

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HEPTONSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT HEPTONSTALL SCHOOL J I & N SCHOOL, 5 DECEMBER 2016

Present : Councillors N James (Chairman) A Baldwin J Crowther J R Dunford
M V Edwards J Scarborough S Slater & B Stott

121/16 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor K Roberts.
It was resolved the absence be deemed an Approved Absence.

122/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interests.

123/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Amy Binns of Slack Bottom attended and wished to update members in respect of attempts to involve bodies willing to provide ideas and help with regard to Heptonstall Methodist Sunday School.

She explained what had been happening in the past few months and concluded by advising members it was planned to hold a meeting of interested parties (a 'Friends' group) which would meet in January. She would provide information to The Clerk for distribution.

Amy was thanked for her information.

124/16 THE FUTURE OF HEPTONSTALL METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following the information from Amy Binns in respect of the formation of a 'Friends' group, it was resolved to address this topic at the February 2017 monthly meeting.

125/16 The **minutes of the Monthly Meeting** of Heptonstall Parish Council held 7 November 2016 were approved as a correct record.

126/16 Arising from the minutes Councillor Edwards reported the **drains in Smithwell Lane** had still not been serviced. It was resolved to ask Calderdale MB Council to expedite.

127/16 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The following **accounts** were approved for payment :

R M Greenwood	Salary (¼ to Dec '16) (net)	£1,152.00
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	TalkTalk telephone/broadband (¼ to Nov '16)	£ 68.10
Post Office Ltd	HMRC – PAYE	£ 288.00
Open Spaces Society	Annual Subscription	£ 45.00
SLCC	Annual Subscription	£ 93.00

128/16 PLANNING

(a) Planning Decisions : notification of recent decisions were received from the Planning Authority and presented for information.

(b) The following **Planning Applications** were presented for comment :

- **PA 16/00935/FUL : Conversion of former coach house to bunk-barn - 9 Northgate, Heptonstall**

No objections arose.

- **PA 16/01373/FUL : Conversion of barn to dwelling, new detached double garage – Higher Slater Ing Farm, Faugh Lane, Heptonstall**

No objections arose to the principle of the development but it was agreed to recommend approval be deferred until the Bat Survey was concluded.

129/16 ROLLING PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

Following a review of outstanding items from the tabled list it was resolved :

- **Land at North Slack** : It was resolved to make arrangements for the 6-monthly meeting with senior Planning/ Enforcement of Calderdale MB Council in January February 2017 and make this a 'one topic' agenda.

130/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Councillor Slater provided an update of progress on the Neighbourhood Plan process and advised the expected summary of Dr Smales' visits to the parishes had not yet emerged. The issue of a 'village envelope' was discussed. As a result it was resolved to ask Calderdale MB Council to provide a clear plan of this area.

131/16 REPORT OF PROGRESS OF ACTIVITY OF THE TRAFFIC GROUP

Councillor Scarborough provided information relating to :

- Result of public survey relating to the possibility of creating off-street parking on Valley View Road, Heptonstall. There had been a very high response rate (42%) but the outcome was that those in favour of proceeding (43%) was well below the 65% required to take the matter forward. It was therefore resolved to cease this project.

Thanks were expressed by Councillor Scarborough to the members of the Traffic Group for their work and support and, in turn, thanks were given to Councillor Scarborough for his leadership of this team and for exceptional quality and volume of work he has undertaken.

Public notice of the decision to close the project was agreed (newsletter, website etc)

- Councillor Scarborough had elicited details of proposed road markings at Heptonstall J I & N School as well as Valley View Road. It was resolved to support the proposals and advise Calderdale MBC & Ward Councillors accordingly.

132/16 INTERNAL AUDIT

It was resolved to include the need to re-asses recompense for this service on the agenda of the Finance Committee to be held 16 January 2017.

133/16 FUTURE MEETINGS

The Clerk reminded members that the next monthly meeting of this Council would be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 January 2017, and the Staffing and Finance Committee meetings would be held at Hebden Bridge Town Hall on Monday 16 January 2017 – commencing with presentations from Grant claimants at 7.00 pm.

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(Chairman)

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