

Hesket Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors:

Gillian Campbell, John Dowes, Gillian Gibson, Elaine Martin (Chair), Dawn Pollock, David Scurrah, Vivian Waugh

County Councillor:

Hilary Carrick

Officers:

Lisa Beken (Clerk)

Two members of the public were also present.

- 1/23/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that the following absences be noted:**
- District Councillor David Ryland, due to District Council commitments.
- 1/23/2** **Declaration of interests: RESOLVED** that Councillor Scurrah declared an interest in item 11 (a) on the agenda (minute number 1/23/11).
- 1/23/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 1/23/4** **Matters arising from the minutes: RESOLVED** that there were no matters arising.
- 1/23/5** **Chair's announcements: RESOLVED** that there were no announcements to be made.
- 1/23/6** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that a representative from the Armathwaite Wildlife Group spoke to the meeting, giving further details of the project, and to support their grant request. The group also requested that the Parish Council write a letter of support for the project, to assist in further requests for grant funding. Clerk to provide.
- 1/23/7** **Cumbria County Council Report: RESOLVED** that County Councillor Hilary Carrick informed the meeting that work was continuing to wind down the current Councils and set up the new Westmorland and Furness authority. All activities were being reviewed to ensure that the new Council would be safe and legal on vesting day. Recruitment is ongoing for Chief Officers, and the new Council Plan has been agreed. The budget will be agreed at a meeting to be held on March 7th. The fire service has been incorporated into the Police Crime Commissioner's remit, and that office will agree the precept for those services. The transition period will continue behind the scenes for the next two to three years, with the aim that front line services should continue as normal. Planning will be broken down into three planning panels for the former district council areas, with one overall strategic panel for functions previously covered by the County Council.
- 1/23/8** **Eden District Council Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor Ryland gave the following report;
There haven't been any meetings since last parish meeting of any significance and the last two cabinet meetings have been cancelled. However, I can give an update on the nutrient neutrality. This is current information for immediate and future planning applications; All applications that increase overnight occupancy within river Eden catchment area (whole of Eden) will require a nutrient neutrality assessment where additional phosphorus is likely to be generated and proposals to mitigate there will also be needed a habitats regulation assessment to be undertaken.
Cumbria and Northumberland are working together to identify suitable sites where mitigation can be purchased to offset.
The government have put aside 400k for Cumbria to find solutions to this problem.
This is a fluid and evolving situation and Eden planning officers will guide Hesket residents through their planning applications.
- 1/23/9** **Cumbria Police Report: RESOLVED** that the PCSO Erica Norman provided the following report of incidences;
- Sometime between 22:00hrs on 05/10/22 and 05:00 on 07/10/22 790 litres of oil pumped from a tank at a property in Croft Court, High Hesket.

- 27th October at 12:15hrs report of possible ongoing hare coursing on land at Plumpton Foot. An area search was carried out by officers however the vehicle has already left the area. A warning letter was sent to the registered keeper of the vehicle.
- Anti-social behaviour by youths at Plumpton school. All youths were visited at home and spoken to with their parent.
- 30/11/22 young males arrested on the A6 near High Hesket for drug driving.
- 25/12/22 at 01:30hrs male arrested for drink driving in Wreay.

1/23/10 Hesket Pathwatch: RESOLVED that the Clerk informed the meeting of an update in the reinstallation of the bridge on footpath 328008 at Melguards Southwaite, which was damaged in the floods in 2015. The old bridge has now been removed, and funding should be available in the next financial year for the new bridge. Councillor Scurrah requested that the Clerk ask Countryside Access to provide yellow footpath discs so that faded ones could be replaced.

1/23/11 Grant requests: RESOLVED that the following grants were agreed;

- Helping Armathwaite's Wildlife Group - £200
- Armathwaite PCC - £350

1/23/12 Venue for meetings: RESOLVED that it was agreed to alternate Parish Council meeting locations as follows:

- January, May September – Low Hesket Village Hall
- March, July, November – Armathwaite Old School Hall

1/23/13 Planning applications: RESOLVED that the Council agreed the following comments to current planning applications on the Parish;

- 22/0664** Calthwaite Hall, Penrith. Change of use of land to extend existing holiday lodge park – reconsultation. **No objections**
- 22/0874** Holly Cottage, High Hesket. Listed Building Consent for the installation of 14 solar panels on the rear roof slope. **No objections**

1/23/14 Planning decisions notices: RESOLVED that the Council was informed of the following planning decisions made in the Parish since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

- 22/0806** Sceugh Dyke Farm, Calthwaite, Penrith. Retrospective planning for a roof over livestock gathering area. **GRANTED**
- 22/0773** Sceugh Dyke Farm, Calthwaite, Penrith. Retrospective planning for a roof over an existing livestock handling system. **GRANTED**
- 22/0691** Old Town House, High Hesket, CA4 1JE. Single storey rear extension. **GRANTED**
- 22/0663** Salutation Inn, High Hesket, CA5 0HS. Change of use of public house to dwelling. **GRANTED**

1/23/15 Financial matters: RESOLVED that the following was agreed;

- To renew the Parish Council insurance policy with the current provider, Gallagher.
- To approve payments as listed in the payment schedule.
- To agree to the draft budget, and to keep that Parish Council precept at £15,000 per annum for 2023/24.

1/23/16 Correspondence: RESOLVED that correspondence as listed in the correspondence register was received.

1/23/17 Parish Maintenance: RESOLVED that the following matters were raised;

- To consider relocating the noticeboard at Plumpton, when a new one is purchased.

1/23/18 Council matters: RESOLVED that the following matters were raised:

- Councillor Waugh gave an update regarding rubble at The Park, Southwaite.
- Councillor Campbell raised concerns over the quality of cat's eyes on the A6 through the Parish, and also renewed a request for a reflective sign at the north entrance to High Hesket.

1/23/19 Date of the next meeting – Tuesday March 14th 2023 at 7.30pm at Armathwaite Old School Hall.
Meeting closed at 20:59pm