

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Low Heskett Village Hall on Tuesday 9th November 2010

Prior to the meeting commencing Mrs Jayne Potts, Housing Needs Officer gave a brief talk about conducting a housing needs survey with in Heskett Parish. Housing Needs Survey Officers have been commissioned by Eden District Council to conduct surveys to assess the need for affordable housing in the area. Surveys consist of two parts, part 1 parish information and part 2 more details e.g. young people needing to get on the housing market, surveys can be delivered by post or hand delivered. The information gathered will provide a picture of what happens within the parish etc. Mrs Potts explained to councillors that Eden District Council is considered a vanguard community for potential making changes to planning decisions. Councillors unanimously agreed that the survey should go ahead. A brief article would be put in the Parish News prior to the survey being distributed. It was agreed that Mrs Jones and Mr Porter select the type of covering letter that would be sent with the survey.

1. Present

Mr D Porter, Mr T Armstrong, Mrs E Martin, Mr P Pickles, Mrs O Bell, Mr D Bell, Mr J Graves, Ms J Brooks, Mrs M Simpson, Mrs C Steel, Mr A Dayson, Miss N Armstrong, Mrs L Grisedale, Mr R Fisher

1.a. Apologies

Mr A Barbour

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting Tuesday 14th September were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising From the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes

4. Chairman's announcements

The chairman had no announcements to make.

5. Declaration of Interest.

There were not declarations of interest regarding the items on the agenda.

6. Public Participation

No member of the public attended the meeting.

7. Planning Applications

Applications (7)

10/0788 H & E Trotter Waste Services, Thackwood Farm, Monkcastle – Proposed wind turbine – N/O

10/0782 Mrs M Robley, Part Field No 1865 Land adj to Middle Farm, retrospective applic. agric building – N/O

10/0843 E Graham & Sons Ltd, Housing Development Site, Bewaldeth, Plumpton – N/O

10/0804 Eden District Council, Armathwaite Recycling Centre, Armathwaite – New Access – Letter

10/0887 Mr & Mrs Whitfield, Rose Dale, Aiketgate, Carlisle – Alterations and extensions – N/O

10/0628 Mr R McManus, Plots 18 to 25 Land at Elm Close, – Res Matters application for 8 dwellings - N/O

10/0935 Mr A Timperon, Barrockside Farm, Carleton – Installation of a 11 kw Gaia Turbine – N/O

Decisions (3)

10/0546 Mr A Graves Heskett House, High Heskett – Alteration of building to remove first floor - **Granted**

09/0279 Mr R McManus, Land at Elm Close – Residential Development (Outline Applic) – **Granted**

10/0782 Mrs M Robley, Part Field No 1865, Aiketgate – Retrospective applic for agricultural building - **Granted**

9. Update Pedestrian Refuge - Low Heskett

A group of councillors met Mr Rob Lawley, Area Engineer for Eden to discuss the location of the Pedestrian Refuge at Low Heskett. The location was unanimously agreed on the north side of the entrance to High Bell Garth. Funding for this project is coming from the Community Travel Plan. This project will probably take place in the early part of 2011.

10. Restoration of Milestone – Update

The Milestone has been reinstated at the correct location in High Heskett. Mr Graves from Old Town Farm brought the milestone and a team from highways prepared the site. The Cast iron plates will be painted and put on the milestone in the near future. When the plates are installed the clerk will send a photograph to the Milestone Society to request the funding of £100.00 which was pledged for this project.

11. Review of The Donations To The PCC's – Graveyard Maintenance

Discussion took place about the donations made to the parochial church councils for the maintenance of the graveyards. It was unanimously agreed that the donations should be increased to Armthwaite £250.00, High Heskett £250.00, Plumpton £250 and Ivegill £125.00.

12. Payment of Accounts

To authorise payment of the following accounts

a)	Lesley Jones – Salary/sundries	£466.51
b)	Low Heskett Village Hall	£ 15.00
c)	Playsafety Ltd	£ 77.56
c)	Viking Direct – Stationery	£162.17
d)	Ballantine Boness Iron Co Ltd.	£240.88
e)	A Cannon – Grass Cutting	£ 26.53
f)	Nick Holden – Grass Cutting	£550.00

13. Suggested Precept 2011/2012

The clerk circulated income and expenditure of 2010/2011, councillors studied the figure and it was proposed by Miss Armstrong and seconded by Mr D Bell that a precept of £10,000 was requested from EDC. Councillors unanimously agreed on the figure of £10,000.

14. Correspondence

1. Calc Circular – circulated to councillors.
2. Letter of thanks from Plumpton PCC for the donation towards the maintenance of the churchyard.
3. Letter of thanks from High Heskett PCC for the donation towards the maintenance of the churchyard.
4. Letter of thanks from Ivegill PCC for the donation towards the maintenance of the churchyard.
5. Letter of thanks from The Inglewood Group of Churches for the donations towards the Parish Magazine.
6. Letter of thanks from Armthwaite PCC for the donation toward the maintenance of the churchyard.
7. Letter from Eden District Council inviting Mr Porter to the Chairman's Carol Service
8. Letter from CCC, Environment – Footpath High Heskett Churchyard - Miss Armstrong informed the council that the church are handing this problem.
9. Email from CALC – Re Parish Precept Deadlines
10. CALC – Notice of Annual General Meeting – Agenda/Report Saturday 6th November 2010
11. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of Cumbria

12. Rospa – Play Area Safety Inspection Report – Armathwaite Playarea
13. CCC – Cumbria Highways – Better Highways - Eden
14. Email Rory Stewart – Better Broadband Provision in Cumbria
15. A letter was received from Calthwaite Football Club requesting that the Recreation Field could be used for parking on the Gala Day in July 2011 – Discussion took place and Councillors asked the clerk to write to Mr Harris at Brackenbrough for his approval on this matter. Councillors also stated that parking would be at owners risk and that they would not be covering the field with insurance for this event.
Number booklets and leaflets were available for Parish Councillors to read

15. Parish Maintenance

The following highway issues were reported to the group, water standing in Calthwaite, gullies near Tally Ho corners were in need of cleaning, constant water was running at Top Farm at the north end of Low Hesket. The clerk was asked to report these problems to the Highways Hotline (**reported Job Ref 474474**). It was also reported that the stream at Plumpton needed to be cleaned out, this would be reported to Environment Agency.

16. Matters For Information

A grant from CCC Members Divisional Capital Grant had been approved for the restoration of signposts. Quotes had been received from Mr Terry Moore £1310.00 and the Signpost Restoration Limited £ 1380.28 plus VAT, discussion took place regarding the quotes and councillors unanimously agreed that Mr Terry Moore should be given the opportunity to undertake this restoration work. The clerk said that she would write to Mr Moore confirming that his quotes had been authorised by the council and send copies of the quotes to CCC for payment of the grant.

17. Date of next meeting Tuesday 12th January 2011