

Hesket Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Gillian Campbell, John Everingham, Elaine Martin (Chair), Shaun Long, Maxine Graham, Dawn Pollock, Gillian Gibson, John Doves, Kelley Peacock, Vivien Waugh

Westmorland and Furness
Councillor: Hilary Carrick
Officers: Lisa Beken (Clerk)

One members of the public was also present.

- 05/24/1 Election of Chair: RESOLVED** that Elaine Martin was unanimously elected as Chair for 2024-2025. (Nominated by Councillor Gibson, seconded by Councillor Peacock)
- 05/24/2 Election of Vice-Chair: RESOLVED** that David Ryland was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair for 2024-2025. (Nomination by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Campbell)
- 05/24/3 Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that the following apologies were received;**
- a) Councillor Williamson, due to work commitment;
 - b) Councillor Ryland, no apologies.
- 05/24/4 Declaration of interests: RESOLVED** that Councillor Campbell and Councillor Waugh declared an interest in item 18 on the agenda (minute number 05/24/18).
- 05/24/5 Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2024 were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chair at the July 9th meeting of the Parish Council.
- 05/24/6 Matters arising from the minutes: RESOLVED** that the Clerk confirmed that Westmorland and Furness Council were now proceeding with their review of footway lighting across the whole of the new Council area. The Police Report for April had also now been received, with the following items of note;
- a) Calthwaite
 - 3rd January - Online Sextortion Blackmail;
 - 4th January – Dog bite;
 - 22nd January – Tree down blocking road;
 - 17th February – Reports of males shining torches into properties – intercepted and arrested for public order and drug offences and vehicles seized;
 - 23rd February - Pedestrian had foot run over at roadworks;
 - 8th March - Eggs thrown from car at pedestrians;
 - 20th March – Single Motorcycle RTC with injury.
 - b) High Hesket
 - 15th March - Suspicious vehicle believed lamping;
 - 27th March - Suspicious female knocking door to door.
 - c) Low Hesket
 - 13th January - Multiple vehicle RTC with injury.
 - d) Plumpton
 - 3rd/4th March – Eggs thrown at house windows and parked cars;
 - 5th March – Dispute over chickens;
 - 12th March – Domestic Assault;
 - 21st March – Domestic breach of bail;
 - 27th March – Missing elderly male with dementia;
 - Traffic issues - 1 x breakdown , 2 x RTC , 1 x fallen Tree , 1 x driver concern (checked OK).

- e) Southwaite
 - 17th February/20th March – Staff request assistance with child in care;
- f) Thiefside
 - 1st February – Sheep on Road.

05/24/7 Chair's announcements: RESOLVED that no announcements were made.

05/24/8 Public Participation: RESOLVED that no matters were raised.

05/24/9 Annual Accounts: RESOLVED that these were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

05/24/10 Policy Updates: RESOLVED that Council policies had been reviewed by the Clerk, and the following updates were required:

- a) Financial Regulations – NALC have supplied an updated version of the Financial Regulations, which is substantially different to the previous version. The Clerk will review and provide an update on changes to Councillors, to be approved at the July meeting of the Parish Council.
- b) Asset Register – An updated Asset Register has been circulated to Councillors. **RESOLVED** to adopt the new Asset Register.

05/24/11 Westmorland and Furness Report: RESOLVED

Councillor Carrick updated the Council with regard to the following matters;

- The planning application at Blaze Fell for the Luge is no longer on the May planning committee agenda and may be put forward in July.
- Councillor Carrick has spoken to Highways with regard to the road at Gillians Well following completion of building works, who confirmed they have before and after images of its condition. Councillor Carrick will also raise the issue of repair to the well.
- With regards to flooding on the A6 at Cross Keys, Highways confirmed that this has been caused by a three blocked gullies two of which have been cleared, with the third due to be done in June.
- With regards to the layby on the A6 adjacent to the school at High Hesket, Highways have agreed to close the layby and revert back to verge, as per the Parish Council's request.
- The Planting for Pollinators Project, co-ordinated by Cumbria Wildlife Trust, have visited the wildlife garden behind the Old School Hall, Armathwaite, and were impressed the work that had begun. They would be providing further advice and assistance to help it develop.
- Councillor Carrick confirmed that the first 20mph schemes had been selected. She was also able to confirm that speed monitoring had been conducted in the Parish, at Plumpton, Low Hesket and Aiketgate, at her request, with the following observations;
 - Plumpton – opposite Byrnes Close, an average speed of 22.5mph was recorded, and opposite Fairfield, an average speed of 28.4mph. Highways have requested further enforcement from the Police at this second location, and will look at signage and road markings. *(It was noted that the Parish Council will be making use of their Speed Indicator Device at this second location).*
 - Low Hesket – opposite 3 Mill Bank and at the Rose and Crown. Both locations had averages around 40mph, but also a significant number up to 45mph, with additional enforcement measures recommended.
 - Aiketgate – by Aiketgate Farm, an average speed of 23.5mph, with 85% at less than 30mph, meaning no further action to be taken.
- Councillor Carrick further updated the Council that Westmorland and Furness Council were in the process of producing plans and strategies for the rest of the current term, with work also beginning on the new Local Plan for planning policy.
- Programme in to dispatch layby, back to verge.

- 05/24/12** **Cumbria Police Report: RESOLVED** that PC Labram had provided an update, with the following points to note;
- a) A6
 - 1st April - Tyre debris in road – safely removed;
 - 20th April - Car reported driving all over the road – intercepted by patrol.
 - b) Armathwaite
 - 4th April - Car vs Dog RTC – elderly driver concern
 - c) Calthwaite
 - 29th April - Hare coursing reported.
 - d) Low Hesket
 - 28th April - Malicious Communications.
 - e) Plumpton
 - 8th April - Male arrested breach of non-molestation order.
- 05/24/13** **Land at Aiketgate: RESOLVED** to continue with the current rental agreement.
- 05/24/14** **Tree Survey: RESOLVED** to engage Northern Ard Ltd for to conduct a tree survey, as per their quote.
- 05/24/15** **SIDS Device: RESOLVED** that Westmorland and Furness Council have stated that poles will be installed in early June, and that the Clerk would bring forward prices for a device to the July meeting.
- 05/24/16** **Play Area: RESOLVED** that Westmorland and Furness had agreed to provide a grant previously awarded by Eden District Council. The Clerk was authorised to proceed with path on receipt of grant, on condition that costs fell within allocated funding amount.
- 05/24/17** **Planting at Armathwaite: RESOLVED** that a report had been received report from the Helping Armathwaite Wildlife Group regarding grant funding spending. It was further **RESOLVED** to allow Gill Andrews to caretake the grass verge, to be reviewed in 12 months' time.
- 05/24/18** **Grants: RESOLVED** that the following grants were awarded;
- a) Plumpton Church - £400
 - b) Great North Air Ambulance - £50
 - c) High Hesket PCC - £400
- 05/24/19** **Planning applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed on current planning applications in the Parish;
- a) **2024/0522/FPA** Dalegarth, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0LB. Replacement of existing workshop with new workshop.
No objections – Councillors noted that developers should be mindful of noise and numbers of vehicles parking at site during work.
 - b) **2023/1093/FPA** Old School Hall, Armathwaite, Carlisle, CA4 9PB. Formation of foot bridge from car park to village hall gardens.
Support
 - c) **2024/0509/FPA** Southwaite Motorway Services Area North, Broadfield, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0NT. Installation of electrical infrastructure.
No objections
 - d) **2024/0493/FPA** Southwaite Motorway Services Area South, Broadfield, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0NT. Construction of electric vehicle charging hub and associated works.
No objections
 - e) **2024/0592/FPA** Calthwaite Hall, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9QU. Variation of condition 9 (nutrient neutrality) to amend the wording of the condition to omit apple orchard and include willow instead, attached to approval 22/0664.
No objections
 - f) **2024/0118/FPA** Toll Bar Farm, High Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0HR. Re-consultation on change of use of agricultural and to residential and erection of garage.
No objections

- 05/24/20** **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) **2024/0162/FPA** Low Grounds, Plumpton, Penrith, CA11 9NS. Erection of slurry store with cover. **GRANTED**
 - b) **23/0779** Southwaite Hall, Southwaite, CA4 0JT. Proposed ground mounted solar panels and installation of external air source heat pumps. **GRANTED**
 - c) **23/0780** Southwaite Hall, Southwaite, CA4 0JT. Listed building for proposed ground mounted solar panels and installation of external air source heat pumps. **GRANTED**
- 05/24/21** **Financial matters: RESOLVED** that the payments as listed in the payment schedule were approved.
- 05/24/22** **Correspondence: RESOLVED** that correspondence as detailed in the correspondence schedule were acknowledged.
- 05/24/23** **Parish Maintenance; RESOLVED** that the following items were raised;
- a) The signs at the top of Station Road in Armathwaite are being repeatedly damaged, as wagons have to turn. Issues appear to be arising from lorries taking the wrong route to the water bottling factory. Clerk to request further signage on the A6.
 - b) Councillor Lon agreed to inspect the bench in Calthwaite for condition.
 - c) The Clerk informed the Council that the printer was now beyond repair, and requested that it be disposed of, with future printing to be charged per sheet, on the Clerk's own printer. **RESOLVED** that Councillors agreed.
- 05/24/24** **Council matters: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised.
- a) **Petteril Bank Bridge Ford Crossing** – signs have been erected which are blocking footway to bridge, one of which is now in the in river. Concerns were raised that the signs are obtrusive and spoil the look of the area. Clerk to raise concerns.
 - b) **Bridge at Plumpton** – ongoing concerns regarding condition, Clerk to follow up with Environment Agency.
 - c) **Drain in Plumpton by Jubilee Chair at Petteril Bridge** - sunken drain with edging stones fallen. Clerk to report.
 - d) **Calthwaite Noticeboard** – to purchase a new noticeboard, as per the Plumpton one.
 - e) **Trees Southwaite** - these have now been cut back.
 - f) **Seat in Southwaite** – Councillor Waugh reported that strimming had now been done around the bench, with arm pieces fixed.
 - g) **Seat on A6** - Clerk to request Neil Ruddick to cut grass.
- 05/24/25** **Date of the next meeting– Tuesday July 9th 2024 at 7.30pm a Armathwaite Old School Hall.**

Meeting closed at 9:28 pm