

## HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council,  
held on Thursday 14 April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

**Present** - Chairman A Bland, Councillors Peter Clarke, T Grindey, G Capstick, David Cordwell, J Anderton, Adele Shepherd; County Councillor R Bingham; City Councillor A Rawlinson; PCSO 5251 Boak, the Clerk and three members of the public.

**28/16 Apologies** - None.

**29/16 Declaration of Interests** - there were no declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda.

**30/16 Minutes** - to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11 February 2016 and 10th March 2016. The Clerk highlighted two amendments:

5/16 iii) which should read "The requested grant of £305 has been awarded to Heversham Parish Council" and

16/16 which should end "refreshments to be covered by S137".

The Minutes were then signed and amendments initialled by the Chairman.

### **31/16 Matters Arising**

- Greivegate Stone. The offending shrubbery has been cut down and the project is proceeding.
- A6 speed survey request - currently there is no funding available but it will be listed as requested for future consideration. Cllr. Bingham will support it.
- Repairs to the footpath beside the A6 - Tim Farron MP has requested that the pot-holes be filled in until further action is possible. There has been work done to the drains to prevent road flooding but not in the most needy places.
- Parish Land - further information regarding the precise locations, is needed to enable registration to proceed. Cllr. Bingham is willing to compose a letter giving evidence of how long the land has been with Heversham, once he has received an email providing the ordinance survey numbers of the locations. Cllr Bland will obtain the relevant numbers.

**32/16 LAP Meeting** - CCC are undertaking a complete survey of the highway network since the floods. The work is being done by a company called Gaist. They are driving the whole network in Cumbria in a Google type vehicle. This will give images of the network, inventory information regarding the assets on the network and condition data for the network.

Drainage assets will be collected as part of this asset survey, which is due to be completed by the end of May. Once we have the asset information on plans we are considering asking the Parishes if they are aware of any more drainage assets in their area – such as gullies missed off the survey, soak ways and the like. The Council needs to decide how to gather this information and focus mainly on A and B roads and will consider this at its next meeting

Cllr Clarke reported that LAP members continue to be concerned about communication with Highways. It was agreed that the situation would be improved with more communication back to the council when it raises matters or when highways are undertaking work in the Parish. Cllr Clarke undertook to feed this back to the LAP.

### **33/16 Public Participation**

i) Members of the public raised the following:

- A planning application should soon be with the Council regarding Bank House. The current resident finds the size of his home inadequate and cannot extend, so he asks the support of the Council to replace it with a new eco-friendly house.
- A resident urges the Council to press for the speed survey on Princes Way as he particularly fears for the children who need to cross it. Cllr. Grindey said they are soon to get use of the SPID device again and he intends to locate it on the A6 and to record the speed data which should help with their request.

ii) Report on behalf of Kendal Rural Policing Team - given by PCSO Boak

There were 94 reported incidents in the area, over the past two months, resulting in 22 crimes being recorded; none in Heversham/Leasgill. Rural areas particularly suffer from theft from outbuildings. The police are asking for volunteers to help with surveillance for the evenings (static observations - no confrontational situations.) Please contact PCSO Boak for further information on this. Always dial 101 when suspicious of crime with car registrations if possible.

iii) Relevant matters from District Councillor A Rawlinson;

The report following the Drainage Board consultation is currently being compiled. Cllr. Rawlinson is joining the refuse collectors on 18th to highlight any remaining issues needing attention. Complaints do seem to be reducing.

iv) Relevant matters from County Councillor R Bingham.

Cllr. Bingham has also had complaints about refuse collection and the condition of the roads. Work on the signposts has been delayed. He is concerned that the potential extension of the area used for nuclear waste in West Cumbria means more use of the M6 and local railways. Stagecoach timetables have not yet been changed at bus stops. Children's services - there are still problems.

### **34/16 Planning**

a) To note any planning applications which have been received by SLDC since the last meeting. -

- SL 2016/0139 Croft Field, Leasgill. Erection of two dwellings. RESERVED MATTERS. - Cllr. Rawlinson will ask for it to go to Committee. The Parish Council asked for comparison with the original plan. Response to the Council as follows: *The Council is aware that a number of reasons were stated when the previous planning application was refused. It does not appear that these have all been addressed in the minor modifications incorporated in the revised application. Councillors specifically requested confirmation that the prior to any approval being given, it would be necessary for the applicant satisfactorily to address each of the items.*
- b) Correspondence emailed to Cllrs. 6/4/16 from NALC regarding appealing for a change in planning regulations. - The Councillors were urged to add their names to the petition.

### **35/16 Woodland Management**

Cllr. Clarke will ask Marcus Knipe (who is appropriately qualified) for further details about the scope, scale and cost of a woodland management plan

### **36/16 Highways/Footpaths**

a) Cllr. Clarke reported that a formal response from the School Trustees was still awaited and he was to meet the Head shortly. He is also still awaiting a response to his letter to the manager of the Dallam Estate.

b) The report from John Burgess regarding the footpaths was not yet available. (Next agenda)

c) Other Highways/Footpaths matters.- Cllr. Clarke will take a photograph of the pothole at the south entrance to the village which the clerk will forward to Highways.

### **37/16 Finance**

a) Zurich Insurance cover for the Queens 90th Birthday Celebration is being arranged by Mr Richards and the Council authorised the additional insurance premium expected to be circa £170.

b) The following payments were approved :

Dallam School – Playground Rent	£ 1.00
L D Challenor - salary & expenses 3 months	£919.51
HMRC paye for clerk	£140.79
The Athenaeum - room hire	£77.50
Adele Shepherd - refreshments for Annual Assembly S137	£40.92

c) The clerk informed the Council that the Athenaeum vat request has been received from Mr Smith and it and the Parish Council vat request have been sent to HMRC.

**38/16 Wifi for the Athenaeum** – Cllr. Cordwell has submitted a response to the Athenaeum Committee regarding the need for such a wifi connection in the Athenaeum. The copy emailed to Cllrs 14/2/16 was approved by the Council. RESOLVED that the clerk should request that the matter be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.

**39/16 Parish Meeting** – held on 10 March 2016, was very well attended with 79 members of the public. It was disappointing however, not to have more information about the progress of the Blue Bell.

**40/16 Grant** -The grant from Cllr.Rawlinson for the new flower bed was awarded and had to be claimed (backed up by receipts) by 28th March 2016. Due to the lack of time the Clerk purchased the plants after emailing the Council for permission to go ahead. It is hoped that Dallam School will be willing to allow the flower bed to be placed on the grass at the south of the village on the condition that it is cared for by the Council.

**41/16 Westmorland Gazette** - Relevant matters from this meeting to be reported for placing in the Westmorland Gazette.

The Annual Parish Meeting was well attended with 79 parishioners.

Queen's Celebrations. Pudding Party/ Athenaeum 5.30, Bonfire now 8.30 both on 21st April 2016.

**42/16 Field of Dreams** The current tenant no longer requires use of the field. A working group comprising of Peter Clarke, Gordon Capstick and Adrian Bland; will formulate a tender document and circulate it.

### **43/16 Correspondence**

Correspondence received and not included as an item on this agenda.

- CALC circular (emailed to Cllrs. 8/4/16)
- Information regarding Armed Forces Day on 25/6/16. (Emailed to Cllr.s 11/2/16)
- Notice of public meetings to discuss the future of healthcare in Cumbria (none local). (Details emailed to Cllr.s 8/4/16)

**44/16 Items for Information** - *no decisions or action permitted.*

- Cllr. John Anderton announced he is not standing for Council in the elections but said he had benefited from his time as Parish Councillor and thanked everyone

for the experience; particularly Cllr. Tom Grindey. - The Council thanked Cllr. Anderton for his valuable contribution to the village.

- Cllr. Shepherd confirmed that she has the Playground Inspection book and is continuing with regular inspections.

**45/16 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

Parish Land; LAP response regarding gullies; John Burgess's footpath report; Neighbourhood Plan.

**46/16 Date of next meeting** - the next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on 12 May 2016 and will commence at 7.30pm in the Athenaeum, Leasgill.

L Denise Challenor

**Clerk to the Council**