

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at Low Hesket Village Hall on Tuesday 8th March 2011

08/03/01. Present:- Mr D Porter, Mrs E Martin, Mr P Pickles, Miss N Armstrong, Mr D Bell, Mr J Graves, Mr R Fisher, Mr J Dowes, Mrs I Grisedale

08/03/01a. Apologies: - Mr T Armstrong, Mrs M Simpson, Mrs O Bell, Mrs C Steel, Ms J Brooks

08/03/02. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on January 2011 were approved and signed as a true record.

08/03/03. Matters Arising From the Minutes

The clerk advised the council that Network Rail had rang regarding the maintenance work needed to the fence at Station House, Inglewood Terrace, Calthwaite. This issue was logged and a team would be looking into this repair work shortly.

08/03/04. Chairman's Announcements

The chairman had no announcements to make

08/03/05. Declarations of Interest

The following councillors declared an interest in Agenda Item number 12.

Mr John Dowes – wife works at Armathwaite School

Mrs Elaine Martin – sister works at High Hesket School

Mr D Porter – Daughter is a governor at High Hesket School

Councillors did not feel it was necessary to sign the declaration of interest book on this occasion.

08/03/06. Public Participation

Four members of the public attended the meeting Mr M Panone, Mrs M Pike, Mrs M Taylor, Mr A Turnbull.

Mrs Taylor Head teacher Hesket School spoke to the council about the damage to the grass verges around High Hesket School. She informed the council that the children and the staff wanted to work with the residents of High Hesket in keeping the village tidy with a smart appearance etc. She had been in touch with Highways and was probably going to get wooden markers inserted into verge to prevent parents from parking on the grass. She also suggested an idea to improve traffic issues during drop off and collection periods possibly a one way system could be looked into. Councillors fully supported the suggestion and the clerk was asked to write a letter of support to Mr Rob Lawley.

Mr Panone (Armathwaite School Representative) spoke to the council about the review of Armathwaite and High Hesket Primary Schools. He informed the council that there were only four schools in Cumbria which were not full primary status. Armathwaite is the only one of the four which has achieved the National Innovations Award. He made the following observation to the council:

1. Sometimes moving children during Key Stage 2 can have a detrimental effect on their education.
2. High Hesket School had been over-subscribed recently.
3. Travel times for 8 -11 year olds would be reduced.
4. Transport costs would be reduced.
5. No capital investment is needed to Armathwaite School.

6. If Armathwaite goes full primary the school will try to improve the walking bus up Station Hill to reduce the amount of traffic.

Mr Alistair Turnbull (High Hesket School Representative) informed the council that currently 149 pupils attend High Hesket School if Armathwaite is granted full primary status the numbers at High Hesket in 2013 would be approximately 85. This reduction will have a huge effect on the school in the following ways:

1. Loss of up to two classes and reduction of teaching staff.
2. Loss of after school club.
3. Years 5 & 6 might have to be taught in the same classroom.
4. The £400,000 expansion would not be used to its full advantage.
5. At present out of catchment area children attend there is no guarantee that this will continue.

Representatives from Armathwaite and High Hesket School thanked the council for listening to their comments. The councillors agreed to discuss it further amongst themselves Agenda Item 12.

08/03/07. Planning applications and decisions

Applications (11)

- 10/1105 Turnbull Farming Ltd, Romanway Farm, Plumpton – Replacement agricultural storage building **N/O**
11/002 Mr Steven Tweedie, Birkthwaite House, Wreay – Two storey ext to west of dwelling – **N/O**
11/006 Mr & Mrs Scott, Holly House, High Hesket – Internal alterations and new windows **N/O**
10/0677 Mr Graves, Castle Croft, Aiketgate – Agricultural workers dwelling (report) – **Letter**
11/0087 Mr S A Wilson, Howfield Farm, Southwaite – Removal of hedgerow – **N/O**
11/0090 Moto Hospitality, Southbound, Service Area – Extend time limit for heavy goods forecourt – **N/O**
11/0089 Moto Hospitality, Northbound, Service Area – Extend time limit for heavy goods forecourt – **N/O**
11/0099 Mr J Poland, 9 Elm Close, High Hesket – Erection of porch to dwelling – **N/O**
11/0122 Ms N Lloyd, Cross Keys, High Hesket – Garage/stable block – **N/O**
11/0055 Mr G Evans, Armathwaite Old Mill, Armathwaite – Ex/alteration to existing building+ double garage
11/0134 Mr R Fleming, The Stores, Armathwaite-Change of use A1 (retail to A1 (retail) and A5 (food/takeaway)

Decisions (8)

- 10/0628 Mr R McManus, Plots 18-25 Elm Close, High Hesket – Res Matters applic. For 8 dwellings – **Granted**
10/0994 Mr Stuart Fisher, Green Lea, Southwaite – Erection of conservatory/stable block - **Granted**
10/1049 Mr S Graves, Greydene, High Hesket – Extension to dwelling
10/1105 Turnbull Farming Ltd, Romanway Farm, Plumpton – Replacement of agric. Storage building - **Granted**
10/0997 Mr G Allen, Garden belonging to 4 Inglewood Terrace – Retrospective application for shed - **Granted**
11/0022 Steven Tweedie, Birkthwaite House, Wreay – Two storey extension to west elevation – **Granted**
11/0006 Mr & Mrs D Scott, Holly Cottage, High Hesket – Internal alterations and new window – **Granted**
10/0935 A Timperon, Barrockside Farm, Carleton – Erection of 18.3 metre high turbine - **Granted**

08/03/08. Elections – Procedures

The clerk informed councillors about the approximate procedures that would take place regarding the forth coming elections.

08/03/09. Restoration of Milestone – Update

The clerk had investigated the possibility of moving the milestone (High Hesket) on to the East side of the road. Highways had supplied maps which indicated the telecommunication/United Utilities Services were in the grass verge which would make it extremely difficult to move the milestone. Councillors unanimously agreed that it should be left where it is. Mr Porter agreed to put the cast iron plaques on and photographs would be taken and sent to the milestone society and request funding towards the project.

08/03/10. Payment of Accounts

Capital Reserve	£2239.12	Current Account	£1831.87
GCA – Webdesign	-	Web space Charges	£ 56.88
Great North Air Ambulance-		Donation	£250.00
Viking Direct	-	Stationery	£145.25
Lesley Jones	-	Wage/sundries	£473.93
Low Hesket Village Hall	-	Donation/Royal Wedding	£100.00

08/03/11. The Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party Weekend – 10 – 12 June 2011

Information had been circulated regarding the Great Poppy party Weekend. After discussion councillors asked the clerk to contact the local British Legion Branch (Hesket and Ainstable) and see if they had organised anything. Councillors left that it would be better to make a donation to an organised party.

08/03/12. Review of Primary Education Armathwaite/Hesket School

Further to the discussion earlier in the meeting councillors wanted to support both Armathwaite and High Hesket Schools. Both schools have excellent reputations for teaching etc. Mrs Lesley Grisedale was asked to write to Eden District Council/CCC relaying the council's comments that they felt the consultation papers were very fair and they wished to support both schools.

08/03/13. Noticeboard refurbishment/replacement Update

A new noticeboard had been made for Southwaite, new posts have been installed and the noticeboard would be put up in the near future. A new noticeboard was being made for Low Hesket (opposite The Rose and Crown) this noticeboard will have a separate section for Parish Council information. Councillors had looked into the possibility of pushing this noticeboard back to improve visibility from the bus shelter. But councillors agreed to leave it at present because it had secure posts and could be difficult to move.

08/03/14. Correspondence

1. Letter from Armathwaite Nursery Group requesting a letter of support from HC to assist in the CWMET funding application. – **Councillors agreed for the clerk to send a letter**
2. Request for funding from North West Air Ambulance – **Clerk to write no funding was available at present**
3. Letter - Calthwaite JFC/Gala Day 10/07/2011 – copy of Public Liability Insurance Policy – **Information only.**
4. Rospa Playsafety Leaflet – **Information only.**
5. CALC email – Royal Garden Parties 2011 – **Nominations Sent.**
6. Email requesting a naturehood Project be included in the next HPC newsletter/bird survey – **Information only**
7. Letter from Cumbria Constabulary – Policing Teams – sent of councillors – **Councillors requested that the clerk should request the police to attend the next meeting.**
8. Email – Fields in Trust legacy project/ to mark The Queens Diamond Jubilee – **Councillors requested that the Clerk see if there was any potential funding for replacing some of the Play Equipment at Armathwaite.**
9. Cumbria County Council letter – the sale of Forestry Commission and the Sale of Public Forests in Cumbria – **Information only**
10. Letter of resignation from Mr A Barbour – **Information only**
11. Posters from Eden District Council – Becoming a Councillor – **Displayed on noticeboards**
12. Cumbria in bloom information and entry form – **Information given to Miss N Armstrong to pass on**
13. ACT (Action with communities in Cumbria) – Going For Funding Ready or Not Letter) – **Information only**

08/03/15. Parish Maintenance

A burst water main on the bend going into Southwaite from Wreay had been reported - United Utilities repaired it but said Council Highways were responsible. The problem has been on going from 13/01/2011 - 8/03/2011 – United Utilities have now agreed that the water problem is their responsibility but to date have not repaired it. Councillors requested more information about when the Highways Stewards were in the area and if it was possible for them to come more frequently/rotas of when they are in the parish etc. A water hydrant was reported as out of place at Katherine's Well. Water was still a problem at Top Farm High Hesket. Potholes on the motorway bridge at Plumpton were becoming worse. The above Maintenance problems were to be reported. Investigation work appears to be going on at Tally Ho Corners.

08/03/16. Any Other Business

A councillor commented on the possibility that children attending 6th Form might have to in future pay for their school transport.

08/03/17. Date of next meeting Tuesday 10th May 2011