

HETHERSGILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hethersgill Parish Council held on 16th May 2017 in the Parish Hall, Hethersgill.

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

In Attendance City Cllr D Shepherd

ACTION

751/17 Election of Chairman

Resolved unanimously that Cllr H Kay be elected as Chairman for the Council Year 2017/18. Cllr Kay signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

752/17 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Resolved unanimously that Cllr A Sisson be appointed as Vice-Chairman for the Council Year 2017/18.

753/17 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr J Mallinson.

754/17 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st March 2017

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

755/17 Request for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

756/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Elliott declared an interest in all matters relating to Hethersgill Parish Hall. City Cllr Shepherd noted an interest in all planning matters.

757/17 Public Participation

No members of the public were present. City Cllr Shepherd noted he has a small pot of funds that can be applied for, for suitable projects.

758/17 Administrative Matters

758.1 Broadband

Cllr Barrett noted that problems remain ongoing with telephone provision in the Littlefield area. He continues to actively pursue a solution and will exchange correspondence with City Cllr Shepherd regarding the difficulties.

758.2 Hallburn Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

Cllr Kay informed members that he had attended a meeting regarding the above. He outlined plans for a £66,000 fund to be distributed annually between five parishes, Hethersgill being one of them, every year for the next twenty-five years. It was agreed this was a significant sum of money and could bring real benefit to the parish.

The criteria for the grants were discussed and members were urged to let local community groups as well as individuals, know about the money and to start to think of suitable projects to apply for. A means of distributing grants to individuals is still being agreed.

Cllr Williams was appointed as the Council representative on the advisory grants panel. The application procedure information will be displayed on the noticeboards and included in the next Gill.

Signed (Chairman).....
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759/17 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 permission had been granted.

17/0240 Millcrest, Kirklington, Carlisle, CA6 6DW - Removal Of Existing Kitchen And Barn To Provide New Single Storey Kitchen Extension With Modified Roofline

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

760/17 Highways Matters**760.1 Updates**

Cllr Heaton noted that repair works to the stile on the public footpath to Ullermire have not been carried out. The Clerk is to follow this up as appropriate.

CLERK**760.2 Hallfoot Mill**

It was noted that bend warning signs have been ordered in the first batch of safety signs works in the 2017/18 financial year. However, the request for slow signs cannot be fulfilled due to the low mean speeds recorded in the area. It was also noted that the request for a left turn sign will be considered later in the financial year.

761/17 Finance Matters**761.1 Insurance 2017/18**

Resolved: To accept a quotation for a one year insurance policy with Came & Company brokers for £168.

761.2 SLCC Membership 2017/18

Resolved: To make a contribution of £9 towards the Clerk’s membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks. The donation payable to Stanwix Rural Parish Council.

761.3 Internal Audit Report

Resolved: To agree the internal audit report which had been circulated alongside the agenda.

761.4 Audit Commission Annual Return Governance Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2017

Resolved that the Annual Governance Statement for the Audit Commission Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 be signed by the Chairman.

761.5 Statement of Accounts to Year Ended 31st March 2017

Resolved that the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 be approved and that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Return.

761.6 Hethersgill Parish Hall

Resolved: To donate, as per budget, £1700 towards the Parish Hall tarmacking project.

761.7 Budget 2017/18

Resolved: To agree an updated and amended budget for 2017/18 as circulated alongside the agenda. The budget for the forthcoming year does not have much room for flexibility as reserves are forecast to be low. A new printer is required and funds from the small-scale City Council budget could potentially be applied for. It was also noted that a new website may be to fund in the future due to service issues with the current provider.

It is anticipated that local groups, in particular the Parish Hall, will begin to use the Hallburn fund for future grant applications and therefore lessen the pressure on Council finances.

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761.8 Payments

Resolved to authorise two councillors to sign to authorise payments as detailed in the schedule dated 16th May 2017.

The balance at bank at 30 April 2017 was £9,711.67.

761.9 Receipts

Noted the receipt of £ £7000 from Carlisle City Council (precept and CTRS grant).

761.10 Donation Request

Resolved: To donate £200 to the Bewcastle Scout Group (S137, LGA 1972). The group has 2 scouts from the parish currently attending with a further 2 due to begin in the near future.

762/17 Councillor Matters

Cllr Sisson noted the poor state of the grass at the crossroads. The Clerk has confirmed that the grass cutter will be in the area as soon as possible. Tenders for the works at the crossroads and Sand Hole will need to be sought prior to precept setting.

Cllr Kay noted that the Council has been invited to attend a meeting regarding a proposed hydrotherapy pool in Brampton. The Clerk is to attend on behalf of the Council. Cllr Barrett will also be in attendance on behalf of another group.

City Cllr Shepherd informed members that Cumbria Waste Management have funds available for local projects.

763/17 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.

764/17 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 18th July 2017 in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.42.

Signed (Chairman).....
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