

Hesket Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.30pm in Low Hesket Village Hall, Low Hesket.

Present: Councillors; Gillian Campbell, Barry Davidson, Gillian Gibson, Hugh Lowthian, Elaine Martin (Chair), Alan Sillito, Christine Steel
Officers; Lisa Beken (Clerk)

Fourteen members of the public were also present.

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Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that the following absences be noted:

- Councillor John Dowes (apologies received);
- Councillor David Porter (apologies received);
- Councillor Jenny Porter (apologies received);
- Councillor David Scurrah (apologies received).

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Declaration of interests: RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were declared.

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Planning application:

a)20/0027 – Land at Southwaite Road, Low Hesket, outline planning permission for the erection of up to 13 dwellings with all matters reserved.

Members of the public presented their concerns regarding the above planning application. **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would submit the following material objections in support of Low Hesket residents:

- **Highways issues**
 - Access to the site – proximity to existing entrances; proximity to start of 40mph zone; proximity of layby used by lorries overnight; traffic considerations for southbound traffic.
 - Footpath – the proposed footpath onto Southwaite Road is too narrow for both farm vehicle access and foot traffic.
 - Traffic survey – does not give a full account of road usage, due to increased traffic volume in summer months.
- **Physical infrastructure**
 - Capacity of existing drainage, which is already subject to flooding/overflow.
- **Social Facilities**
 - High Hesket Primary School is already full to capacity, as is Caldew Secondary School.
 - Should the development go ahead, travel provision would need to be considered for both primary and secondary pupils.
- **Financial considerations**
 - An education contribution could also be sought.
 - Low Hesket village has no play facilities for young people. Residents have been seeking a suitable site for such for some time. If the development were approved, could land and/or a financial contribution be attached as a condition?

In addition, Councillor Davidson noted an error with the affordable housing calculation in the Planning Statement. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would inform planning of the error, and request allotted affordable homes be increased from 3 to 4 if application is granted.

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Council matters: RESOLVED that no further matters were raised.

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Date of the next Ordinary Meeting – Tuesday March 10th, at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm