

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT LOW HESKET VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2009

PRESENT: Mr D Porter, Miss N Armstrong, Mr T Armstrong, Mrs E Martin, Mr J Dowes, Mr P Pickles, Ms J Brooks, Mr A Dayson, Mr J Graves, Mrs M Simpson, Mrs C Steel, Mr A Barbour

1. Election of Chairman for council year 2009/2010

Mr Porter left the room, Miss Armstrong acted as Vice Chairperson in the absence of Mrs O Bell and brief discussion took place about the Chairman's duties. Miss Armstrong nominated Mr Porter to become Chairperson for 2009/2010; Mr T Armstrong seconded this proposal. This proposal was unanimously agreed by all councillors.

2. To accept Chairman's Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Mr Porter signed the declaration of acceptance of office for 2009/2010.

3. To appoint a Vice Chairman for council year 2009/2010

Miss Armstrong proposed Mrs E Martin to become Vice Chairperson of the council for the period 2009/2010, Mr J Graves seconded the proposal, and Councillors unanimously agreed that Mrs E Martin should be elected Vice Chairperson of the council

4. To accept Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Mrs Martin signed the declaration of acceptance of office for 2009/2010.

5. Apologies

Mrs O Bell, Mrs C Steel, Mrs L Grisedale

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2009 were authorized and signed as a true record.

7. Matters Arising From the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

8. Chairman's announcements

The chairman had no announcement to make.

9. Declaration of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

10. Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting.

11. Planning Applications

Applications (7)

09/0171 Messrs Ross, Thwaite Hill, Wreay, Carlisle – Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 07/1002 – No objection

09/0251 Mr Riches, 16 Byrnes Close, Plumpton Penrith – Erection of conservatory to rear elevation – No objection

09/0170 Plumpton School, Plumpton, Penrith – Proposed installation of children's play area – No objection

09/0137 HPE Construction Ltd., Mr P Hodgson - Erection of building to be used for storage - No objection

09/0222 Mr D Scott, Holly Cottage, High Hesket – Listed building – retrospective consent for removal of chimney – No objection

09/0281 Atkinson Homes, Land off front street, Armathwaite – removal of condition no 4 of granted decision – Letter sent

09/0333 Moto Hospitality Ltd, J41/J42 M6 – Installation of commercial vehicle washing machine -

Decisions (5)

08/0916 Artform (UK) Ltd, The Pot Place, Station Yard, Plumpton, Penrith CA11 9PA – Change of use to a garden centre - **Granted**

09/0013 V Dobbin, Hill House, Calthwaite, Penrith – Erection of two- storey granny annex – **Granted**

09/0102 Mr and Mrs Armstrong, Garth House, Low Hesket, Carlisle – Two storey rear ext. to provide extended bedrooms/living – **Granted**

08/0843 Mr M Hoggarth, 8 Mill Bank, Low Hesket, Carlisle – Amendment to single storey ext with small first floor ext - **Granted**

09/0222 Mr D Scott, Holly Cottage, High Hesket – retrospective consent for removal of chimney - **Withdrawn**

12. Payment of accounts

Capital Reserve £7035.79

Current Acc £1533.00

To authorize the payment of the following accounts:

a)	Viking Direct	£ 59.17
b)	Cumbria Playing Fields Association – Annual Fee	£ 21.00
c)	Lesley Jones – Salary/ sundries	£438.87
d)	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd – Floor Panels Armathwaite Play area	£154.77
e)	Lesley Jones – Salary pay rise /stationery	£104.99
f)	Jan King – Bedding plants for Armathwaite troughs	£ 30.00

13. Approval of financial report/ Annual Audit (Statement of assurance).

The Audit form was discussed and the Annual Audit Statement of Assurance was read out. Councillors unanimously agreed with the conditions. The Statement was approved by the council.

14. Clerks Salary Award

Brief discussion took place regarding the clerks annual pay award. The figure of 2.75% had been agreed by CALC as the annual pay award. This figure was to be back dated to April 2008. Councillors unanimously agreed that the clerk salary should be increased by 2.75%.

15. Parish Council Website – Update

Discussion took place regarding building a parish website. The clerk informed councilors about the two quotes she had for building a website. Councillors agreed that Mr Geoff Andersons price of approximately £250.00 plus purchasing software for approximately £70.00 should be accepted. The clerk informed Councillors of a few website ideas eg. Information about Parish Council and the duties it provides for the community, contact details, facilities available with in the parish, places of interest, schools, churches etc. It was agreed that three small groups should form to gather information for each ward these were:-

Alistair Barbour – Southwaite

Nancy Armstrong/Peter Pickles/Mariot Simpson – Armathwaite

Jenni Brooks/ Elaine Martin – Calthwaite

Mrs Jones would contact Mr Anderson and then liaise with the groups about the information that is needed to go on the website.

16. Recreation Land at Calthwaite – Update

The clerk has written two letters about signing the lease for the proposed recreation land at Calthwaite and to date has not received a date/meeting when the signing should be completed. The clerk agreed to follow this up again by telephone.

17. Correspondence

1. A letter from CCC Environment Transport & Spatial Planning – Footpath No 328022 Diversion Order - **Info Only**
2. A letter of thanks from Tony Brunskill, Chairman Eden District Council – **Info only**
3. A letter from EDC Environmental Services acknowledging complaints about dog fouling - the complaint has been passed to Community wardens – **Info Only**
4. A letter from CCC Environment Cumbria Highways, acknowledging the Highways issues that had been reported from the last HPC meeting – **Info Only**
5. A letter from Low Heskett Village Hall Committee - the resurfacing of the car park had been completed – **Info only**
6. A quote from Heskett Metalwork regarding the possible restoration of a signpost near Hutton End – **Info Only**
7. Copy of a letter sent by John Kirkby to the Senior Planning Officer – Subject Wind from proposal Lazonby Fell – Mr Porter had attended a meeting at Lazonby Village Hall regarding the proposed Wind Farm. The wind turbines are expected to supply 7000 homes with electricity he thought that Eon should hold a meeting at Plumpton School to inform Plumpton residents of this proposed wind farm.
8. Minutes from Cumbria Police Authority Liaison Forum – **Info only**
9. Remittance Advice that the Parish Precept had been paid from Eden District Council on 15th April 2009 – **Info Only**
10. Notification from AmeyMouchel that the Bridge works on Junction 41 and 42 had been completed – **Info only**
11. CALC Circular – April 2009 – circulated to Councillors – **Info Only**
12. Poster provided by EDC for the European and County Council Elections – **Poster displayed on notice boards**

Numerous booklets and leaflets for information

18. Parish Maintenance

The Highway Steward had been on duty in Heskett Parish; various jobs had been reported to him, some of which he had undertaken himself the others he had informed the maintenance team about. A lot of his work had been gully cleaning.

Councillors reported that the maintenance of the patches of on the road near Sheffield's had improved the general road surface. Also the road surface had been improved at Armathwaite near Hazel cottage.

It was reported that the bridge over the river at Kitchen Hill had been knocked and loose stones could become dangerous, also the fence onto the railway line was in a bad state of repair. The fence coming from Plumpton over the M6 has been damaged. Mr Porter and Mrs Jones agreed to go and look at these highway/railway issues and report them to Mr S Purdham and Network Rail. It was reported that a

fence had been erected outside Plumpton Shop, councillors requested that the clerk ask Mr Steve Purdham, Senior Engineer to check whether it had encroached on to the Highway.

19. Matters for Information

There were no matters for information.

20. Date of the next meeting Tuesday 14th July 2009.