

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

09/01/00 CALC – Devolution of Assets and Services (inc, Footway Lighting)

- Sonia Hutchinson updated the council on the devolution of assets – mainly footway lighting (14 parishes signed up so far out of around 70)
- She outlined decreasing funding available (100% Yr 1 £5322 – 0% Yr 5) if the council adopt their footway lights.
- Suggestion to increase precept over time to make up for loss of funding.
- Suggestion to convert lights to LEDs (for free) which would result in cheaper lighting in the future.
- Some councils have opted for solar, dark skies or the installation of private lighting.
- Hinged poles are available which are easier to maintain but more expensive to install.
- Interested councils can apply for an electricity maintenance contract with no fees based on their current usage and maintenance requirements (approx. £100 per unit). If LED lighting installed, then these will be cheaper to run but councils will be able to keep any “left over” money. If this contract is not taken out, then the council will be responsible for fixing and maintaining lights themselves. Even if EDC maintenance contact take out they will not be responsible for unapproved lighting.
- Sonia explained that there are approximately 44 approved footlights in Hesket (possibly a number of unapproved lights all which the council will not maintain).
- If lights are transferred, then they will be removed in 2020 unless they “die” before that date.
- Public liability insurance should cover any damage caused by the footlights.
- Suggestion that councils could join together to fund an electrical/maintenance contract
- Question arose as to who would be responsible for lighting in any new developments.
- Councils can decide to adopt all, some or none of their lights. Councillors to help determine which, if any, lights could be left and which to adopt.
- **EM to provide councillors with the light of lights in their ward.**
- **Sonia to email AF further documents.**

09/01/01 Attendance

S. Bell, N. Dean, B. Davidson, C Steel, E. Martin, A. Sillito, A. Freeman, J. Brooks, D.Sissons, D. Porter, J. Doves

09/01/02 Apologies

Apologies were received from D. Sisson, L. Grisedale and O. Bell.

09/01/03 Minutes

The minutes from November 2017 were signed and approved as a true record.

09/01/04 Matters Arising From The Minutes

No matters arising.

09/01/05 Chairman's announcements

No announcements from Chairman.

09/01/06 Declaration of Interest.

None

09/01/07 Public Participation

1. Ian Little – Regarding Forge Court Planning Application 17/1003
 - Expression of opposition regarding the above application (land behind Forge Court)
 - Approximately 50 signatures on a petition supporting the objection.
 - Concerns over access via Mill Bank and past garages.
 - Concerns over increase traffic especially down a lane where children play.
 - Concerns over hidden entrance to the site opposite bus stop.
 - Concerns over the sewerage piles under proposed development.
 - Residents feel that no considerations have been taken regarding safety, footpaths or maintenance.
 - Residents, and councillors, noted that planning has been refused twice previously.

Councillors unanimously objected. Proposed by John and seconded by B. Davidson. **AF to contact planning DONE**

2. Mr Rimmington – Regarding Mellguards Farm, Southwaite.
 - The main issues which arose were:
 - Concerns over the scale of the proposed structure. Local residents deemed it to be oversized and much larger than what is required for a farm of its size - industrial scale silage storage.
 - Confusion as to why silage storage of this size is required as there are no longer any cattle at the farm.
 - Concerns of the probably increase in heavy vehicle traffic down narrow country roads if the site is to be used to store silage in transit to the digester in Penrith, 12 months of the year.
 - Unsatisfied that the planning application does not give the full picture of the use of the silage storage - is it to be used as storage space for other usage or to supply the farm?
 - Concerns over the storage of effluent.
 - The councillors requested further time before submitting comments to planning office.
 - **AF to contact planning regarding a further extension. DONE**

09/01/08 CCC – Tom Wentworth-Waites Update

Mr Wentworth-Waites did not attend meeting

09/01/09 PCSO Erica Norman Introduction and Update

- Erica introduced herself to the council and explained that she is the police point of call for our parish.
- Erica explained that the crime rate for our parish is relatively low and mainly consists of burglaries and break-ins of sheds and farm yards.
- Also reports of poaching and lamping.

09/01/10 Planning Application – 17/1003 Forge Court, Low Hesket

17/1003 – Forge Court, Low Hesket - Outline application for residential development with approval sought for access – Case officer Karen Thompson. (See 09/01/07)

09/01/11 Planning Application – 17/0977 Mellguards Farm, Southwaite

17/0977 – Mellguards Farm, Southwaite - Replacement of existing silage clamps with silage clamp comprising of reinforced concrete walls and steel frame roof structure to provide 4 no. 50.29m x 18.29m bays – Case officer Nick Atkinson (See 09/01/07)

09/01/12 Planning Applications – For Information Only

- **17/1091 – Bewaldeth, Plumpton** - Variation of condition 1 (approved drawings) attached to approval 13/0829 – Case officer Karen Thompson.
- **17/1094 – Low House, Bowscar. Penrith** – Proposed refurbishment and alterations – Case officer – Karen Thompson
- **17/1101 – Low House, Bowscar. Penrith** – Listed building consent for proposed refurbishment and alterations – Case officer – Karen Thompson
- **17/1072 – Garages and Former Joiners Shop. Calthwaite** – Outline application for residential development with all matters reserved – Case officer – Karen Thompson

No enquires or queries

09/01/13 Payment of accounts

To authorize the payment of the following accounts:

Capital Reserve £17,765.01 Current Acc £2,296.96 (as of 28th Nov 2017)

a) Ameer Freeman – Salary 26.01.18	£188.42
b) HMRC Tax	£47.00
c) Ameer Freeman – Expenses (November/December)	£66.49
d) Ameer Freeman – Salary 26.02.18	£188.42
e) HMRC Tax	£47.00
f) Donation for Plumpton Church	£300
g) Donation for Ivegill Church	£150
h) Donation for Armathwaite Church	£300
i) E. Scott Plumpton Grass Cutting and Maintenance	£213.50
j) Nick Holden Armathwaite Grass Cutting	£580.00

09/01/14 EDC – Community Governance Review Questionnaire

EM lead councillors in filling out the form. **AF to submit DONE**

09/01/15 Eden Local Plan 2014-2032 Update

- Deadline date shared
- Concerns raised over Armathwaite planning by school/Pine Lodge which has previously been refused but feels that it might be included on Eden Local Plan.
- AF to contact EDC planning for clarification.

09/01/16 Correspondence

- Church Donations (Plumpton, Ivegill and Armathwaite)
 - Agreed to pay donations to the three churches for the 2017/18 financial year.
 - **AF to inform churches that they should apply for 2018/19 donations before September meeting DONE**
- Thank you from Fellrunner Bus Service
- Thank you from Great North Air Ambulance

- d) CCC – Community Emergency Planning
- e) Nancy’s Bench
 - Councillors updated on progress
- f) Precept
 - Councillors agreed to keep precept same as last year (£12,000)
 - Agreed to review next year in light of the extra footway lighting costs.
 - **AF to submit DONE**
- g) Daphne’s Resignation
 - EM shared email from Daphne regarding her resignation with immediate effect.

09/01/17 Parish Maintenance

- a) Fallen Trees Update
 - Clark Davidson has removed fallen trees which Stan Bird tidied, cut up and distributed.
 - Agreement to take down remaining damaged trees and Stan bird has offered to replant a number of new trees in its place.
 - Clark to be hired to complete job.
 - **AF/EM to write a letter of thanks for Stan Bird for his continued support and help with the council. DONE**
- b) Low Hesket Bus Shelter Update
 - EM provided images of possible bus shelters for Low Hesket.
 - Agreement to ask local residents to help choose site.
 - **AF to contact John Banks regarding permissions and/or planning application. DONE**
- c) Pot Holes
 - A number of pot holes have been reported to the council.
 - **AF to inform John Banks. DONE**
- d) Blocked drains between Intack crossroads and Mellguards Farm.
 - Reports that a blocked drain is causing flooding.
 - **AF to inform John Banks. DONE**

09/01/18 Any Other Business

- Issue raised regarding Calthwaite Planning Application 17/1072 (Mr Harris)
- Stella Bell is looking into appointing a new payroll officer in light of her relocation.
- New councillors still required for Southwaite Ward. **AF to put adverts up on noticeboards. DONE**
- EM notified councillors that unfortunately David Bell (past councillor from Southwaite Ward) has passed away.

09/01/19 Matters For Information

None

09/01/20 Date of the next meeting Tuesday 13th March 2018