

# **HESKET PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Hesket Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 10 November 2015 at 7.00 pm in Low Hesket Village Hall**

Prior to the meeting commencing Mr John Broadman (Planning Policy Officer) and Mr Paul Fellows (Head of Planning Policy), Eden District Council advised the council on Neighbourhood Planning. Neighbourhood Planning has been instigated by the Localism Act 2011, and empowers local communities in the production of Land Use and Planning Policies, Neighbourhood Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders, Community Right to Build Orders. Areas covered would be plans, housing, community facilities, transport, employment and historical places. More planning powers would be held at Parish Council level. A Parish Plan is beneficial to Parish Large Scale Developments and A Neighbourhood Development Order is aimed at smaller types of development

To apply to have a Neighbourhood Plan a Area Application Form for Designation as Neighbourhood Area form must be completed and returned to Eden District Council, this identifies the boundary and once authorised by Eden District Council (approx 6 weeks) a planning consultant can be employed to advise with the plan. This costs approximately £8000.00 (Grant money is available from locality) Neighbourhood Development Order is a lesser cost

Example of Councils who have adopted a plan are Upper Eden – (reason - housing) and Langwathby (reason - housing site). 10 councils out of EDC 72 have adopted a Parish Plan.

Mr Lee Adams, Director of Sales, Anesco Complete Energy Services, addressed the council about the proposed Solar Farm, Land at Wreay (Greenland's), he advised the council that this planning application had been recently refused by EDC, the reason being landscape and visual issues; Mrs Wilson would be appealing this decision. Anesco manages 60 Solar Parks in the UK and 12%-15% electricity is produced by Solar. Plans were circulated, he informed the council if the application is successful the application is temporary application for 30 years, sheep, chickens or geese can graze the land, other maintenance work eg. weed control would be managed by Anesco. The Solar Farm would create power for approximately 1500 houses. Solar Farms generate electricity 0800 – 1600 winter months and 0430 -2200 summer months. The south facing panels will pick up light all day. The council was informed that there was no glare from the panels and that they would not affect the neighbouring poultry unit. At present government subsidies are available between December – March on a decreasing scale for building Solar Farms. A £5000.00 one payment would be allocated for Community Benefit should the application be successful Councillors expressed their concerns why that particular site had been selected and quoted that it was classed as good agricultural land 72% 3A and 28% 3B.

**10/11/01a) Present** Mr D Porter, Mrs S Bell, Miss N Armstrong, Mrs D Sisson, Ms J Brooks, Mrs E Martin, Mr T Armstrong, Mrs O Bell, Mrs C Steel, Mr A Sillito, Mr J Thorburn, Mr J Graves

**10/11/01b) Apologies** Mr A Dayson, Mrs Lesley Grisedale, Mr J Dowes

**10/11/02) Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were authorised and signed as a true record.

**10/11/03) Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No update had been received about the Bike Track at Great Barrock Wood. The clerk was asked to request an update from Mr Eggleston.

**10/11/04) Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

**10/11/05) Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made regarding the items on the agenda

## **10/11/06 Public Participation**

A group of residents from Calthwaite village attended the meeting regarding the proposed development for 16 new houses at Gillian's Well, Calthwaite. Barry Davidson spoke representing the group. The main issues of concern were Gillian's Well it is a greenfield site, there is already a planning application in for 14 new houses on a brown field site (old sawmill), poor/dangerous access to the site, and would the school be able to cope with a large number of additional children. The group were holding a meeting at the Cottage Wood Centre on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November to discuss what action to take

Mrs Edna Cowen spoke to the council regarding her concerns about the Great Barrock Fell Bike Track. She advised the council that it was a Public Right of Way up to the quarry which had been blocked off to the public. General discussion took place about this development and it was proposed by Mr Porter and Seconded by Mrs Olive Bell that a site visit should take place

## **10/11/07 Planning applications and decisions**

### **Applications (13)**

- 15/0709 Mr M Elliott, Deepghyll, Plumpton, Penrith – Change of use of land for siting of 16 holiday caravans - **Letter**
- 15/0840 Mr & Mrs Heath, Land at Old Town, High Hesket – Outline (dem of 2 commercial building erc 5 commercial units) **Letter**
- 15/0841 Mr & Mrs Heath, Land at Old Town, High Hesket – Outline application for residential development - **Letter**
- 15/0871 Mr Raymond McManus, 17 Coopers Close, High Hesket – Variation cond 1 – 17 + 19 to create 1 detached bungalow – **N/O**
- 15/0926 Calthwaite Play Area Committee, Mrs J McDonald – Orchard House, Calthwaite – Play Area
- 15/0930 CTIL and Vodafone Ltd, Land at Wool Oaks Mill – Proposed upgrade to existing telecommunications radio base
- 15/0874 Mrs F Armstrong, Vicarage Farm, Armathwaite – Variation of condition2
- 15/0958 Mr R McManus, Low Street House, Plumpton – proposed conversion of existing stone barn – 2 dwellings
- 15/0958 Mr R McManus, Low Street House, Plumpton – Listed Building proposed conversion of existing stone barn – 2 dwellings
- 15/0928 Mrs Wilson, Thackwood Farms Ltd, Monkcastle – proposed roofing over feed area
- 15/0997 Mr J Woodward, Pennine House, Pennine View, Armathwaite – Remove 5 spruce trees
- 15/0961 Electricity North West – Mr G Davies, Land near Garth House, Low Hesket Proposed erection of fence around boundary
- 15/090 Brackenburgh Estate, Land at Gillian's Well, Calthwaite – Outline application for 16 dwellings

### **Decisions (2)**

- 15/0643 Mr R Whiteley, Brockley Moor House, Plumpton – Listed Building - dem of north facing lean to wall and proposed ext
- 15/0642 Mr R Whiteley, Brockley Moor House, Plumpton – demolition of north facing lean to wall and proposed ext

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal by Birchwood Farms Ltd – Site Address, Monkcastle Farm, Monkcastle, Southwaite, CA4 OPZ- Wind Turbine – Appeal Decision - Granted**

## **10/11/08. Payment of Accounts**

To authorise the payment of the following accounts:-

<b>Current Account</b>	<b>£1941.36</b>	<b>Capital Reserve</b>	<b>£15257.33</b>
a)	Lesley Jones – Salary		£368.00
b)	Lesley Jones – Expenses		£ 81.64
c)	HMRC		£ 92.00
d)	The Poppy Appeal		£ 69.00
e)	DTec Computers Ltd		£ 38.40
f)	Susan George		£ 60.74
g)	Calthwaite Play Area		£ 385.00
h)	Low Hesket Village Hall – Hall Hire		£ 60.00
i)	Viking Payments – Stationery		£ 169.85
j)	Eden District Council – Election Expenses		£ 210.00
k)	Adam Cannon – Maintenance		£ 36.19
l)	Nick Holden – Grass Cutting – Armathwaite		£510.00
m)	Low Hesket – Soup and Social Club – Donation		£150.00
n)	Calthwaite First Responders – Plumpton School Defib		£500.00

## **Suggested Precept for 2016/2017**

Discussion took place regarding the 2016/2017 Precept for Hesket Parish Council it was proposed by Mrs S Bell and seconded by Mrs N Armstrong that the precept should remain the same £11500.00

## **Completion of Hesket Parish Council Audit year ended 31 March 2015**

### **10/11/09. Barrock Fell Bike Track - Update**

### **10/11/10 Footway Lighting – Update**

### **10/11/11 Correspondence**

1. Cumbria Constabulary – Penrith Rural Newsletter - **Info**
2. Thank you card – Elaine Martin - **Info**
3. Letter of thanks Plumpton Parochial Church Council – **Info**
4. Letter of thanks Armathwaite Parochial Church Council – **Info**
5. Letter of thanks High Hesket Parochial Church Council – **Info**
6. Letter of thanks Parish magazine – **Info**
7. Post Office – Temporary closure of Plumpton Post Office - Post Office is due to close on 28/11/2015 – Sale Price £222’000.00. A group of 40 local residents are trying to buy the business as a cooperative. A post Office van will be available on a weekly basis for locals use.
8. CCC – Notification of temporary road closure – Intack Crossroad – Wreay Hall 29/11/15 – 1 day- **Info**
9. CCC – Notification of temporary road closure – Southwaite Village – east – 30/11/15 – 2 days - **Info**
10. CALC – 2015 Annual General Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 – Whitehaven - **Info**
11. Clarke Telecom Ltd Proposed upgrade to existing Telecommunication Radio Base, Brackenburgh - **Info**
12. RoSPA Playsafety Playground Inspection Training Courses – **Info**
13. Email – Lazonby Parish Council - Seat at Armathwaite road end/overgrown footpath A6 - **Info**
14. CALC email – Training Courses – **Info**
15. EDC – Eden Local Plan – Submission Document – comments to be received by 30/11/2015 – **Action**
16. Email -David Spence – Highways Network Manger - Signpost refurbishment Wreay Hall/ Intack - **Info**
17. Email – Gareth Browning Forestry Commission – Coombs Wood/High Stand - **Update**
18. Email – Connecting Cumbria Team – Superfast Broadband Calthwaite – **Info**
19. Email – The Civic Society - **Info**
20. Letter from Windermere Town Council – cuts to the local police force – **Info**
21. North West Ambulance Service – Placing defibrillators within the parish – **Action**
22. Email - Skelton Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan – **Action**
23. Letter of thanks Ivegill Parochial Church Council – **Info**
24. CALC Circular – **Circulated to councillors**
25. Eden Local Plan 2014-32 – Submission Draft Consultation – **Info**
26. Wool Oaks Mill – Footpath – **Info**
27. Calthwaite First Responders – Request for funding defibrillator at Plumpton School - **Discussion took place and councillors unanimously agreed to donate £500.00 towards the cabinet for storing the defibrillator equipment. Councillors agreed that if a similar request was made from Low Hesket the £500.00 would be donated.**
28. Councillors Mike Tonkin Chairperson EDC Carol Service 14 Dec 2015 – **Lesley and Stella to attend**  
Numerous leaflets and Flyers

### **10/11/12 Parish Maintenance**

High Hesket Bus Shelter requires maintenance. The clerk agreed to look into prices for a repairs/new bus shelter. The temporary give way signs are still at Plumpton. The A6 is still regularly flooding near the Veterinary Investigation Centre. Loose stones were reported on the bridge at Plumpton.

### **10/11/13 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**10/11/14      Matters For Information**

The damaged tree had been taken down at the land at bottom farm.

**Date of the next Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016**