

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Low Hesket Village Hall on Tuesday 13th May 2008

Present Mr D Porter, Mrs O Bell, Miss N Armstrong, Mr J Graves, Mr J Dowes, Mr A Dayson, Mrs M Simpson, Mrs C Turnbull, Mr T Armstrong, Mrs C Steel, Mr P Pickles, Miss J Brooks, Mrs E Martin and Mrs L Jones (Clerk).

1. Election of Chairman for council year 2008/2009

Mr D Porter was proposed and seconded to act as Chairperson for Hesket Parish Council. Councillors unanimously agreed to this nomination.

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

Mr Porter signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

3. To appoint a Vice Chairman for council year 2008/2009.

Councillors unanimously agreed that Mrs O Bell should be elected as Vice Chairperson for Hesket Parish Council

4. Apologies

Mr B Richardson and Mrs L Grisedale

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record
AMENDEMNT 11/03/13 – Should read Low Hesket – corrected on minutes

6. Chairman's announcements

The Chairman had no announcements to make. However Mr T Armstrong proposed a vote of thanks for Mr David Porter, Mrs O Bell and Mrs L Jones for all the work they had done for the year 2007/2008. All Councillors acknowledged the work that had been carried out during the year.

7. Declaration of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

8. Public Participation

Mr Alistair Barbour had attended the meeting, for observation only.

9. Co-option of Parish Councillor - Southwaite Ward

The two applicants who had expressed an interest in this post, both had sent a letter expressing why they wished to become a Parish Councillor, these letters had been circulated to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors unanimously agreed that a ballot using the prepared voting slips was the most effective way of electing a new Councillor for Southwaite Ward. Ballot slips were issued, and counted by Mr J Graves and Mr A Dayson. Mr Alistair Barbour was elected by a majority vote. The clerk was asked to write to Mrs Gibson thanking her for her interest and to send Mr A Barbour the relevant forms for completion.

10. Planning Applications

Applications (4)

08/0158 Messrs T N Graves, Old Town Farm, High Hesket Carlisle – Construction of farm implement shed – No objection

08/0245 The Governors, High Hesket School, High Hesket, Carlisle – Proposed new foundation unit – No objection

08/0353 Mr P Coates, Barrock End Farm, Low Hesket – Carlisle – Erection of general purpose agricultural building

08/0361 The Governors, Calthwaite C of E Primary School, Calthwaite – Erection of single-storey extension for add. class room facilities

Decisions (9)

08/0027 Mrs S McGrath, 1 Police Row, Low Hesket, Carlisle – Installation of a buried gas tank ((LPG) in the back garden - **Granted**

08/0069 Mrs E Tinkler, Sceugh Dyke House, Calthwaite – Prop. Conversion of att. disused stable into a two storey family ext - **Granted**

08/0130 Mr & Mrs Ogden, Lotty Cottage, Calthwaite – Single storey side extension to form sunroom – **Granted**

07/0506 Atkinson Home, Land of Front Street, Armathwaite - Recommendation to grant **Outline Planning Permission**

07/0510 Atkinson Homes& Eden Housing Association – 6 houses - **Withdrawn**

07/0506 Atkinson Homes, Land of f front street, Armathwaite – Erection of five dwelling/ associate car parking - **Granted**

08/0138 Mrs B Magnay, 2 Howfield Cottage, Southwaite - Removal of condition 2 of planning permission 82/0718 – **Granted**

08/0158 Messrs T N Graves, Old Town Farm, High Hesket – Construction of farm implement shed – **Granted**

07/0385 Newfell Properties, Calthwaite Hall farm, Calthwaite – Conversion of ext. farm building to three dwellings – **Granted**

A letter had been received from a group of residents regarding a planning application to install a Storage Building at the Eden Mineral Water Factory, this letter stated the concerns of local resident regarding the increased traffic etc. Councillors asked the clerk to contact Mr M Johnstone at Eden District Council and request a copy of the plans as this application was in Lazonby Parish and the resident lived in Hesket Parish. The clerk was also asked to write to Mrs Wilson and explain that HPC wished to see the plans before commenting.

Payment of accounts

Capital Reserve Acc £7896.66

Current Acc £1774.94

To authorize the payment of the following accounts:

a)	Cumbria Playing Fields Association – Fee	£ 21.00
b)	Colophon Press Printers Ltd - Stationery	£ 222.00
c)	Lesley Jones – Salary/ sundries	£ 458.16
d)	Eden District Council – Footway Light – Low Hesket	£1079.53
e)	Distinct Garden Designs – Concrete seat Bases	£ 400.00
f)	Voluntary Action Cumbria – Fee	£ 25.00

12. 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.

13. Affordable Housing within Hesket Parish Council

A letter had been received from Mr K Bonsor on behalf of Armathwaite and Ainstable Lent Study Group regarding the lack of Affordable Housing in the area. Mr Porter had contact Affordable Housing in Penrith and some information was forwarded to Mr Bonsor.

14. Bus Stop Facilities in High Hesket

Miss Armstrong had been approached by several residents in High Hesket who stated that another bus stop would be beneficial at the north end of the village, particularly as there had been several new houses built at this end of the village. Miss Armstrong stated that some bus driver will stop for passenger in this area but other insist on taking them to the official bus stop which is opposite the church in the village. Councillors asked the clerk to contact Stage Coach and request that this facility be made available to High Hesket resident's, councillors also felt that it may encourage more people to use the service. Miss Armstrong had spoken to Mr B Richardson who agreed to look into this matter.

Correspondence

1. A letter from Voluntary Action Cumbria - Cumbria Calor Village of the Year Competition 2008 –Entries close 30th June 2008
2. A letter from Eden District Council – Local Assessment of Complaints – Looking for Parish Council members to sit as members of the Standards Committee – Mr P Pickles and Mrs M Simpson agreed to be considered for these positions - the necessary forms were sent to them for completion.
3. CCC – Dog Fouling Letter – Draft letter circulated to Councillors – Councillors unanimously agreed that this letter should be reproduced and circulated.
4. A letter from Mr M Ewin, Hesket Metalwork – Mr Porter informed the council that he had spoken to Mr Ewin and that should any suitable work become available for the Parish Council then he would be considered.
5. A thank you letter from Great North Air Ambulance – Information only
6. Copy of the Parish Charter for Eden – Information only
7. A poster from Eden District Council – Stray Dogs – Poster Displayed on noticeboards
8. CCC letter and information booklets – Cumbria Minerals and Waster Development Framework – Information only
9. CCC letter and leaflets – Working in Your Locality – Highway Stewards – Miss N Armstrong agreed to continue doing this work.
(jobs that were reported to the Highway Stewards should not take longer than approximately 2 hours).
10. A letter from Eden District Council – Dog Control Order – Information only
11. Eden District Council - New political Arrangement – Miss N Armstrong requested a copy of this letter.
12. A request for the payment of Voluntary Action Cumbria Fee- Councillors agreed to pay this.

Numerous booklets and leaflets for information

16. Parish Maintenance

- a. Councillors were concerned that some road repair work had been undertaken in the Armathwaite area and that the surfaces had not been prepared properly and the weather conditions were too wet. A Faulty light was reported at Middle Yard Calthwaite, Mr D Porter agreed to notify Eden District Council about this.
- b. The clerk read an e-mail stating the current position of the restoration work of the signpost, Councillors agreed that the completed signs looked impressive.
- c. Discussion took place regarding the Persimmon Development at Plumpton and councilor requested that the clerk write to Persimmon regarding the removal of the incorrectly named sand stone sign and replacing them with the correctly named Brynes Close. A Councillor requested that some petrol money be given to a resident who cuts the grass at High Hesket. Councillors unanimously agreed that the man should put a bill into the council.
- d. Mr B Richardson had informed the clerk that he would request that Highways erect suitable signage near the bridge at Southwaite to discourage the HGV's using it.

17. Matters For Information

Councillors agreed that the clerk should try and get the Chairman's Annual Report in the Parish News and The Herald.

18. Date of the next meeting Tuesday 8th July 2008.