

Hesket Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Elaine Martin (Chair), David Ryland (Vice-Chair), John Dowes, Gillian Gibson, Maxine Graham, Kelley Peacock, Dawn Pollock, Vivien Waugh,
Westmorland and Furness
Councillor: Hilary Carrick
Officers: Lisa Beken (Clerk)

One member of the public was also present.

- 01/25/1** **Apologies for absence: RESOLVED that the following apologies were received;**
- a) Councillor Everingham, due to personal commitment;
 - b) Councillor Long, due to work commitments;
 - c) Councillor Campbell, for personal reasons;
 - d) Councillor Andrew Williamson, no apologies.
- 01/25/2** **Declaration of interests: RESOLVED** that Councillor Gibson declared an interest in item 10 (minute number 01/25/10) on the agenda, and would not vote on that matter.
- 01/25/3** **Minutes: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024 were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.
- 01/25/4** **Matters arising from the minutes: RESOLVED** that the following matters were raised;
- Councillor Dowes confirmed that Highways had swept Station Road in Armathwaite, and that they had done a good job.
 - Councillor Waugh informed the Council that there was still an issue with gravel at the bridge on the road to Southwaite, and that signs at the Ford which were causing an obstruction to pedestrians were still there.
 - Councillor Waugh confirmed that the drain at the entrance to Southwaite Services had been cleared.
- 01/25/5** **Chair's announcements: RESOLVED** that no announcements were made.
- 01/25/6** **Public Participation: RESOLVED** that no issues were raised.
- 01/25/7** **Westmorland and Furness Report: RESOLVED** that Councillor Carrick updated the Council with regard to the following matters;
- a) Westmorland and Furness are anticipating implementing a 2.99% increase in council tax, with a further 2% increase in the adult social care element.
 - b) At a recent cabinet meeting it was agreed to move forward with consideration of devolution, which could lead to the introduction of a mayor for Cumbria. If it is agreed, it is likely that an election for mayor would take place in 2026. Councillor Ryland requested that any consultation be widely publicised.
 - c) Regarding new cats' eyes on the A6, this is currently, with the network team, and should be completed within the financial year.
 - d) Regarding concerns about speed limits at the church side entrance to Calthwaite, Highways would be placing speed strips to monitor traffic speed.
- 01/25/8** **Cumbria Police Report: RESOLVED** that PC Labram had provided a report, which had been circulated to Councillors.
- 01/25/9** **Speed Indicator Device: RESOLVED** that Councillors were informed the supplier had clarified that the quote obtained on behalf of the Parish Council by Highways had not included the cost of installation. Highways have confirmed that they would not be able to undertake the initial installation, and that this should be carried out by the manufacturer. The supplier had offered a £100 reduction due to the misunderstanding, and provided a quote for the full price, which was circulated to Councillors. After obtaining further details requested by the

supplier, the Clerk had now placed the order, and was waiting for a delivery date from the supplier.

01/25/10 Armathwaite Play Area: RESOLVED that a further quote had been obtained from Thomas Gibson. The Council unanimously agreed to engage his services for the work as specified.

01/25/11 Footway Lighting: RESOLVED that the Westmorland and Furness had held a virtual meeting on Footway Lighting Policy proposals, which Councillor Martin and the Clerk had attended. Two proposals were put forward - Proposal 1 to return to all footway lights to the ownership of Westmorland and Furness Council, who would continue to maintain them; Proposal 2 for Parish Councils to continue to own lights, with a maintenance and supply contract offered to them by Westmorland and Furness Council. These proposals still need to be voted on by Westmorland and Furness Council.

01/25/12 Place Action Group: RESOLVED that Councillor Ryland and the Clerk had attended the first meeting. The purpose of the group is to develop relationships with key stakeholders and look at collaborative working with other Parish Councils in the ward. Councillor Ryland had enquired about the administrative cost of the groups, but had not received a response. Councillor Martin, suggested that the group could look at green waste collections, and Councillor agreed that the Parish Council would remain a member of the group, with the Chair and the Clerk to attend meetings.

01/25/13 Planning applications: RESOLVED that;

a) The following comments submitted on planning applications since the last meeting of the Parish Council were acknowledged;

- **2024/2091/FPA** 13 Brockley Moor, Plumpton, Penrith, CA11 9NT. Erection of rear single storey extension.

NO OBJECTIONS

- **2024/1709/LBC** Wayside Terrace, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9QL. Listed Building Consent for the replacement of 2no soft wood single glazed windows with hard wood conservation glazed windows

NO OBJECTIONS

- **2024/1829/FPA** 1 Council Houses, Thiefside, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9RG. Two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and widening of existing access and parking area.

NO OBJECTIONS

- **2024/1812/FPA** Land between Swynways and Thackmoor, Old Town, High Hesket, CA4 0JE.

NO OBJECTIONS

- **2024/2126/PACOU** Plumpton Old Hall, Plumpton. Change of use from an agricultural building to a Farm Shop.

COMMENTS - Regarding concerns over access from A6.

b) **Planning applications: RESOLVED** that the following comments were agreed on application currently open for comment;

- **2024/2291/FPA** Blacksykes Farmhouse, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9PP. Replacement of existing two storey flat roof extension with new two storey extension to the rear, demolition of existing office and bedrooms and erection of a two storey side extension.

No objections

- **2024/2061/FPA** Thackwood Farm, Monkcastle, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0PZ. Erection of a building over an existing silage clamp.

No objections

- Planning application for Reserved Matters at Low Hesket on field – not all info online. Will send round once received.

c) **Planning decision notices: RESOLVED** that the following planning decisions, made since the last meeting of the Parish Council were noted;

- **2024/2091/FPA** 13 Brockley Moor, Plumpton, Penrith, CA11 9NT. Erection of rear single storey extension.
GRANTED
- **2024/1896/FPA** Garth Cottage, Calthwaite, Penrith, CA11 9PP. Proposed single storey rear extension.
REFUSED
- **2024/1165/FPA** Land West of Thackwood Materials Recycling Facility, Monkcastle, Southwaite, Carlisle, CA4 0PZ. Proposed 2no slurry storage tanks
GRANTED

- d) **Other planning matters: RESOLVED** that the following planning matters were noted;
- No objections to pre consultation at Southwaite Services.

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Financial matters: RESOLVED that the following matters were agreed;

- a) To renew the insurance policy with Clear Councils.
- b) To approve payments as listed in the amended payment schedule.
- c) To continue banking arrangements with Natwest, with amendments to the banking mandate as previously agreed.

01/25/15

Correspondence: RESOLVED that correspondence as detailed in the correspondence was acknowledged.

01/25/16

Parish Maintenance; RESOLVED that the no matters were raised.

01/25/17

Council matters: RESOLVED that the following matters were raised;

- a) Councillor Ryland raised a concern that grass at Low Hesket, near to the Aiketgate junction had not been cut, and that it would need to be done before the Daffodils come up, as this area form part of the Eden Valley Daffodil Walk. Clerk to enquire.
- b) On the A6 a wall has been damaged at Mounsey Bank causing a danger to pedestrians. Clerk to report.
- c) On the southbound carriageway of the A6, just past Boggle Hall, the road has been damaged by fire. Clerk to report.
- d) Councillor Ryland requested that the white lines opposite Hazel Cottage and along the road to the A6 be reinstated. Clerk to request.
- e) The condition of the roads outside Sipling at Low Hesket has severely deteriorated. Clerk to report.
- f) Through Low Hesket, central road markings have completely worn away, where previously there were safety making. Clerk to report. Section of road in middle of Low Hesket, all road marking gone, Previous safety marking were there.
- g) Steps at Barrock Park Bridge to be done this week.
- h) The Ling Road to Sewell Houses has sever pot holes with sitting water. Temporary repairs carried out have not fixed the problem. Clerk to report.

01/25/18

Date of the next meeting– Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7.30pm at Armathwaite Old School Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:02 pm

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Financial Officer's Report January 2025

Cash Book Balance carried over from 12th November 2024	£35,109.18
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Receipts

Monies received at 3rd January 2025:

Interest	£24.62
Grant (from Westmorland and Furness, for play park path)	£3,000.00
Total	£3,024.62

Payment Schedule

VN	Chq No.	Payee	Budget Heading	Amount
Pre approved payments made since 12th November RFO report				
24-25/39	DPC	L Beken	Asset purchase	£347.97
24-25/40	SO	L Beken	Staffing	£402.82
24-25/41	DD	Cumbria Payroll Services Ltd	Staffing	£17.40
24-25/42	SO	L Beken	Staffing	£402.82
24-25/43	DD	Cumbria Payroll Services Ltd	Staffing	£17.40
24-25/44	DPC	L Beken	Staffing	£38.24
Total				£1,226.65

Payments to be approved at 14th January meeting				
24-25/45	DPC	L Beken	Clerk expenses	£38.62
24-25/46	DPC	L Beken	Administration	£12.00
24-25/47	DPC	N Ruddick	Open Spaces	£2,445.00
Total				£2,495.62

Allocated Reserves

Armathwaite Play Area	£6,617.37
Footway Lighting	£2,895.92
Speed Indicator Device	£1,000.00
Total reserves	£10,513.29

Projected Cashbook Balance

Estimated Cashbook Balance at 14th January 2025	£34,411.53
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Spending to date - after January 2025 Meeting

PAYMENTS	2024/2025 Budgeted	To date	To be spent
Administration	£300.00	£125.70	£174.30
Asset purchase	£3,000.00	£1,887.92	£7,921.23
Audit fees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Clerk Expenses	£300.00	£192.76	£107.24
Election costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Footway Lighting	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,500.00
General maintenance	£150.00	£643.20	£0.00
Hall hire (including Zoom)	£150.00	£90.00	£60.00
Highways	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
Insurance	£1,750.00	£0.00	£1,750.00
Open Spaces	£2,000.00	£2,445.00	-£445.00
Recreation	£120.00	£122.40	£0.00
Section 137 Grants	£3,000.00	£2,369.00	£631.00
Staffing	£5,000.00	£3,953.99	£1,046.01
Subscriptions	£450.00	£482.94	£0.00
Training	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
Transport	£350.00	£400.00	£0.00
Website	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£20,540.00	£12,712.91	£15,214.78
RECEIPTS	2024/2025 Budgeted	To date	To be received
Precept	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	£0.00
CTRS	£101.00	£101.00	£0.00
VAT refund	£546.03	£1,056.96	£0.00
Interest	£100.00	£117.78	£30.00
Grants/Donations	£0.00	£3,000.00	£1,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£15,747.03	£19,275.74	£1,030.00

Purchase of noticeboard
and SID

Allocated Reserves

Armathwaite Play Area	£6,617.37	<i>(plus £1,000 grant funding to be received)</i>
Footway Lighting	£2,895.92	
SIDS Device	£1,000.00	<i>(received as grant funding from WandF)</i>
Total reserves	£10,513.29	

Estimated Cashbook Balance at 14th January 2025	£34,411.53
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Estimated Cashbook Balance minus reserves at 14th January 2025	£23,898.24
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Estimated Cashbook Balance minus reserves at 30th March 2025	£8,683.46
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Bank Reconciliation at 3rd January 2025

Balances at Bank 12th November 2024

Current Account		£25,261.39
Business Reserve Account		£8,021.65
Business Reserve Account 2		£2,889.40
	Add Receipts to 3rd January 2025	£3,024.62
	Less Payments to 3rd January 2025	£2,289.91
Cashbook Balance carried forward to 3rd January 2025		£36,907.15

Balances at Bank 3rd January 2025

Current Account Balance		£25,971.48
Business Reserve Account		£8,039.75
Business Reserve Account 2		£2,895.92
	Less unpresented cheques	£0.00
Cashbook Balance as at 3rd January 2025		£36,907.15

Cashbook Balance 3rd January 2025

Cashbook Balance brought forward from 12th November 2024 RFO Report		£35,109.18
	Add receipts since 12th November RFO Report	£3,024.62
	Less payments since 12th November RFO Report	£1,226.65
Cashbook Balance brought forward to 3rd January 2025		£36,907.15

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Correspondence register – November 2024

Date	Content	Format	Action
Westmorland and Furness Council			
30/10	Footway Lighting Recharge update	Email	
CALC			
16/9	Launch of Cumbria People and Nature Network website	Email	
26/9	Contact email for waste issues – for Clerks only	Email	Clerk noted
9/10	CALC subscription estimate	Email	Added to budget
15/10	Website training – online, 13 th November	Email	Clerk to attend
23/10	NALC Pay scales	Email	Added to agenda
Other			
23/9	Letter of thanks from Armathwaite PCC	Email	
30/9	Letter of thanks from News and Notes	Email	
5/10	Letter from Low Hesket resident	Email	Chair replied
16/10	Resident regarding Armathwaite Play Area	Email	
22/10	Resident regarding Armathwaite Play Area	Email	