

Hesket Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm at Armathwaite Old School Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: John Dowes, Gillian Gibson, Elaine Martin (Chair),
David Scurrah, Vivian Waugh
District Councillor: David Ryland
Officers: Lisa Beken (Clerk)

Two members of the public were also present.

- 11/22/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that the following absences be noted:**
- Councillor Gillian Campbell, due to a prior commitment;
 - Councillor Dawn Pollock, due to work commitments;
 - County Councillor Tom Wentworth-Waites, no apologies received.
- 11/22/2** **Declaration of interests: RESOLVED** that no declarations of interest were received.
- 11/22/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th September 2022 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 11/22/4** **Matters arising from the minutes: RESOLVED** that Councillor Dowes had inspected the seat opposite Pine View, Armathwaite, and would make further investigation to see if the base is reusable. Councillor Scurrah provided an update regarding a query from Councillor Gibson over a footpath in High Hesket.
- 11/22/5** **Chair's announcements: RESOLVED** that there were no announcements to be made.
- 11/22/6** **Neighbourhood Planning: RESOLVED** that District and Lazonby Parish Councillor Gordon Nicolson gave a presentation to the meeting regarding the potential benefits and challenges of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors thanked Councillor Nicolson for his presentation, and agreed to consider the matter further at a later date.
- 11/22/7** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that a representative from the Armathwaite Wildlife Group spoke to the meeting, describing their current project to plant the grass verge adjacent to the Old School Hall with wildflowers, and further hope of expanding the project. The group were advised to put a grant request to the Parish Council once they had established a formal constitution and a bank account.
- 11/22/8** **Cumbria County Council Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor Wentworth-Waites was not present to give a report. However, County Councillor Hilary Carrick, who will also be the local representative for the Parish in the new Westmorland and Furness Authority, was present at the meeting, and updated the Council that work was currently ongoing at County Council level regarding the transition to the new authority.
- 11/22/9** **Eden District Council Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor Ryland gave the following report;
Once again very little activity on the District Council to report. Next full Council will be on 24th of this month.
A One Eden Zoom briefing for Councillors was cancelled and now will be on this Thursday evening. Officers of the Council attended a jamboree event in London to promote and launch the J42 Business Park and Eden Council have donated £2000 for an upcoming black tie event to [promote the same.
At finance scrutiny last week it was revealed that the new Council will start with a deficit of between 23 to 32 million.
I did press for an answer on how Council Tax bands would be synchronised between the three Council districts and if the deficit would mean higher Council Tax rises, there wasn't a definitive answer.
Eden Council's COP26 grants are still available. Details of how to apply are on the Council website. Further to my report, Voreda House construction costs have an escalate increase of £1.477 million. Hidden structural damage has been identified to the internal framework and asbestos has been uncovered at two locations with the building, plus a protective coating now has to be applied to

concrete floors and supports after testing has revealed a high levels of carbonisation. Due to increased utility costs recently, the overall revenue savings benefit will now be estimated at £10.7 million over a previous £6.18 million.

- 11/22/10** **Cumbria Police Report: RESOLVED** that the PCSO Erica Norman is still the PCSO for Hesket Parish. A change in format to the digital reports means that they no longer provide direct information relevant to the Parish. PCSO Norman has agreed to provide a direct report to be read at future meetings. Councillors were also informed that the Parish Council was contacted by a journalist regarding an incident involving the Police in Armathwaite, and that no comment was made at that time.
- 11/22/11** **Ecogen Launch Event: RESOLVED** that Councillor Martin had attended the event at Calthwaite, which showcase affordable homes that had received funding from Eden District Council to be established as sustainable homes. Further, Councillor Martin informed the Parish Council that both the wall and the seat at Gillians Well had been damaged by works on the site. She had spoken to Genesis Homes, and a formal request had been made for a replacement bench, as well as for one previously promised for Armathwaite. Issues with flooding from the site have been ongoing, and an enforcement case is open at Eden District Council.
- 11/22/12** **Memorial Bench: RESOLVED** that an offer to purchase a bench in memory of a former resident of the Parish had been received. Councillors agreed that the bench should be placed at Armathwaite Play area per the request of the donor. Clerk to liaise.
- 11/22/13** **Armathwaite Wildlife Group: RESOLVED** that this update was received at Public Participation.
- 11/22/14** **Grant requests: RESOLVED** that the following grants were agreed;
a) Great North Air Ambulance - £250
b) Fellrunner Bus Service - £250
- 11/22/15** **Clerk Salary: RESOLVED** that to increase Clerk's salary in line with NALC recommendations, backdated for 2022/23.
- 11/22/16** **Precept: RESOLVED** that this would be discussed at the January Ordinary Meeting.
- 11/22/17** **Settlement Study: RESOLVED** that a report was read to the meeting regarding Eden District Council's Settlement Study. This study will form the basis of a new Local Plan for Westmorland and Furness Council. Councillors confirmed settlements within the Parish. No further action is required at this time.
- 11/22/18** **Planning applications: RESOLVED** that the Council agreed the following comments to current planning applications on the Parish;
a) **22/0691** Old Town House, High Hesket, CA4 0JE. Single storey rear extension. **No objections**
b) **22/0567** Barns at Drybeck Farm, Armathwaite. CA4 9ST. Use of barns for a mixed use agricultural and events/live music. **No objections**
c) **22/0751** Stone Faulds Farm, Southwaite, CA4 0QA. Roof over existing livestock collecting yard. **No objections**
d) **22/0773** Sceugh Dyke Farm, Calthwaite, Penrith. Retrospective planning for a roof over an existing livestock handling system. **No objections**
- 11/22/19** **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.
a) **22/0558** Haystones, Calthwaite. Single storey side extension providing additional living accommodation. **GRANTED**
b) **22/0596** Westlands, Southwaite Road, Low Hesket, Carlisle. Erection of single storey side extension and replacement of existing detached garage. Re-submission of 21/0827. **GRANTED**
c) **22/0606** Lilac House, Southwaite. Certificate of lawfulness for the continued use as single dwellinghouse with incidental private manege. **GRANTED**
d) **22/0576** The Old Woollen Mill, Armathwaite, Carlisle. Extension to dwelling to provide garage, sunroom and bedroom. **GRANTED**
- 11/22/20** **Payments of accounts: RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as detailed in the attached payment schedule, via Direct Banking Payment.
- 11/22/21** **Correspondence: RESOLVED** that the following actions on correspondence were taken;

- a) A survey regarding the new Westmorland and Furness Council was read to the Council, and answers provided.
- b) A request for bins outside Armathwaite Old School Hall was agreed. Clerk to request from Eden District Council.

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Parish Maintenance; RESOLVED that no matters were raised at this time.

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Council matters: RESOLVED that the following matters were raised:

- Trees under the motorway bridge at Southwaite have become very tall, and are a potential hazard in the wind. Clerk to report to Highways.
- Ongoing concerns over drains in Low Hesket. Clerk to request further response from Highways.
- Signs at Armathwaite have been damaged. Clerk has reported to Highways.

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Date of the next meeting – Tuesday January 10th 2023 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.14pm