

# Hesket Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors:

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

Westmorland and Furness

Councillor:

Hilary Carrick

Officers:

Lisa Beken (Clerk))

Six members of the public were also present.

- 01/24/1**      **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that the following apologies were received;**  
a) Councillor Dowes, apologies received;  
b) Councillor Peacock, apologies received.
- 01/24/2**      **Co-option of Councillor: RESOLVED** that Maxine Graham was unanimously co-opted as a Councillor.
- 01/24/3**      **Declaration of interests: RESOLVED** that Councillors Campbell and Waugh declared an interest in item 21 on this agenda (minute number 01/24/21).
- 01/24/4**      **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 01/24/5**      **Matters arising from the minutes: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised:  
a) Councillor Ryland confirmed that he had spoken to the land owner of the car park at Armathwaite Old School Hall, who was happy for the access to the garden to proceed. Clerk to receive written confirmation before proceeding with planning application.  
b) Councillor Long would provide photos in order for a compliance case regarding the development at Gillians Well to be submitted.
- 01/24/6**      **Chair's announcements: RESOLVED** that none were made
- 01/24/7**      **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised:  
a) Concerns regarding the condition of the recycling centre at Low Hesket Village Hall. It was suggested that less plastic bins were required, and more cardboard bins, and that removal of the wooden fencing be considered, as a way to discourage fly tipping. Councillor Gibson would take suggestion to next meeting of the Village Hall Committee.  
b) A representative for a group of Plumpton residents provided the Council with survey results and background information regarding their request for the Parish Council to support a reduction in the speed limit through the village to 20mph. Residents had surveyed villagers, and held a consultation event to garner levels of support.
- 01/24/8**      **Speed limit in Plumpton: RESOLVED** that Councillors discussed concerns raised by residents, and noted the work they had done. Councillors further noted that the most commented upon issue arising from the survey were issues related to parking, particularly around the school, and were concerned that a reduction in the speed limit would not resolve the issues. A proposal in support of the residents request was put to the meeting, with 1 in favour, 4 against, and 5 abstentions. **RESOLVED** not to support the application for a 20mph zone in Plumpton.
- 01/24/9**      **Westmorland and Furness Council Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor Carrick informed the Council that a resolution had been passed at Council to produce a Parish and Town Councils Compact, agreed with CALC. However, following this it had been confirmed that CALC are unable to negotiate on behalf of Councils. The Council will therefore be working directly with Parish and Town Councils. Councillor Carrick further informed the Council that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme would remain the same as last year, and that there would be additional funding from the Department of Work and Pensions discretionary housing fund to support those experiencing financial hardship which may threaten their housing situation. Councillor Carrick also informed

the Council that the budget meeting would take place in February with a likely rise of 2.99% in Council Tax, with a further 2% in the adult social care precept. Finally, Councillor Carrick provided the following updates on matters related to the Parish:

- The Strategic Planning Committee were likely to hear the application for a Luge at Blaze Fell at their March meeting.
- Metal work for the bridge at Barrock Park had been precured and was currently in storage, with a permit being sort from the Environment Agency.
- The drain at the Rose and Crown in Low Hesket has been repaired.
- White lines have been repainted on the A6
- Whilst work had been carried out at the Cross Keys junctions, Parish Councillors informed Councillor Carrick that flooding was continuing to occur, which she would report back.

**01/24/10 Cumbria Police Report: RESOLVED** that the Clerk read a report from PCSO Anthony Labram to the meeting with the following instances noted;

- a) Armathwaite, 3<sup>rd</sup> Decemebr – Public order incident in relation to civil dispute;
- b) Low Hesket, 6<sup>th</sup> December - Domestic related harassment;
- c) Aiketgate, 7<sup>th</sup> December – School related safeguarding issue of female child;
- d) A6 Low to High Hesket, 30<sup>th</sup> December – Single vehicle road traffic collision , damage only.

**01/24/11 Grants: RESOLVED** that a grant request for a book exchange cabinet from a Plumpton resident was considered. Councillors agreed that more details were needed, including who would be responsible, and if proper permissions had been sort from Highways.

**01/24/12 SIDS Purchase: RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed on the style of SIDS device, and the Clerk was instructed to bring quotes for units to the March meeting. Councillor Carrick informed the meeting that grant funding may be available.

**01/24/13 Litter bin: RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed to request a litter bin at the southbound bus shelter in Low Hesket.

**01/24/14 Council Policies: RESOLVED** that the following policies, as circulated, were agreed;

- a) Code of Conduct Policy
- b) Petitions Policy

**01/24/15 Layby, A6, High Hesket: RESOLVED** that Councillor agreed to request the closure of the layby on the A6 directly behind High Hesket School, due to health and safety issues, following instances of contamination of the school playground.

**01/24/16 M6 closure, March 2024: RESOLVED** that the Council was informed of a planned closure of the M6 for two weekends in March, to allow for works to Intack Bridge.

**01/24/17 Play Area: RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed to replace the current goalposts with recycled plastic beams.

**01/24/18 Planning applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed on current planning applications in the Parish:

- a) **22/0570** Land at Old Town, High Hesket. Reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, attached to outline approval 19/0920.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors queried the traffic survey submitted, as the section of the A6 in question is a dual carriageway, meaning the speed limit should be 60mph. Further, one of the images in the documentation has been scrambled, and is unreadable. Clerk to query with Planning Officer.

- b) **23/0779** Southwaite Hall, Southwaite, CA4 0JT. Proposed ground mounted solar panels and installation of external air source heat pumps.

**RESOLVED** that Councillors had no objections, but were concerned as to whether a listed building application should also be required. Clerk to query with Planning Officer.

**01/24/19 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) **23/0650** Wayside Cottage, High Hesket. Proposed two storey side extension and replacement of existing rear conservatory with single storey. **GRANTED**
- b) **23/0653** Wall Nook, Plumpton. Replacement of single storey side extension and porch with two storey side extension and front porch. **GRANTED**

**01/24/20 Financial matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters were agreed:

- a) To renew the Council's current insurance policy.
- b) To approve the payments as listed in the payment schedule.
- c) To open a savings account with the Penrith Building Society.

**01/24/21**

**Correspondence: RESOLVED** that correspondence as detailed in the attached schedule was received and acknowledged, with the following matters of note;

- a) High Hesket church requested a further donation in support of their repair work to the church. However, the meeting was informed that the Parish Council cannot provide grants towards the maintenance of church buildings.

**01/24/22**

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

- Councillor Gibson reported that the Give Way sign is down on the Ling road from the A6.
- Councillor Gibbison reported that the drain at the layby on the A6 near to the Ling turning was blocked.

**01/24/23**

**Council matters: RESOLVED** that no further matters were raised.

**01/24/24**

**Date of the next meeting – Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7.30pm at Armathwaite Old School Hall.**

**Meeting closed at 9:40pm**