor, salary and expenses, £659.73, cheque 100257.
- HMRC (paye for LDC) £140.79 cheque 100258.
- Martin Tyson Ltd, (work on new garden/sldc grant), £65, cheque 100259.
- Whicksteed Playgrounds, Whirlybird seat, £59.40, cheque 100260.

b) The Accounts 2015-16; received back from the Internal auditor were approved  
Section 1 - The Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return ending 31/3/16 was completed and signed

Section 2 - The Accounting Statement 2015-16.

Section 3 - Annual Internal audit report 2015/16 - Been completed by the Internal Auditor, Mr Alan Hartley.

Cllr.s noted that these forms are required to be posted on the Parish Council's website prior to the inspection period which commences on 27/6/16.

The Council considered the response from the Athenaeum committee regarding the installation of a broadband connection in the Athenaeum, which states that unless the Parish Council are willing to fund it, they do not intend to make the installation. **RESOLVED: Cllr. Richards will look into the costs with a view to the Council funding it.**

### **78/16 Administration**

To consider arrangements for the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk.

The final date for applications is to be 30th June and the proposed interview date is 4th July.

The clerk will supply a summary of the Clerk's job specification to candidates and arrange the interviews as instructed.

### **79/16 Boundary Commission**

The Electoral Review of SLDC draft recommendations is online. View:-

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/north-west/cumbria/south-lakeland>. Cllrs noted that under the proposals Heversham and Hincaster would be in different wards, which seemed a missed opportunity in the light of the neighbourhood plan, and that Heversham would be part of a ward with which it shared no significant community identity and across which there would be little in common

**RESOLVED: Cllr Clarke to approach the chair of Hincaster Parish Meeting to ascertain whether there was a shared view about the two parishes being best served by being part of the same ward and to prepare a draft response.**

### **80/16 Playground**

The purchase of a new seat for the roundabout was authorised at a cost of £59.40.

Further repairs are underway including a new bearing; clamp on spire; replacement timber; all will be paid for out of the £1000 raised previously.

### **81/16 Highways/Footpaths**

Cllr. Bland drew attention to a useful leaflet supplied in an email from LAP meeting notes regarding who's responsible for different repairs/maintenance. Cllr Clarke agreed to apply the accountabilities to the issues identified in the Footpath Report received recently from John Bergus and to circulate this.

It was noted that the hedge outside Plum Tree and its immediate neighbour was seriously intruding onto the road. Cllr Shepherd agreed to contact the proprietors with a request that it be cut.

**82/16 Westmorland Gazette** - relevant matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette.

- The playground is undergoing repairs.
- Thanks to Mr William Bancroft, Headteacher of Dallam school who attended the recent Council meeting to discuss plans to extend Whitbarrow Hall (for boarders) and to confirm that a designated footpath will be allowed across school land for residents of the parish.
- Hedges in various parts of the village will soon need to be trimmed to avoid pushing traffic and pedestrians out into the road. This is often a matter for home owners to address.

#### **83/16 Correspondence**

Other correspondence received and not included as an item on this agenda:  
CCC inform of their publication on "Minerals and Waste" and invite comments by 4/7/16 (Emailed to Cllrs. 23/6/16)

#### **84/16 Items for Information** - no decisions or action permitted

- Martin Tyson is planning to repair the Dugg Hill sign.

#### **85/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

Boundary Commission formal response.  
Road Works progress against survey. (Feb 2017)

**86/16 Date of next meeting** - the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 14 July 2016 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

Denise Challenor  
**Clerk to the Council**