

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Thursday 18 April 2024 in the Athenaeum, Leasgill at 7:30pm

Held in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972

Present: Councillors Peter Clarke (Chair), Tom Grindey and Mary Capstick; Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye; Malcolm Richardson (Parish Clerk) and 14 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Brian Rendell, Adrian Bland, Elizabeth Moffat and Iain Richards and from Hilary Hutchinson and Colin Honour

2. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair

3. Presentation

Dallam School Headmaster Steve Henneberry told the meeting that the OFSTED inspection in February 2023 had required improvement but that the January 2024 inspection had a good outcome. There was no longer anti-social behaviour from the boarding house pupils and integration between the two sites had improved. The school was promoting a sense of community with a strong desire to integrate the boarding house into Heversham. There were currently 57 pupils in the boarding house (34 full-time and 23 short-time) with a full capacity of 120. He then referred to the old primary school and said that there were no plans for occupation at the present time

4. Reports

- a. Cllr. Peter Clarke reported on the work of the Council since the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting including considering planning applications from a village perspective; asking for a 50mph limit extension on the A6; discussing a 20mph limit throughout the village; monitoring street lights; reporting potholes; checking footpaths and tracks; acting as trustees for The Athenaeum; monitoring the playground, quarry wood and the jubilee copse; supporting the B4RN initiative; and organizing the Christmas tree and carols. The Council once more warmly thanks Mary Capstick and Margaret Rendell for their diligent care of the southern and northern flower beds
- b. South Lakes Police: There was no report
- c. Westmorland and Furness Cllr. Janet Battye reported that the new W&F Council had wished to stabilise and harmonise services before starting to transform them to get the best from a single Council. She then spoke about adult social care; the South Lakeland Locality Board of which she was Deputy Chair; the biodiversity loss action plan; gritting, green waste collection and bus funding
- d. The Athenaeum: The Chair (Robin Sisson) reported that the hall continues to be well used and that costs have been covered partly due to four fund-raising events; and grants had enabled the purchase of four new windows. There was an ongoing problem with water ingress into the snooker room. Thanks were expressed for the hard work and commitment from the officials and the committee

5. Reviews of Progress and Open Discussions

The following matters were discussed in open forum:

- a. The proposed 20mph speed limit through the village including the 2:1 majority from the consultation
- b. Crow Wood and other parking problems
- c. Quarry Wood and the Trailway
- d. Playground
- e. Climate Emergency

- 6. Public Participation:** It was reported that BT's old telephones would soon no longer work in the move to digital. Vulnerable persons should talk to their telephone provider or seek assistance from the parish council. Comments were made about the creation of a "forgotten area" to the west of the A6 at the southern end of the village with no footpath or pedestrian crossings

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Malcolm Richardson
Clerk to the Council

