

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Hesket Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2013 at 7.30 pm in Low Hesket Village Hall

12/11/01 Present: Mr D Porter, Mrs S Bell, Mrs E Martin, Mr T Armstrong, Mr D Bell, Mr P Pickles, Mr J Graves, Mr J Dowes, Miss N Armstrong, Mrs O Bell, Mrs C Steel, Ms J Brookes, Mrs L Grisedale

12/11/01a Apologies: Mr R Fisher, Mr A Dayson, Mrs M Simpson

12/11/02 Minutes

Amendment to minutes the Signpost at Barrow Mill was now reinstated. Also it was reported that there was no directional sign at the T junction at Broadfield indicating Penrith – Carlisle. The minutes were signed and approved as a true record.

12/11/03 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Keep Clear which had been engraved into the road by Plumpton church has been removed however councillors feel that the road surface has been left with an unsatisfactory surface finish.

12/11/04 Chairman's Announcements

Mr Porter thanked the council for all the support that he had received during the last few months.

12/11/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

12/11/06 Public Participation

Approximately 30 members of the public attended the meeting. Mr John Sheffield represented the group objecting to proposed wind turbine within the parish. The main points of objection are as follows:

1. The height of the turbine is far greater than any in the Eden District.
2. The location is close to twenty residential properties (It is listed in a private members bill that properties should be at least 1500 meters away from wind turbines).
3. The visual impact of the turbine height (blades (77 meters) will dominate the landscape.
4. The noise from the turbine could cause stress and sleeping issues from the machinery.
5. There will be a reflection of the property prices in the nearby area.
6. The blind dips can be dangerous on the Calthwaite road can be dangerous and the proposed siting of wind turbines could cause even more danger by distracting motorists.
7. The wild wife in the area will lose their natural habitat.
8. Questions were also asked about the purpose of the wind turbine as they are believed not to be effective.

Mrs Mary Campbell Planning Consultant, Kendall briefly informed the group:

1. There should be benefits for local residents e.g. some money to help in energy saving measures.
2. Single blade turbine should create enough power to provide electric for 250 homes.
3. The Southwaite site had been chosen (site selection process) it would fit in the M6 corridor of development.
4. A study of residential properties has taken place.
5. There had been no objection from the Ministry of Defense and Carlisle Airport.

12/11/07 Planning applications and decisions

Applications (11)

- 13/0659 Mr J Askew, Woodlands, Southwaite – Ext to provide new kitchen/dining area and garage - N/O
13/0650 Mr Turnbull, Harrington Ling Farm – Erection of wind turbine measuring 34.5 m to blade to tip – N/O
13/0745 Mr R McManus, Land adjacent to Cooper Close – Outline applic – Ext to Cooper Close Develop (HPC to discuss)
13/0725 Mr R McManus, Plots 9, 11, 13,15, 17 + 19 Res Matters for 6 two bed semi detached bungalows (HPC to Discuss)
13/0724 Mrs J Davidson, Bry View, Thiefside – Erection of a storage building. – N/O
13/0755 Mr M Mehra, Barrock Court – Proposed Biomass Boiler – N/O
13/0768 Messrs Graham, E Graham and Sons Ltd –Development site at Bewaldeth, Plumpton – EDC letter not enough info
13/0774 Mr Keith Boxer, Land west of Southwaite Motorway Service – Erec. of wind turbine 77m to tip (HPC to discuss)
13/0817 Mr K Roper, Field adj. to the Pot Place Garden Centre – Change of use of part agricultural field to car park
13/0767 Mr D Ewin, 4 Sipling, Low Hesket – Erec.of ground floor ext. and provision of additional hardstanding
13/0829 Messrs E Graham & Sons Ltd, Site at Bewaldeth, - Reserved Matters applic for the erection of 8 No dwellings

Decisions (4)

- 13/0546 Eden Housing Assoc. 2 Dixon Court – Late applic-listed building consent for replacement front door -**Granted**
13/0659 Mr J Askew, Woodlands, Southwaite – Extension to provide new kitchen/dining area - **Granted**
13/0351 Mr C Peacock, Demain Farm, Old Town High Hesket – Conversion of Barn – **Withdrawn**
12/0410 Mr R McManus, Plots 16,18, 20,22 –Vari of cond 2 of applic 10/0628- amendments - position of dwelling - **Granted**
12/11/08 Armathwaite Play Area – Maintenance

The Clerk and Mrs Stella Bell had met Mr John Morley from the Probation Service to discuss the possibility of a Community Payback Team undertaking work at the Playarea. This would include strimming, weeding and levelling new bark etc. The cost of a team is £25.00 per day including a supervisor. Councillors were unanimously in favour of this work being done, but suggested that it was done in spring 2014. The clerk agreed to email Mr Morley to confirm that the service would be needed in March/April time 2014.

12/11/09 Proposed Seat at Thiefside

Discussion took place regarding the sitting of a seat on the A6 at Thiefside. Mrs Nicholson had previously written to the council requesting to put a seat at this location in memory of her late husband who had lived in the area. Highways had approved the site and given a list of approved contractors to undertake the work. Mr Porter agreed to contact Mrs Nicholson to let her know the council was agreeable for her to go ahead with the seat.

12/11/10 Update Land at Bottom House Wreay

Mr Pickles was looking into registering the ownership of this land.

12/11/11 Maintenance of Proposed Bus Shelters on A6 (North and South carriageways)

Discussion took place about possible proposed Bus Shelters on the A6 (north and south carriageways) at the junction for Armathwaite from the A6. Councillors had heard that the Armathwaite resident who had requested these bus shelters had recently moved to Hesket. It was unanimously agreed by the council that they did not want to take on the maintenance of bus shelters at this location.

12/11/12 Suggested Precept for 2014 -2015

The proposed precept information was discussed and the clerk informed councillors that the HPC laptop's battery was not charging and that several noticeboards needed replacing. After discussion it was unanimously agreed by all that the clerk should request a precept of £10'800 from Eden District Council.

12/11/13 Payment of Accounts

Capital Reserve £3371.51

Current Account £8247.42

a) Lesley Jones – Salary

£412.80

b)	Lesley Jones – Expenses	£ 37.87
c)	HMRC	£103.20
d)	Adam Cannon	£ 43.40
e)	Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreaths	£ 69.10
f)	Fell Runner – Donation	£218.40
g)	Nick Holden – Grass Cutting	£510.00
h)	Great North Air Ambulance – Donation	£250.00
i)	Soup and Social – Donation	£100.00
j)	Eric Scott – Maintenance	£282.12

12/11/14

Correspondence

1. EDC information on Electoral Registration – Information to go the Parish News – **Info sent**
2. Great North Air Ambulance – Request for funding – **Action (last year £250.00 donation)**
3. Letter of thanks from Judy Morris for the donation for Armathwaite trough – **Info**
4. Letter of thanks – Plumpton PCC - **Info**
5. Letter of thanks from Hollie Tweedie –For clarifying she can use the land at Crooks Bridge – **Info**
6. Letter of thanks from Armathwaite PCC - **Info**
7. Letter of thanks High Hesket PCC - **Info**
8. EDC Chairman’s Carol Service – 16 December 2013 – **Two Representatives invited**
9. Information – CD – Own Power – Southwaite Wind Turbine Project - **Info**
10. Cumbria Police Crime commissioner, Penrith – Requires volunteers for membership panel – **Info**
11. EDC Public Path Diversion High Bell Garth, Low Hesket – **Info sent to Parish Councillors**
12. EDC Electoral Registration – **Poster to go up in Low Hesket Village Hall**
13. ACT letter – Introduction to Community Led Plans – Wed 11th Dec Meeting – **Info**
14. Eden Community Fund – Money still available - **Info**
15. CCC Temporary road closure –Plumpton – **Info on Noticeboard**
16. CALC Agenda- Annual General Meeting 9th November 2013 – **Info**
17. Request for funding Soup and Social Group – **Action**
18. Letter – Mr Smellie regarding planning applic 13/0774 (wind turbine – near Southwaite) – **Info**
19. Email – Mr Rickerby regarding planning applic 13/0774 (wind turbine – near Southwaite) – **Info**
20. Email – Mr I Brown regarding planning applic 13/0774 (wind turbine – near Southwaite) – **Info**
21. Email – Mrs Mather regarding planning applic 13/0774 (wind turbine – near Southwaite) – **Info**
22. Email – Mr Lainsbury regarding planning applic13/0774 (wind turbine – near Southwaite) – **Info**
23. Email Cumbria in Bloom AGM – 18th November 2013 - **Info**
24. CCC – Email Community Messages – **Info**
25. Letter – Aon UK Ltd – Information about Snow Clearance, Salting and Gritting - **Info**

Numerous leaflets for information

12/11/15 Parish Maintenance

Maintenance is due to take place on the Intack – Birthwaite road and the Intack to Southwaite road. It was reported that the light outside Mrs Tibbotts house Crosshills, Mellguards is not working due to a loose lens. The light near Southwaite noticeboard has not worked for a long time.

12/11/16 Matters For Information

The clerk agreed to purchase some flowers for Mrs M Simpson, because she was home from hospital.

9 out of 25 footpaths are fit for purpose. It was agreed that footpaths should be discussed at the January meeting.

12/11/17 Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th January 2014