

Hesket Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm at Armathwaite Old School Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Gillian Campbell, John Everingham, Elaine Martin, ,
David Ryland (Vice-Chair), Shaun Long, Andrew
Williamson, Maxine Graham
Westmorland and Furness Councillor: Hilary Carrick
Officers: Lisa Beken (Clerk)

Two members of the public were also present.

- 03/24/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that the following apologies were received;**
a) Councillor Waugh, due to vacation;
b) Councillor Pollock, due to prior commitment;
c) Councillor John Doves, due to prior commitment;
d) Councillor Gilian Gibson, due to prior commitment.
- 03/24/2** **Declaration of interests: RESOLVED** that no interests were declared.
- 03/24/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 03/24/4** **Matters arising from the minutes: RESOLVED** that no matters were raised.
- 03/24/5** **Chair’s announcements: RESOLVED** that no issues were raised.
- 03/24/6** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised:
a) A resident addressed the meeting regarding Armathwaite residents concerns over the luge application at Blaze Fell. This application was submitted in 2021 and is due to go before the Strategic Planning Committee; however, this has been delayed due to the need for more information on Nutrient Neutrality requirements. Residents principal concerns are over increased traffic and pedestrian safety, with a protest recently taking place at the site.
- 03/24/7** **Cumbria Police Report: RESOLVED** that this was not available at this time, as PCSO Labram was on vacation. Clerk to circulate report to Councillors when received.
- 03/24/8** **Footway Lighting: RESOLVED** that the Council were informed that Westmorland and Furness had now confirmed that there would be no charge for maintenance and supply for footway lighting for 2023/3 and 2024/5, and that a review would be conducted this year into provision of footway lighting across the whole new Council area. Councillor H Carrick that confirmed lights will be decommissioned as they fail.
- 03/24/9** **Green Waste skips: RESOLVED** that provision of a green waste skip in Calthwaite had been renewed for 2024/5. Westmorland and Furness have confirmed that they are not able to increase the number of uplifts of the skip due to current contracts, however, a review will be being conducted this year into green waste provision across the whole of the new Council area.
- 03/24/10** **Tree Survey: RESOLVED** that Councillor agreed to tender for a tree survey in the Parish. It was further requested to include the large at the north end of High Hesket, and the Clerk was requested to contact the owner to enquire as to whether he was willing for the Parish Council to take over care of the tree.
- 03/24/11** **Play Area: RESOLVED** that the Clerk was currently seeking quotes for ground works for the accessible path.
- 03/24/12** **Noticeboard: RESOLVED** that the new noticeboard will be located at Plumpton, due to damage the previous one. Councillor Peacock also informed the meeting that the Aiketgate board had been damaged in recent high winds. Clerk to investigate.
- 03/24/13** **Planning applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed on current planning applications in the Parish;
a) **2024/0118/FPA** Toll Bar Farm, High Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0HR. Change of use of agricultural and to residential and erection of garage.
OBJECTIONS - Regarding change of use and loss of agricultural designation. Foul sewerage – proposal includes a toilet but application has no provision.

- b) **2024/0162/FPA** Low Grounds, Plumpton, Penrith, CA11 9NS. Erection of slurry store with cover. **NO OBJECTIONS**
- 03/24/14** **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.
- a) **22/0664** Calthwaite Hall, Calthwaite, Penrith. Change of use of agricultural land to residential and erection of garage. **GRANTED**
- 03/24/15** **Other planning matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised;
- a) Application 22/0570 - Land at Old Town, High Hesket for a reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, attached to outline approval 19/0920. Highways have now confirmed that the road is 70mph. The Clerk is awaiting a response from the Planning Officer regarding re-consultation.
- b) Application 23/0779 - Southwaite Hall, Southwaite, CA4 0JT for proposed ground mounted solar panels and installation of external air source heat pumps. Westmorland and Furness Council have confirmed that there is a concurrent Listed Building application, that had not been forwarded to the Clerk. Historic England had initially raised concerns about the application, but the applicant has now made adaptations to accommodate these, and they are no longer objecting.
- c) Gillians Well – An enforcement case was submitted, with a request for a site visit to discuss issues. However, the Planning Officer has rejected the request, as there are no grounds for enforcement and the case is now closed. The Clerk was requested to contact Highways regarding repairs to wall and to inspect the condition of the road, as well as investigating listing the well as a heritage site.
- 03/24/16** **SIDS device: RESOLVED** that Highways had confirmed that the poles will be put in place in April 2024. Purchase of device is deferred until poles installed.
- 03/24/17** **Grant request: RESOLVED** to award the following grant:
- Armathwaite OSH - £500 (unanimously agreed)
- 03/24/18** **Westmorland and Furness Council Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor Carrick informed the Council that she had been able to allocate grant funding for Armathwaite Old School Hall and Low Hesket Village Hall. Councillor Carrick further informed the meeting that Westmorland and Furness have now published their Climate Action Plan Part 2 and their Carbon Management Strategy, and that in partnership with local wildlife organisations, a “Planting for Pollinators” initiative was in place, looking for likely areas. The Westmorland and Furness Council Budget meeting took place, with an 2.99% increase in Council Tax, plus a 2% adult social care levy agreed. Further, it was agreed to impose a Council Tax levy on empty homes, with the stated aim to place a levy on second homes in 2025, pending legislation on definitions. With regards to the Local Plan, a new plan for the whole of the new Council area is being developed, largely based on the four current plans. Consultation will take place, with the plan due to be completed within three years. Councillor Carrick gave the following updates on issues related to the Parish;
- Cross Keys, A6 – the section causing the flooding issue is on private land, where a pipe may be obstructed or collapsed. Specialised equipment will be deployed to inspect.
 - The Give Way sign on the Ling road has been fixed.
 - Drain in layby on A6 – The external gully contractor is currently working on the A6.
 - Accident at Low Hesket – A speed survey is to be conducted in March/April through the village. A request had also been received for a speed survey through Aiketgate.
 - White lines have been redone on the A6, with cats eyes planned to be replaced next year.
- Financial matters: RESOLVED** that the payments as listed in the payment schedule were agreed.
- 03/24/19** **Correspondence: RESOLVED** that correspondence as detailed was acknowledged
- 03/24/20** **Parish Maintenance; RESOLVED** that the following items were raised;
- a) Aiketgate noticeboard
- b) White lines in front of Hazel Cottage – these have not been replaced. Clerk to report
- 03/24/21** **Council matters: RESOLVED** that no further matters were raised.
- 03/24/22** **Date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday May 2024 at 7.30pm. This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.**

Meeting closed at 9:07 pm