

HETHERSGILL PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Hethersgill

Present Cllr A Sisson (Chair), Cllrs S Barrett, F Heaton, A Gash, A Oswin, A Smith and C Williams.

In Attendance the Clerk, S Kyle.

ACTION

028/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Irving and County Cllr J Mallinson.

029/21 Request for Dispensations and Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gash declared an interest in planning applications 21/0641 and 21/0666, due to residing in an adjacent property. No requests for dispensations were received.

030/21 Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th May 2021

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

031/21 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

032/21 Administrative Matters

032.1 Broadband

It was noted that a response to the survey, discussed in May, had been compiled by Cllr Barrett and submitted. Any response received from the survey will be circulated in due course.

032.2 Parish Survey

It was noted that there had been no progress with the above however works would start now that COVID restrictions had being lifted.

032.3 Co-option Policy

A co-option policy had been formulated and circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that one member of the public was interested in standing for the current vacancy.

Resolved to adopt the policy with immediate effect.

032.4 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd July 2022

It was noted that the planned VE Day celebrations, postponed from 2020, would be hopefully resurrected for the above weekend. It was agreed that if a beacon could be obtained then a high point in the parish would be required to light it.

Resolved to investigate the purchase of a beacon and to request in the next Gill that local landowners consider the temporary siting of it in a suitable high point in the parish.

032.5 Code of Conduct

Resolved to adopt the updated Code, as previously circulated to all members.

032.6 Border Rambler Bus

It was noted that a new and updated bus service, twice per week, had resumed. This will be communicated in the next Gill.

032.7 Carlisle City Council's New Carlisle Plan for 2021 – 2023

The link to the above had been previously circulated and Cllrs were encouraged to read and respond individually. The lack of inclusion of rural parishes was highlighted as a cause for concern.

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033.8 Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries

The above consultation was noted. It was also noted that a decision to the local government review for Cumbria was imminent.

033/21 Highways Matters**033.1 Updates**

It was noted that the streetlamp adjacent to Dacre Road had been repaired.

033.2 Highways Information Management System

Information regarding the new highways reporting system had been circulated to all members and they were encouraged to not only use it but encourage members of the public to report issues directly with it.

022.2 Himalayan Balsam

It was noted that some Balsam had been successfully removed with approximately 50 volunteer hours already been amassed. Issues recruiting volunteers and the sheer size of the Balsam problem were however causing delays to the project. It was noted that some landowners had agreed consent for the Community Payback teams to undertake clearing on larger areas; thanks were offered to Cllr Shepherd for coordinating this initiative. A need to purchase equipment and engage contractors to work in certain areas, necessitating funding, was also discussed.

Resolved that the Parish Council can act as the accountable body for the volunteer group, offering them an ability to apply for grant funding for 2022 efforts. The group to also be encouraged to apply to the Council for funding if required. A full report of efforts to date is to be circulated in the next Gill.

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034/21 Finance Matters**034.1 Payments**

Resolved to approve payments, including retrospective payments, as follows:

- Sarah Kyle, June Salary, £229.32
- Sarah Kyle, July Salary, £229.52
- HMRC, June PAYE, £57.40
- HMRC, July PAYE, £57.20
- Hethersgill Parish Hall, previously agreed donation towards renovations, £1000
- Came & Co, Insurance, £218.00

034.2 Receipts

Resolved to the note the receipt of the Precept, from Carlisle City Council, totalling £7,000.

034.3 Bank Reconciliation and Budget Update

A budget summary, with expenditure to date against budget, was circulated alongside the agenda. The balance at bank on 30 June 2021 was £14,755.67. Funds remain ring-fenced for Hethersgill Social Committee, as previously agreed in donation requests.

035/21 Planning Matters

21/0491 Hall Hills Barn, Hethersgill, Carlisle, CA6 6HW - Conversion of Barn To 1no. Dwelling

Resolved to note that the Clerk responded with 'no representations.

21/0196 Grain Cottage, Hethersgill, Carlisle, CA6 6HD - Addition Of 1no. Bay Window to Front Elevation Incorporating Works to Existing Porch; Erection of Single Storey Rear/Side Extension to Provide Sunroom and Office

Resolved to note that permission has been granted.

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21/0289 Prior House Farm, Kirklington, Carlisle, CA6 6BQ - Erection of Portal Framed Building Over Existing Cattle Handling

Resolved to note that permission has been granted.

21/0373 Lodge Hill, Hethersgill, Carlisle, CA6 6HW - Erection of General-Purpose Agricultural Shed

Resolved to note that permission has been granted.

21/0641 Yew House, Sikeside, Kirklington, Carlisle, CA6 6DR - Change of Use of Garage and Part First Floor to Form Holiday Let

Resolved to submit that, although no objections existed to the specific details of this application, the Parish Council would like their concerns noted that the trend for allowing permission for holiday lets in rural areas, when low-cost housing is sorely needed, is a cause for concern.

21/0666 Yew House, Sikeside, Kirklington, Carlisle, CA6 6DR - Installation Of 16no. Roof Mounted Solar Panels to Rear Elevation (LBC)

Resolved to support the application.

21/0688 Stone Flatts, Kirklington, Carlisle, CA6 6DL - Proposal to Roof Over Existing Cattle Feeding Yard

Resolved to respond with no representations.

036/21 Councillor Matters

Cllr Williams noted a large quantity of fly-tipping adjacent to the parish, which had been reported to the relevant authorities.

Cllr Barrett informed members that the peat moss, with its status as a National Nature Reserve, is to have public access being promoted in the near future. Plans to site a solar park on the large concrete areas were also mentioned. A new sign, close to the entrance of Grainbrow, warning of the dangers of the area, had also been recently installed. .

037/21 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the Parish Council will be held in Hethersgill Parish Hall on Tuesday 21st September at 7.30pm. The meeting will only take place subject to a review of the business to transact, COVID regulations, hall accessibility and member availability at that time.

There being no further business the Chairwoman closed the meeting at 8.23pm.

Signed (Chairman).....
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