

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in Low Hesket Village Hall on Tuesday 8th January 2013

08/01/01 Apologies:- Mrs Lesley Grisedale, Mrs Olive Bell

08/01/01a Present:- Mr D Porter, Mrs E Martin, Mr J Graves, Mr T Armstrong, Miss N Armstrong, Mr P Pickles, Mrs S Bell, Mr A Dayson, Ms J Brooks, Mrs C Steel, Mr J Dowes, Mr R Fisher, Mrs D Wickes, Mr B Richardson

08/01/02 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th November 2012 were approved and signed as a true record.

08/01/03 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

08/01/04 Chairman's Announcements

Mr Porter announced that the Hesket Park planning application had been refused by Eden District Council. The applicant had been very disappointed in the outcome to this planning application. It was agreed that in principal if the client appealed Hesket Parish Council would support the application.

08/01/05 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received by Hesket Parish Councillors, except Mrs Debbie Wickes expressed an interest in agenda item number 8 Calthwaite Development, because she is a member on the Planning Committee.

08/01/06 Public Participation

One member of the public attended the meeting.

08/01/07 Planning applications and decisions

Applications (5)

12/0904 Mr & Mrs Soper, Millhouse Hill Southwaite, Carlisle – Listed building consent – Erec. of Conservatory **N/O**

12/1004 Mr I Turnbull, Monks House, Plumpton – Erection of silage building **N/O**

12/0979 Mr J Harris, Former Mill Site and Land to north of Burthwaite road (outline application)

12/1000 Mr R Armstrong, Barn to rear of Close House, Low Hesket – Change of use of barn to office accommodation – **N/O**

12/1035 Mr R Field, Hay Close Farm, Calthwaite – Erection of building to house Biomass Boiler – **N/O**

Decisions (5)

12/0801 Mr & Mrs Eastham, Peartree Farm, Mellguards, – Proposed conversion of barn to provide add. living accommo - **Granted**

12/0776 Mr & Mrs M Sheed, Allendale House, Armathwaite – Erec. of single storey ext - new entrance/extended kitchen - **Granted**

12/0879 Claremont Properties Ltd, Hay Close, Calthwaite – Change of use -Tearoom (Class A3) to holiday let (Class C3) - **Granted**

12/0048 Mr C Davidson , Land adj to Tally-Ho Wood, Southwaite – Erec. of single dwelling house/ adjoining business - **Granted**

12/0904 Mr J Soper, Moorhouse Hill, Southwaite - Listed building consent – erec. of conservatory/removal of stud wall - **Granted**

08/01/08 Calthwaite Development

Mr David Lumsden (resident from Calthwaite) attended the meeting and expressed his concerns regarding the proposed development at Calthwaite. The proposed development will include an estimated 15 houses and 1 barn conversion over two sites. The larger site is surrounded by existing properties, (many of which are rented from Brackenburgh Estate). His concerns are:-

1. Not enough parking bays - (even some of the pubs parking bays have been taken).
2. Road safety problems around properties 4 – 9 two way traffic on a narrow road, could cause problems for residents and vehicle users.
3. He felt that a few one storey buildings would be advantageous to encourage older applicants to stay in the village.

4. It was felt that the properties were out of character with the rest of the village.
5. Trees would have to be felled to provide building sites.
6. The recycling centre that services Calthwaite Village will be getting built on with no provision for an alternative site.
7. Residents find it difficult to comment, when the exact number of properties is still to be confirmed, in later planning.
8. Mr Lumsden felt that lower level houses should be sited nearer the pub, with double storey properties further away to reduce the visual impact for residents.
9. On (Site 1) east of the village the proposed plans include 3 pairs of affordable houses, the plans state that no windows from existing properties (Dixon Court) would overlook the new development. This is not the case.
10. There is a footpath near the proposed development – would this be affected.

Councillors unanimously agreed that the proposed development would enhance the village rather than the present disused sawmill site. In principle they are in favour of the development but the following concerns were expressed:-

1. Narrow road expected to cope with two way traffic.
2. Perhaps the layout should be changed and possibly the style of properties to be more in keeping with Calthwaite village.
3. The development should not become over packed.
4. There should be ample parking for two cars at all the properties - not relying on the pub parking area.
5. What will happen to the well supported recycling area.
6. Should outline planning be consented then a period of consultation should be allowed so that councillors and residents can study more in depth plans.
7. Is the public footpath affected?

08/01/09 Heskett Parish – Street Lighting

Brief discussion took place regarding the removal of street lights within the parish. It is proposed that a meeting to discuss which lights might be affected will be held on Monday 28th January. At the moment there are approximately 70 street lights within Heskett Parish some of which might be effected. The meeting will be held to identify which lights are the most essential to be kept eg. Light which light up footways, or to and from amenities? The clerk was asked to book the village hall and send relevant information to councillors.

08/01/10 Precept 2013 -2014

The clerk briefly explained the government’s new Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme which will replace the Council Tax Benefit Scheme. It was explained that the precept will be paid in one figure but show two amounts (e.g. precept and council tax reduction scheme). Heskett is a large parish with relatively few people receiving Council Tax Benefit. This means the impact of CTRS is not as great as for some other parishes where the number of people receiving Council Tax Benefit is higher. Councillors unanimously agreed that the agreed figure of £10’500.00 should be applied from Eden.

08/01/11 Payment of Accounts

Capital Reserve £5243.89

Current Account £1303.21

a)	Nick Holden – Grass Cutting	£510.00 - paid
b)	Low Heskett Village Hall – Hall Hire	£ 30.00 - paid
c)	HMRC -	£ 85.60
d)	Lesley Jones – Expenses	£ 36.24
e)	D & M Porter – Signpost Maintenance	£300.00 - paid
f)	D & J Wharton - Maintenance	£240.00 - paid
g)	AON UK Ltd. – Insurance	£738.24
h)	Lesley Jones - Salary	£342.40

08/01/12 Correspondence

1. Email from Debra Wickes – Footway Lighting with Eden District Council - **Information/Action**
2. CCC Applic. for temp. road closure – 30/08/2013 for two weeks-B6413(Plumpton) - **Information only**
3. EDC letter – Material Consideration in Determination of Planning Application–**Copied for Councillors**
4. Email from CALC – Requesting that Parish Councils look into the levels of grit in Grit Bins – **Done**
5. Email from CALC – Stating that Cumbria in Bloom would like to talk to Parish Councils about the benefits of the organisation’s work across Cumbria - **Action**
6. CCC letter – Public Consultation on draft budget proposals for 2013 – 2014 – **Information only**
7. Eden Neighbourhood Policing Team – Newsletter – **Copied for Councillors**
8. CALC Circular – December/January – **Copies for Councillors**
9. Letter of thank from the Great North Air Ambulance – **Info**
10. Business 24 Newsletter – **Info**
11. Connecting Cumbria – **Info**
12. Better Highways Timetable – **Copied for councillors**
13. Email from Rory Stewart – New initiative on community built affordable housing – **Information/Action** – Councillors requested that the clerk should email Rory Stewart and request he attends a Hesket Parish Council Meeting to meet the councillors and inform them about the Community Built Affordable Housing.

Numerous leaflets for information

08/01/13 Parish Maintenance

The following highway problems were identified to be reported:-

1. Pavement in Plumpton Village heading toward the bridge is very un-even.
2. Pavement on the A6 just past the last house on the north end of Low Hesket is very uneven.
3. The Intack to Southwaite road has some large potholes.
4. The road near Howfield has some large potholes.
5. Large potholes on Station Hill road, Armathwaite.
6. Blocked drain on the Calthwaite – Hutton End road near the Grassnop road end.
7. Blocked drain near (Coombe End) on the A6 –to Nord Vue/Armathwaite road.

Miss Armstrong asked if the clerk could find out the outcome of the monitoring of the traffic speed at Aiketgate and what action was being taken.

Discussion took place about residents using grit which is supplied by Highways. The clerk agreed to put something in the Parish News stating the grit was not for domestic use.

08/01/14 Matters For Information

A Calthwaite First Responders Newsletter was copied for councillors, this identified which team members had been trained, what equipment had been purchased, also all the fund raising events had taken place and how much money they had raised. Councillors were impressed with the First Responders Team efforts. Mr B Richardson announced that The Vale of Eden Forum had recently donated £1000.00 to this group.

It was reported that it is proposed to extent the 30 mph speed limit in Armathwaite up past the Fox and Pheasant for approximately 135 metres.

08/01/15 Date of next meeting Tuesday 12th March 2013