

HETHERSGILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Hethersgill Parish Council held on 21st March 2017 in the Parish Hall, Hethersgill.

Present Cllrs H Kay (Chair), F Heaton, G Houston, N Elliott, A Oswin, S Barrett and C Williams

ACTION

739/17 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr's A Sisson and A Gash.

740/17 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th January 2017

Resolved that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting as a true record.

741/17 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

742/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Elliott declared an interest in all matters relating to Hethersgill Parish Hall.

743/17 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

744/17 Administrative Matters

744.1 Broadband

Cllr Houston informed members that residents could combine the grants available for better broadband to collectively improve services in an area.

Cllr Barrett confirmed that a new cabinet is to be put into the area in the next 12 months and further improvements are planned that could lead to those within 4km of a cabinet receiving improved services.

An article to explain to parishioners how to receive grant funding for improved broadband was placed in the last Gill.

Cllr Elliott left the meeting at 19.38.

744.2 Audit 2016/17

Resolved to adopt the updated documents as below and to review the effectiveness of the internal audit as adequate.

- internal audit checklist
- internal audit plan
- internal auditor terms of reference
- asset register
- risk assessment

Also noted that the Clerk had undertaken a review of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and did not recommend any further changes.

744.3 Internal Auditor 2016/17

Resolved to continue the appointment of Mrs P Cronin as internal auditor for the financial year 2016/17 and until further notice.

744.4 Fidelity Insurance Guarantee

Resolved to accept the review of PC fidelity insurance as being adequate for the current financial year.

Signed (Chairman).....

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745/17 Planning Matters

17/0114 Land at Waingate Head, Kirklington, Carlisle, CA6 6BG - Proposed Erection Of 2no Holiday Let Tree Houses Including The Installation Of Filtration Drainage. Upgrade Of Farm Track And Provision Of Parking

Noted that the Clerk responded under delegated powers with “no representation”.

17/0002 Kirklington Hall, Kirklington, Carlisle, CA6 6BB - Restoration And Stabilisation Of Stable Block By Part Rebuilding And Re-Roofing

Noted that permission has been granted.

746/17 Highways Matters**746.1 Updates**

It was noted that the Riggfoot to Sandy Lonning road remained in a poor condition. The Clerk is to re-report to Highways. **SK**

It was also noted that the ditches adjacent to Quarry Beck require cleaning.

Cllr Kay noted that a new online Highways reporting service had been launched.

Cllr Elliott returned to the meeting at 19.58.

746.2 Hallfoot Mill

The results of a traffic survey carried out in response to the recent petition had been received and circulated to Cllr's. It was noted that two new signs to indicate bends in the road were to be installed as a result of the survey.

Cllr's requested that a “Slow” sign was also placed on the new bend signs. They also requested that a left hand turn indicator was placed prior to the Horsegills turn off. **SK**

Cllr Oswin is to inform residents of the survey results. Residents are also to be asked that, if problems occur at silage time with large tractors, this be reported to the Police for them to investigate. **AO**

746.3 Quarry Beck Adjacent Land

This item was not considered following further dialogue with the resident.

747/17 Finance Matters**747.1 Accounts to end February 2017**

A summary of the accounts to the end of February 2017, showing income, expenditure and percentage variance against budget, had been previously circulated with the agenda and **noted**.

The balance at bank at 28 February was £6,860.59 with a £300 outstanding payment to be made.

747.2 Payments

Resolved to authorise two councillors to sign to authorise payments as detailed in the schedule dated 21st March 2017.

747.3 Receipts

Noted the receipt of £350 from Carlisle City Council for signpost repairs.

747.4 Donation Request

Resolved: To donate £500, as per budget, to Hethersgill Social Committee.

Signed (Chairman).....

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748/17 Councillor Matters

Cllr Williams noted she continued to attend Brampton and Beyond meetings.

749/17 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

A schedule of notices and publications received since the last meeting and not otherwise on the agenda were received and noted. It was noted that correspondence had been received requesting feedback as to why Cllr's did not regularly attend tri-partite meetings.

750/17 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will directly follow its closure.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.27