

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Low Hesket Village Hall on Tuesday 11th March 2008

Present:- Mr D Porter, Miss N Armstrong, Mr T Armstrong, Mrs E Martin, Ms J Brooks, Mr J Dowes, Mrs M Simpson, Mr D Bell, Mr J Graves, Mr P Pickles, Mrs C Turnbull, Mrs O Bell, Mrs L Grisedale

11/03/01 Apologies

Mrs C Steel

11/03/02 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on the 8th January 2008 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

11/03/02a Matters Arising from The Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the January 2008 meeting.

11/03//03 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced that Mr Winston Collinge had arranged a litter pick for 9th March. The area which required litter picking was between Armathwaite and the A6, two councillors offered to help at the litter pick. The date for the Party in the Park is 28th June 2008 and any money raised would be divided as follows 50% Hospice and the remaining 50% equally between the Calthwaite Church, Nursery and School.

11/03/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillors had no declarations of interest with items listed on the agenda.

11/03/05 Public Participation

Mr and Mrs Richard Gill from Southwaite attended the meeting to express their concern's about the recent flooding in Southwaite village. They felt that lack of maintenance to the drains was causing blockages and therefore flooding. They expressed that Mr Richard Fisher a local farmer had been very helpful on the last occasion and had pumped a lot of the flood water away with his slurry tanker. Mr Gill has contacted Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council regarding the floods at Southwaite and requested that Hesket Parish Council send a letter to support his. Mr Porter asked the clerk to do this and arranged to meet Mr Gill to survey the problem. Mr Gill and councillors asked the clerk to send a thank you letter to Mr Fisher for his help.

11/03/06 Planning Applications and Decisions

Applications (7)

07/1059 Mr & Mrs P R Dixon, Bramble Nook, The Orchard, Armathwaite – Erection of single storey ext/extra living – No objection
08/0002 Moto Hospitality Ltd., Southwaite Northbound – Installation of 120.000 litre above ground diesel tank – No objection
08/0003 Moto Hospitality Ltd., Southwaite Southbound – Installation of 120.000 litre above ground diesel tank – No objection
08/0027 Mrs S McGrath, 1 Police Row, Low Hesket, Carlisle – Installation of a buried gas tank (LPG) – Letter – No objection
08/0069 Mrs E Tinkler, Sceugh Dyke House – Conversion of disused stable – two storey family extension –
08/0130 Mrs & Mrs Ogden, Lotty Cottage, Calthwaite – single storey side extension to form sunroom –
08/0138 Mrs B Magnay, 2 Howfield Cottage, Southwaite, Carlisle – Removal of condition 2 of planning permission 82/0718

Decisions (3)

07/1046 Mr P Radcliffe, Garden of Eden, Thiefside, – replacement of existing tunnel with single span polytunnel - **Granted**
07/1002 Messrs Ross, Birkthwaite Hill, Wreay – Erection of an agricultural building for Alpaca housing – **Granted**

11/03/07. Payment of accounts

Capital Reserve	£896.38	Current Account	£1110.26
1. Lesley Jones -		Salary/sundaries	£454.51
2. Viking Direct -		Stationery	£ 44.31
3. Calc -		Annual Subscription	£236.50
4. Great North Air Ambulance		Donation	£250.00

11/03/08. Co-option of Parish Councillor – Southwaite Ward.

This vacancy had been advertised on the relevant noticeboards and would also be advertised in the Parish News.

11/03/09. Update Recreation Land at Calthwaite

Mr Porter was waiting for Mr Harris to draft some legal documents. The clerk had asked Mr P Foote at Eden District Council whether it was necessary for the council to do anything other than check with the insurance. He also stated that notices should be displayed that anyone using the land is that at their own risk. Mr Porter has got a quote for fencing material (approximately £500.00) which the clerk will send to the Neighbourhood Forum to accompany the completed grant application. Mr Harris has offered free labour for the installation of the fence. A brief discussion took place about why the land had suddenly become available.

11/03/10. Update Parish Seat - Ivegill

Residents of Ivegill have requested a more suitable location for the new seat. The location is near the river by the foot bridge in the middle of the village. Councillors were agreeable with this and the clerk said that she had already written to Steve Purdham at CAPITA to see if this location was free from amenity cables. Mr Porter agreed to arrange for the concrete base to be installed so the seats could be put up.

11/03/11. Concerns about the amount of heavy traffic crossing A Grade 2 Listed Bridge near Wreay

Councillors discussed a letter that had been received from Mr Halfpenny regarding the vast quantities of heavy traffic crossing the Grade 2 Listed Bridge near his property at Wreay. Mr Porter had met Mr Halfpenny to discuss the problem and councillors requested that the Clerk write to Mr B Richardson (Councillor) and to Highways stating Mr Halfpenny's concerns etc.

11/03/12. Proposed Footway Station Hill Armathwaite

A letter from Mr Keith Maser had been circulated to councillors regarding the Proposed Footway up Station Hill, Armathwaite, the contents of the letter expressed that it was not viable/possible to install a footway up Station Hill and that the only other suggestion would include crossing farm land. Mr Pickles requested that he would contact the school and playgroup and found out what if they had any ideas regarding the footway.

11/03/13. Correspondence

1. A letter from Keith Masser, CCC Client Services, Station Hill Footpath – update – information only.
2. A letter from EDC stating that they had not received a request for an election for the Southwaite vacancy– posters displayed
3. A letter from CALC regarding circulation of the CALC circular by e-mail – the clerk had contacted CALC stating that the e-mail address was wrong and gave the correct e-mail address, still no correspondence has been received she would look into this.
4. A letter from Forestry Commission Consultation regarding Deepgill Wood Plumpton, a letter was sent on behalf of HPC stating that there would be no objection to the replanting of the wood with oak, ash and rowan.

5. A letter from Audit Commission – appointment of external auditor – information only
6. A letter from Great North Air Ambulance Service requesting funding – Councillors unanimously agreed to donate £250.00.
7. CALC Survey of Local Council Activity and Practice – 2008 – To be completed.
8. AON Insurance confirmation/agreement – information only
9. A letter from EDC, Proposed Dog Control Order – Eden District Council Consultation/Clean neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Discussion took place about this and it was agreed that Mrs E Martin, Mrs M Simpson, Ms J Brooks and Mrs C Turnbull meet to discuss this further and respond on behalf of the council. The clerk was asked to send a copy to the above councillor and arrange to meet to draw up a response.
10. Acknowledgment that ROSPA Playsafety Ltd, will carry out the annual playground inspection at Armathwaite Playarea in August 2008.
11. CALC – Invitation to launch Eden Parish Charter – Wednesday 12th March – Mr Pickles, Miss Armstrong and Mrs Jones to attend this meeting.
12. A letter from Mencap requesting funding- Councillors unanimously agreed not to donate to this as charity as they felt that there were more local charities that needed help.
13. A letter from Network Rail stating that the overgrown vegetation on the Southwaite Railway Bridge has now been cut back. – Information only – Mr Bell stated that Network Rail had been quick and efficient to complete the maintenance work on the bridge but he stated that a letter should be sent to CAPITA regarding the deterioration and bricks missing out of the bridge wall etc.
14. Eden District Council –National Standard Planning Application Forms and Guide to Planning Requirements.
Numerous information booklets were available for viewing.

11/03/13. Parish Maintenance

- a) The street light had now been installed at High Hesket and was working. The noticeboard at Plumpton can be installed on the school fence where it is felt it is more accessible, this has been discussed with the Headmaster of Plumpton School.
- b) It was reported about the flooding at Theifside, Hazel Cottage, Armathwaite, this was probably due to blocked drains, and would be included on the CAPITA Job List. The recent flooding in Southwaite had caused the gravel in the roadside verge to wash out. A street light on Southwaite Road was not working this would be reported to Eden District Council. Vast quantities of litter are being thrown out at Southwaite Service Area and this litter is littering the fields around this area, discussion took place about this problem and the clerk was asked to put something in the next edition of the Parish News.

11/03/14. Matters for Information

The Clerk informed councillors that Mr D Gosling would be starting refurbishing the cast iron signposts shortly.

11/03/15. Date of the next meeting Tuesday 13th May 2008