

# Hesket Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors:

Gillian Campbell, John Dowes, Gillian Gibson, Elaine Martin, Kelley Peacock, Dawn Pollock, David Ryland (Vice-Chair), Shaun Long, Vivien Waugh, Andrew Williamson

**Officers:**

Lisa Beken (Clerk)

Seven members of the public were present.

- 11/23/1**      **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that the following apologies were received;**  
a) Councillor Everingham, due to illness;  
b) Westmorland and Furness Councillor Carrick, due to prior commitment;
- 11/23/2**      **Declaration of interests: RESOLVED** that no declarations were made.
- 11/23/3**      **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 11/23/4**      **Matters arising from the minutes: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised:  
a) The Helping Armathwaite Wildlife Group is no longer continuing with the group is working towards resolving financial issues. This means that the agreement to maintain the grass verge outside Armathwaite Old School Hall will no longer be valid, and is therefore void.
- 11/23/5**      **Chair's announcements: RESOLVED** that none were made
- 11/23/6**      **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following issue were raised:  
a) A member of the public from Plumpton addressed the meeting with regards to concerns over speed limits in Plumpton village. Concerns were voiced that there will have to be an incident for any change to occur. A group of residents were aware of a new scheme for 20mph zones from Westmorland and Furness Council and were interested in Plumpton being considered for this.
- Item 13 on the agenda was moved forward to address issues raised*
- 11/23/7**      **Speed limit in Plumpton: RESOLVED** that the Council advised residents that they should hold a public meeting, ensuring that the whole village has been informed, to gauge local support for the proposal. If they can gather support, then bring this back to the January meeting of the Parish Council..
- 11/23/8**      **Westmorland and Furness Council Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor Carrick was unable to attend but had provided a report which was read to the meeting, raising the following matters;  
a) Westmorland and Furness Council are continuing work on their Climate Action Plan, informed by consultation with residents.  
b) Schemes have been shortlisted for the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund, with none in Hesket Parish, although further funding is still available for small scale projects.  
c) With regard to local issues, Councillor Carrick provided the following updates;  
    • Drain outside the Rose and Crown, Low Hesket – the drain has been inspected and the repair works have been instructed.  
    • Drainage opposite the (former) Cross Keys pub, High Hesket – improvements have been made to the drainage and are being monitored by the Highways team. If these are not working, please report this to me, or to Highways via the Highways Hotline or the online Highways reporting system.  
    • Drainage issues at the A6 layby, High Hesket – the surface water is getting on the highway from the adjacent private land and is therefore the responsibility of the landowner. It is requested that the Parish Council have a word with the landowner in the first instance.  
    • Overhanging trees near Southwaite Bridge – these have been reported and are on the programme to be cut back.  
    • Junction markings on the A6 – White lining will be replenished in the next few months. Every effort will be made to replace the studs (cats eyes) this financial year but if this is not possible for financial reasons, they will be replaced early next financial year.

- Dirty and sunken sign at the southbound entrance to Low Hesket – the work to rectify this has been instructed.
- Safety issues at the junction at the southbound entrance to High Hesket – the Highways team is looking at potential improvements to this junction. Unfortunately, an illuminated island is not deemed to be an option.
- Pedestrian crossing near Court Thorn surgery – the location has been assessed and does not meet the criteria for a pedestrian crossing, controlled or uncontrolled. It would be a dangerous location to encourage people to cross the road. Highways are currently liaising with Stagecoach to identify if an alternative area could be used to create a safe stopping and crossing location for pedestrians accessing the surgery.
- The poles for the SIDs devices will be installed before the end of the financial year.

11/23/9

**Cumbria Police Report: RESOLVED** that the Clerk read a report from PCSO Erica Norman to the meeting with the following instances noted;

- a) 08/11/23 at 20:50hrs- vehicle driving up past farm in Wreay towards A6 with search light shining into the fields- believed to be poaching/ lamping.
- b) Early hours of the morning on 11/10/23- a GPS device worth around £12000 from a tractor was stolen from a farm between Low Hesket and Aiketgate. A male out of county was arrested on suspicion of theft however the property recovered did not belong to our victim. As this farm has been targeted twice in the last 12 months, members of our rural crime team conducted a visit and completed a site security survey and offered some crime prevention products.
- c) 19/10/23 at 01:30am- Banging at the door and car headlights seen by elderly residents in Calthwaite. Police attended and didn't come across any suspicious vehicles; a follow up crime prevention visit was also conducted for reassurance.
- d) 20/10/12 at 22:00hrs- Believe lamping occurring in fields next to Court Thorn Surgery as bright lights and a lurcher were seen in the field. Officers attended and conducted an area search which was negative.

11/23/10

**Parish Precept: RESOLVED** that it was agreed to keep the Parish Precept at £15,000 for 2024/25, with a view to consider an increase in the next financial year.

11/23/11

**Play Area: RESOLVED** that the annual play inspection report had been received. Minor issues had arisen, which the Clerk would arrange to be rectified. The Clerk was further instructed to investigate the cost of replacement goalpost.

11/23/12

**Code of Conduct: RESOLVED** that this item was deferred to the January meeting

11/23/13

**Court Thorn Surgery: RESOLVED** that this issue had been raised in Councillor Carrick's report (item 111/23/8).

11/23/14

**Clerk Salary: RESOLVED** that recommendations from NALC for the annual increase were accepted.

11/23/15

**Planning applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed on current planning applications in the Parish:

- a) **23/0650** Wayside Cottage High Hesket Carlisle, Proposed two storey side extension and replacement of existing rear conservatory with single storey extension.

**No objections**

- b) **23/0653** Wall Nook Plumpton Calthwaite, Replacement of single storey side extension and porch with two storey side extension and front porch.

**No objections**

11/23/16

**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) **23/0558** Castle Dene, Armathwaite. Single storey front extension to provide additional living accommodation. **GRANTED**

11/23/17

**Payments of accounts: RESOLVED:** to pay the accounts as detailed in the attached payment schedule, via Direct Banking Payment.

11/23/18

**Correspondence: RESOLVED** that correspondence as detailed in the attached schedule was received and acknowledged.

11/23/19

**Parish Maintenance: RESOLVED** that the following items were raised;

- a) Councillor Campbell informed the meeting that the window at Low Hesket bus shelter was broken. Clerk to arrange replacement.
- b) Councillor Dowes informed the meeting that signs into Armathwaite at the top of Station Road were still damaged and that there does not appear to be enough clearance from the road.
- c) The bench at Calthwaite is damaged. Clerk to speak to resident regarding preference for replacement or repair.
- d) The Clerk was instructed to enquire about double yellow lines outside White House and Post Box at High Hesket. Concerns were also raised about white line visibility through the village.

**11/23/20**

**Council matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised:

**11/23/21**

- a) The Clerk was requested to draft a Petition Policy January.

**Date of the next meeting – Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 8:58 pm**

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