

## HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### **13/3/1. Attendance**

E. Martin, A. Freeman, S. Bell, O. Bell, C. Steel, A. Sillito, N. Dean, B. Davidson, D. Porter, J. Dowes, L. Grisedale, J. Brooks, T. Wentworth-Waites.

#### **13/3/2. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

#### **13/3/3. Minutes**

The minutes from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were signed and approved as a true record, after a number of grammatical errors were corrected.

#### **13/3/4. Matters Arising From The Minutes**

- S. Bell confirmed that as of April 2018, a new company will be responsible for HPC payroll. S. Bell has made all of the necessary arrangements and E. Martin will take over as point of contact.
- Councillors were updated on the planning application for Mellguards Farm. Councillors would like to be informed of the outcome of the planning application. Councillors informed that there is a meeting arranged between the Police Crime Commissioner regarding farm traffic. **A. Freeman to forward the result as and when it is available.**
- Councillors shared that as of 20<sup>th</sup> May tractors/drivers will be required to have a MOT and driving license similar to that of a lorry driver. In addition, any drivers of farm traffic towing a trailer will need to have passed a test similar to that of an articulated lorry driver. **E. Martin to confirm these claims.**

#### **13/3/5. Chairman's announcements**

None

#### **13/3/6. Declaration of Interest.**

None

#### **13/3/7. Public Participation**

None.

#### **13/3/8. CCC – Tom Wentworth-Waites Update**

- Local Committee
  - Traffic, pot holes and winter maintenance ongoing.
  - Funding and maintenance schedule will be ongoing into next financial year.
  - Highways England - A66 – concern over a lack of correspondence and coordination.
  - Lessons learnt during winter weather have been noted including J39 issues with communities being cut off.
- Funding/Budget

- T. Wentworth-Waites shared that the council will be limiting projects from taking up large amounts of funding so that more projects can benefit.
- The request for the Rural Funding Delivery Grant to be amended to provide transportation in rural areas has been rejected.
- T. Wentworth-Waites confirmed that all of the funding pots are still open and will roll over to next financial year. He emphasised that funding still remains first come, first served.
- Maintenance
  - T. Wentworth-Waites explained that there is funding for road maintenance, but the areas dealt with first will be dependent on how the funding pot is split up and where the council's priorities lay. He also explained that some money has been set aside to attend for emergency areas.
  - The councillors were informed that there is funding for gully maintenance, to stop running water from flowing across roads and causing pot holes – proactive approach for trouble spots.
- Other
  - T. Wentworth-Waites attended a positive Armathwaite Old School Hall committee meeting to discuss fundraising for hall maintenance.
- Requests from Councillors
  - Councillors requested that T. Wentworth-Waites raised the issue about pot holes in our parish with highways and expressed concerns that the road between A66 and Armathwaite is not fit for purpose and is potentially dangerous.

### **13/3/9. PCSO Erica Norman Update**

PCSO Erica Norman was not able to attend HPC meeting but provided a short incident report which was read out by E. Martin for the councillor's information.

### **13/3/10. Footway Lighting Update**

E. Martin updated the councillors on the Footway Lighting Agreement, as well as the funding outline.

Councillors were informed that HPC were waiting for CALC to provide more information regarding the legal side of the agreement (expected by end of March 2018). E. Martin explained that the agreement would not be signed until CALC's response has been received. Adrian Todd has confirmed that no parish councils have currently signed the agreement. Councils have until next month to sign the agreement, but no extension in funding will be provided.

It was confirmed that HPC will be taking on 47 lights and that any lights not listed in the agreement will be taken down and not replaced. Any extra lighting requested by HPC will need to be funded and maintained solely by HPC. She also explained that the precept for the 2019/20 financial year will need to be increased to cover the shortfall in funding from EDC.

Additional lighting, for example at High Hesket Pub, could be reinstated after the current lights are removed, but will need to be funded by HPC.

E. Martin confirmed that any remaining lights will be replaced by LED lights with bendable columns to make maintenance easier. She also shared that for any new housing developments in our parish, the lighting will be adopted by county.

Some councillors were concerned that members of the parish are still not aware of the lighting changes and therefore will be caught unaware if any lights are removed.

Councillors were eager to express their concerns about the agreement to take on responsibility for the lighting and felt as though they were being forced into signing the agreement because they did not want the parish to lose its lighting. It has been noted that HPC will be signing the agreement under protest.

### **13/3/11. Intack Update**

E. Martin read to the councillors, an update regarding clay pigeon shooting at Intack. The update concerned a noise nuisance investigation which had been carried out. Restrictions were laid out and were agreed by Mr Threlkeld.

### **13/3/12. Nancy's Bench Update**

Councillors were updated on the progress made for the installation of Nancy's Bench. The plinth has been put in place and the bench itself has been ordered. **Councillors to agree wording for the plaque at the next meeting.**

### **13/3/13. Planning Applications – For Information Only**

- a) 18/0021 – Location – Old Town House, High Hesket, Carlisle, CA4 0JE - Description – Resubmission application 17/0767 - two local occupancy dwellings. - Case officer – Nick Atkinson  
No comments
- b) 18/0088 - Part field north east of Ivy Cottage, Aiketgate - Variation of condition 8 (local occupancy) attached to approval 17/0953 – Case officer Julie Birkett.  
No comments
- c) **18/0172 – 3 Forge Court. Low Hesket – Two storey front extension – Case officer – Karen Thompson**  
Councillors expressed disagreement with the planning application for Forge Court as it is not in keeping with the rest of the terrace. **Councillors to provide A. Freeman with any comments over the next week so that they can be passed onto EDC Planning.**

### **13/3/14. Payment of accounts**

To authorize the payment of the following accounts:

Capital Reserve £12,767.83	Current Acc £3,827.06	(as of 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018)
a) Ameer Freeman – Salary 26.03.18		£188.42
b) HMRC Tax		£47.00
c) Ameer Freeman – Expenses (November/December)		£58.74
d) Donation for High Hesket Church		£300.00
e) Donation for Armathwaite Church (replacement cheque)		£308.00
f) Donation for Parish Magazine		£300.00
g) BHIB Insurance (already paid)		£538.24
h) Dawn Collier (Armathwaite Planting)		£81.13

Councillors have agreed for this financial year's precept to be left in Current Account rather than transferring it over to the Capital Reserve Account. This is due to the lack of interest currently being earned in the capital reserve account.

### **13/3/15. Correspondence**

- a) Church Donations (High Hesket) – councillors agreed to donate £300 to High Hesket Church.

- b) Parish Magazine Donation – councillors agreed to donate £300 to Parish Magazine.
- c) Thank You from Armathwaite Church – letter shared with HPC.
- d) Thank You from Plumpton Church– letter shared with HPC.
- e) Thank you from PPG– letter shared with HPC.

### 13/3/16. Parish Maintenance

#### a) Grass Cutting

Councillors agreed to continue using Nick Holden for grass cutting in the parish, but confirmation is needed that the prices will remain the same as this year. (A. Freeman to action - DONE)  
Eric Scott to be contacted by A. Freeman to discuss if he would like to continue cutting grass in Plumpton. If not, A. Freeman to contact Darren Thompson. (A. Freeman to action - DONE)

#### b) Trees Update – Crooks Bridge

E. Martin shared that no changes have been made to the tress at Crooks Bridge. E. Martin has been in touch with Clark Davidson to discuss tree removal as highlighted by other local residents.

#### c) Household Garden Waste Skip Scheme Agreement

HPC have agreed not to sign Household Garden Waste Skip Scheme Agreement due to overflow and improper use. A. Freeman to get in touch with EDC - DONE.

### 13/3/17. Any Other Business

#### a) Website update

Councillors updated on the Transparency Fund money which will be used to update website and purchase a new laptop and printer.

#### b) Stella Bell

E. Martin presented Stella with a bunch of flowers to thank her for her service to HPC and wished her all the best for the future.

#### c) Maintenance Reports

E. Martin requested councillors to make a note of any maintenance regarding benches and notice boards and bring it along to the next HPC meeting.

#### d) Other

- A. Freeman to raise the issue of the pot holes on the Southbound M6 exit slip road with John Banks. (DONE)
- John Banks to be informed about the large pot holes on the road by Low Hesket Village Hall, past the houses on the corner. (A. Freeman to action – DONE)
- Further pot holes to report include those on the road leading out of Calthwaite towards Hutton End. (A. Freeman to action – DONE)
- Calthwaite School notice board has been reported as in need of maintenance. A. Freeman to check warranty provided by Richardsons.

### 13/3/18. Matters For Information

None

**13/3/19. Date of the next meeting Tuesday 8th May 2018**

**13/3/20. Meeting closed at 9pm.**