

HELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on **Wednesday 7 July 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs S Carman (Chairman), J Cooper (Vice-Chair), G Riley, K Ritchie, J Sunderland. Also present were District Cllr K Holmes (agenda item 6b, onwards) and one member of the public.

19/21 Apologies

Jane Saunders (clerk) County Cllr J Bland

20/21 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests

None.

21/21 Minutes Of Annual General Meeting

Approved

22/21 Statement from Chairman

Due to the lack of a Parish Clerk the Chairman proposed that only urgent business was dealt with during this meeting. The Council agreed. Cllr Ritchie agreed to minute the meeting.

23/21 Public Participation

None.

24/21. Planning

The following applications, responses, decisions and updates were received and noted:

a) Lake District National Park Authority

(View applications, responses and decisions online at

<http://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/swiftlg/apas/run/wphappcriteria.display>): _____

i. 7/2021/5294 Boundary House Brigsteer – Refurbishment and extension to existing domestic house and associated landscaping. **Decision: Granted with conditions**

ii. 7/2021/5228 Rose Lodge Brigsteer – Extension to front elevation and conversion of garage to study: **Withdrawn**

iii 7/2021/5438 Ivy Cottage Brigsteer - New detached single garage. No objections raised by Parish Council No decision as yet.

iv Kell Side House Brigsteer –Roof extension to create 2 bedrooms and bathroom and external cladding **-for consultation. No objections raised by Parish Council.**

b) South Lakeland District Council

(view applications, responses and decisions online at <http://applications.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications/welcome.asp>):

i. SL/2021/0119 – Prizet: Filling station southbound, Helsington – Extension to forecourt convenience store. **Decision - Granted with conditions**

25/21 Lake District National Park Local Plan 2020-2035

The National Park Authority has adopted the Lake District National Park Local Plan 2020-2035 on 19 May 2021.

All plans are now updated and can be found on the website lakedistrict.gov.uk

26/21 South Lakeland Local Plan Review

The South Lakeland Local Plan relates to the parts of the parish that lie outside the National Park District.

The Plan is now at the 'Issues and Options' Stage for consultation. The consultation closes on 30 September 2021.

The Chairman recommends that Councillors view the plan and make individual responses if necessary.

27/21 Parish Land

i Shelley Savasi has applied to the Land Registry on behalf of the Village Hall. The issue is still on going due to a logjam at the Land registry.

ii The Tree Safety Report has been received and the Council is awaiting the quotation to address the issues raised. After much discussion, including consideration given to concerns raised by a local resident, it was agreed that the Council's priority was to ensure safety responsibilities were met and to follow the advice outlined in the report. Cllr Riley suggested that grants might be available. The Chairman suggested that researching for grant funding could be a priority for the new clerk. All Councillors were in agreement. *(AFTERNOTE Forestry Commission grants are available where 50% or more of the ash trees in any given area are infected. This funding, of up to £3,500 can be used to fell trees, replant and fencing).*

iii To approve action taken to improve drainage opposite Wheatsheaf Pub- **Held over to next meeting.**

iv Approval given for Wheatsheaf to place a Fire Evacuation sign on the bus shelter (retrospective).

v Approval given for Rachel Hamer to be included as a tenant on the tenancy agreement at Willow Tree Barn.

28/21 Highways

pothole /resurfacing work to be carried out across the Parish. A contractor has also been appointed to repair the bridge on the

Toll Road and work is likely to start in September 2021.

ii Update on drainage issues at Brigsteer Brow, safety issues at the junction adjacent to the Wheatsheaf and re-surfacing on land opposite the Wheatsheaf – **Held over to next meeting**

29/21 Reports

- a) New seat outside Village Hall – no further progress to report
- b) Village Hall – Nothing significant to report
- c) Local Police Team- no reports until further notice
- d) District Cllr K Holmes – Useful update given on the Boundary Commission Review for England 2023. Initial proposals published at the beginning of June and consultation is running until 2 August 2021. Proposals can be seen at www.bcereviews.org.uk. The purpose of the review is to draw up more equal Parliamentary constituencies regarding the numbers of voters. In the initial proposals the North West decreases from 75 to 73 constituencies. In the proposals Helsington and Brigsteer Parish will become part of the Morecambe Bay / South Lakeland constituency. Cllr Holmes reports that whilst this will not affect services to the area it will impact on the Member of Parliament for the area. However, he also suggests this may not go ahead as there are difficulties associated with the deployment of the Police across county boundaries. Recommendations for Unitary Authorities are likely to be published within the next fortnight.

30/21 Finance

- (a) Council agreed payments for Jennie Keighley of The Lakeland Tree Consultancy and (b) Jane Saunders, clerk's expenses 1 June until 31 July 2021.
- (b) The Chairman gave an update on Bank Mandate and urged Cllrs to complete the on-line application as soon as possible. He also recommended retain ex-Councillor Alan Davies until the new registrations

were completed. The Council agreed with the Chairman's proposals.

31/21 Co-option of New Councillors

It was agreed that Councillors would undertake a leaflet drop in an attempt to recruit 2 new councillors.

32/21 Resignation of clerk / appointment of new clerk

The Council received and acknowledged the resignation of the Parish Clerk. The Council was in full agreement that Jane had provided a first-class service as a clerk and her commitment and hard work was greatly appreciated by the Council and residents across the Parish. The Council wishes her success in her future life in Devon.

The Chairman reported that discussions were underway in recruiting an experienced Parish Council Clerk.

33/21 Community Led Plan, to include Emergency Plan

It was agreed to carry this agenda item forward to the next meeting.

34/21 Future Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in Helsington and Brigsteer Village Hall on Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 19:30.

The meeting closed at 20:15

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Cllr K Ritchie (Minute taker in absence of Clerk)