

HETHERSGILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Hethersgill

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

In Attendance The Clerk, S Kyle.

ACTION

078/22 Election of Chairman for the Council Year 2022/23

Resolved to elect Cllr A Sisson as Chairman for the Council year 2022/23. Cllr Sisson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

079/22 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Resolved to appoint Cllr C Williams as Vice-Chairman for the Council year 2022/23. Cllr Williams was thanked for chairing the last PC meeting.

080/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Cllr J Mallinson and City Cllr D Shepherd.

081/22 Request for Dispensations and Declarations of Interest

No requests for dispensations were made. Cllr Irving declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 22/0327.

082/22 Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th March 2022

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

083/22 Co-option of New Councillor

An application to fill the vacancy remaining from the last election had been made by two residents: Jonathan Bryant and Clive Elliott. It was noted that Cllr Smith's position will become vacant later in the year, upon his moving from the parish; consideration will be given to replacement arrangements at that time.

Resolved to co-opt Jonathan Bryant at the July meeting.

084/22 Public Participation

No members of the public were present. The excellent turnout of the number of residents at the public meeting held in April was acknowledged.

085/22 Administrative Matters

085.1 Broadband

A suggestion for the installation of broadband in the Village Hall was made; a letter is to be sent to the Committee offering support and backing for its provision.

Cllr Gash updated members on the Project Gigabit initiative and holds contact details should anyone require them.

Signed (Chairman).....
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085.2 Parish Survey

Approximately fifty residents had attended the open meeting to discuss the results and initiatives arising from the parish survey. Some progress had been made with groups, classes, and initiatives:

- A yoga group will be commencing in June; consideration is to be made to the purchase of yoga mats.
- A walking group has met once and is planning another route.
- Costs for a license for a film club were discussed, being up to £120 per event.
- A singing group has met; expenses for the tutor are to be offered.
- A hanging basket workshop is to take place; it was agreed that there would be a subsidy of £10 per Hethersgill resident.
- A Cumbria Farmhouse Odyssey talk will be offered; the Parish Council to cover the hall hire costs.
- A craft class is to be set up.
- A book club is being investigated.
- A rounders match will be considered.

A suggestion has also been received to put flower boxes onto the entrance signs in the village, noting that the land belonged to Highways.

Consideration is also to be given as to how housebound members of the parish can be included.

Resolved that a login be issued to Cllr Irving to update the website and that the Parish Council cover activity expenses as agreed above.

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Cllr Gash left the meeting at 8.10pm.

085.3 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022

Consideration was given to moving the planted Rowan tree; however the lack of alternative locations was accepted. A plaque is to be investigated to be displayed alongside it.

The programme of events for the weekend was noted, with a refreshment evening with chippy van and ice creams on the Wednesday followed by the beacon lighting on the Thursday evening, and church service on the Sunday.

Resolved to investigate the purchase of a life-sized Queen for photo opportunities and to authorise up to £50 for the attendance of a photographer for the Sunday celebrations.

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085.4 Programme of Meetings

Resolved to agree the calendar of meeting dates for the council year 2022/23 as Tuesday 19 July 2022, Tuesday 20 September 2022, Tuesday 15 November 2022, Tuesday 17 January 2023, Tuesday 21 March 2023 and Tuesday 16 May 2023 (TBC - New Council Year).

085.5 Review of Policies and Procedures

Resolved to agree the review undertaken by the clerk of the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Complaints procedure; procedures and practices in respect of Freedom of Information and data protection legislation; and policy for dealing with the press/media and to agree no changes are recommended at this time.

Signed (Chairman).....
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086/22 Highways Matters**086.1 Updates**

No updates were available

086.2 Balsam Bashers

Cllr Williams reported progress with an information board for display at the Village Hall; consent for its installation is to be confirmed directly with the Committee with provisional costs for expenditure authorised.

It was noted that £202.34 had been spent on safety equipment. Volunteers are still required for the dates which have been organised, noted as 26/28 May and 13/26 June.

Resolved to ensure an updated risk assessment is sent to the working group for the picking.

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087/22 Finance Matters**087.1 Payments**

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

- Sarah Kyle, April Salary, and reimbursements, £236.38
- Sarah Kyle, May Salary, £233.36
- HMRC, April PAYE, £58.20
- HMRC, May PAYE, £58.40
- Stanwix Rural Parish Council, SLCC Contribution, £24.00
- HSBC, bank charges, £8.00
- CALC, Subscription, £148.86
- BHIB Insurance, £362.26
- Simon Barrett, rowan tree, £15.60
- YPO, balsam bashers, £58.80
- Christine Williams, balsam bashers, £117.35

087.2 Receipts

Resolved to note the receipt of £7000 precept from Carlisle City Council.

088.3 Internet Banking

Resolved to reconfirm approval for the Clerk to authorise internet banking payments and for the direct debit for ICO payments to continue.

088/22 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22**088.1 Internal Auditors Report**

Resolved to accept the end of year internal auditors report for the financial year 2021/22, which had been circulated alongside the agenda.

088.2 Certificate of Exemption

Resolved that the Parish Council wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and to authorise the Chairman to sign and the RFO to submit a Certificate of Exemption to the External Auditor following confirmation that gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2022.

Signed (Chairman).....
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088.3 Annual Governance Statement

Resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 and authorise the Chairman to sign the Annual return.

088.4 Accounting Statements

Resolved to approve Accounting Statements 2021/22 and authorise the Chairman to sign the annual return.

089/22 Planning Matters

22/0327 Irvings Croft, Hethersgill, Carlisle, CA6 6EH - Single Storey Rear Extension to Provide Additional Living Accommodation

Resolved not to make any representations on the application. (*Clr Irving left the room for this item only*).

090/22 Councillor Matters

Clr Irving reported a complaint that a parish bridleway was not being kept in order. This is to be reported to the County Council for action.

Clr Heaton reported the streetlight at Netherfield was still out of order; this is to be re-reported.

Clr Williams enquired as to why the noticeboard at the crossroads was not updated; it was confirmed the key lock requires repairs and will be actioned as soon as possible.

Clr Sisson noted that householder packs remain available should anyone wish to distribute copies.

091/22 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 19th July in Hethersgill Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.57pm.

Signed (Chairman).....
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