

## HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 October 2011 in the Athenaeum, Leasgill at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Peter Shaw (Chairman), Adrian Bland, David Cordwell, Tom Grindey, District Councillor Mary Orr, the Clerk and no members of the public.

#### **105/11 Apologies**

Apologies with reasons given were noted from Cllr Capstick, Cllr Lucas and County Cllr Bingham.

#### **106/11 Interests**

None.

#### **107/11 Minutes**

It was resolved for the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 22 August 2011 as a true record.

#### **108/11 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **109/11 Planning**

It was noted the following planning application has now been withdrawn :  
**SL/2011/0308 The Barn, Heversham Gardens, Heversham, Milnthorpe**  
Three storey extension

#### **110/11 Heversham Neighbourhood Plan**

The need for a Neighbourhood Plan was considered and it was agreed that not only would a Neighbourhood Plan provide a framework within which future housing and development needs could be identified but it would also be of value to be able to identify the key issues which are considered to be of importance to both individual members of the Parish and Community Groups. It was therefore decided to : (i) explore as to whether Hincaster would be interested in working in partnership with Heversham in order to produce a joint Neighbourhood Plan; (ii) submit an application to SLDC to express an interest in the proposed Pilot Neighbourhood Plan Scheme; (iii) conduct a feasibility study; and (iv) if it was decided to proceed then to recruit volunteers and to set up a Working Group with a view to presenting the project at the Heversham Parish Meeting in March 2012.

#### **111/11 Footpaths**

- a) It was reported fencing has been erected at the Cockpit which it was felt has impacted on the amenity of the new seat which had been provided by the Parish Council last year. There was a discussion as to whether consideration should be given for either a pathway to be marked up to the seat or for the location to be moved. It was agreed that in the first instance Cllr Bland should discuss the matter with the land owner.
- b) There was a discussion regarding the request made last year by the Parish Council to Cumbria County Council as to the possibility of providing a handrail on the steps along the footpath which joins Mabbins Hall Lane with the main village street. To date no further action has been taken and it was agreed for the Clerk to approach Cumbria County Council again and to also bring the matter to the attention of County Cllr Bingham.

#### **112/11 Autumn Village Clean**

The last village cleaning event had been held on 20 March 2010 but it had not been possible to hold a similar event during the Spring of this year due to the SLDC litter collection equipment being unavailable for the dates which had been requested. It was decided that Autumn was not the most preferred time of the year during which to hold a cleaning event and therefore it was agreed to commence planning for one to be held during either the first or second weekend of March 2012. The Clerk was asked to contact SLDC to explore whether the equipment would be available during either of these weekends.

### 113/11 Notice Board

There was a discussion regarding the request which had been made to the Parish Council last year as to the possibility of whether a notice board could be provided on the land adjacent to the Dallam School Car Park. At the time reservations had been expressed regarding the possibility of disturbing underground cables whilst the work was being carried out and this was still considered to be of some concern. The Clerk was asked to contact Cumbria County Council to obtain a copy of the underground wiring plans.

### 114/11 Diamond Jubilee

The suggestions of ways in which the Queen's Diamond Jubilee could be celebrated during the weekend of 2-5 June 2012 were reviewed. It was reported Cllr and Mrs Capstick had granted permission for their 15<sup>th</sup> Century Barn to be used as a venue for the proposed Barn Dance to be held on the Saturday evening and also the Garsdale Street Band had confirmed they were available to play on the night. It was also reported the proposal to hold a beacon bonfire and firework celebration on the Monday night on Heversham Head had received no objections from either the land owner or tenant. It was noted the Leasgill Quarry Committee had awarded a sum of £900 for funding towards these celebrations which it was agreed should be divided between the two events. It was agreed to commence with the publicising of these events in the Westmorland Gazette and the Parish News magazine and to include a request for volunteers to come forward to help with the arrangements.

### 115/11 Poppy Wreath

The Clerk was authorised to order a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day for a donation of £40.

### 116/11 Reports

#### a) The Athenaeum

The amendment to the Athenaeum financial report presented at the meeting of the Parish Council held on 22 August 2011 was noted. The letter of acknowledgement and appreciation received from the Athenaeum Treasurer – Mr John Smith - regarding the transfer of the contingency fund of £7,350 was noted and it was resolved as requested by the Athenaeum Treasurer that the Parish Council signatories for the new account to be established under the terms and conditions for the transfer of the funds should be Cllr Grindey and Cllr Lucas.

#### b) Any relevant matters from District Councillor Mary Orr

District Cllr Orr reported SLDC were still currently engaged with the responses made to the recent land allocations consultation.

#### c) Any relevant matters from County Councillor Roger Bingham

County Cllr Bingham was not present at the meeting.

### 117/11 Financial Report

It was authorised for the following payment to be approved :

Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath

£ 40.00

### 118/11 Correspondence

The Reverend S. E. Wilson – Local Development in Heversham and Leasgill

CALC – Circular September 2011

CALC – Village SOS Competition

CALC – Parliamentary Constituencies

CALC – Broadband Update

CALC – Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service

CALC – ACT Gazette Newsletter Autumn 2011

CALC – Implications of the Bribery Act 2010 for Local Councils

CALC – Annual General Meeting Saturday 12 November 2011, Castle Green Hotel, Kendal

South Lakeland District Association - Election of District Association Representative to serve on Cumbria County Council South Lakeland Local Committee

NALC – How to respond to planning applications : an 8-step guide

SLDC – Neighbourhood Planning Pilot

SLDC – Change in Service Delivery to the Bulky Household Waste Collection Service

Cumbria Police Authority – Independent Custody Visiting Scheme

Fire Control – Proposed North West Fire Control Room

**119/11 Items for Information**

- It was reported the 30 mile per hour sign on Marsh Lane is damaged and the Clerk was asked to report this matter to Cumbria County Council (Ref : 529463).
- The Clerk was asked to make a request to Cumbria County Council for the roads to be swept in the area.
- It was reported a request had been made for the Better Highways Team to repair the footpath by the bus stop adjacent to the A6 during their visit to the Parish week commencing 26 September but the work has not been done.
- Cllr Shaw advised a request has been made by the South Westmorland Local Area Partnership for suggestions of sites where temporary speed indicator devices could be located and it was agreed it should be requested for the devices to be located along the main village street in Heversham.
- Cllr Grindey reported the Athenaeum Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on 24 October.

**120/11 Items for consideration for a future agenda**

- To consider the budget and set the precept for 2012/13
- To review options for the location of the seat near the Cockpit.
- To review the arrangements for holding a village clean in March 2012.
- Registration of Parish Land.
- To review the proposals for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

**121/11 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted the date of the next meeting is to be held on Monday 31 October 2011.

*The meeting closed at 09 : 40pm.*

Signed : ..... (Chairman)  
Date : 31 October 2011