

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HEPTONSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT HEPTONSTALL SCHOOL J I & N SCHOOL, 4 JULY 2016

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

40/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interests.

41/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Francis McGuire, a Heptonstall resident, asked to speak in respect of the plans submitted relating to Heptonstall Methodist Church in accordance with the Ecclesiastical Exemption (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (England) Order 2016.

She had attended the Planning Committee meeting of this Council held on 15 June 2016 when this topic was first addressed, and was supportive of looking for a way to retain the well-being of the Chapel and Sunday School.

She asked if it would be possible to delay a decision for a few months to give time for other stakeholders to be approached to seek a sustainable regime for this site. Ms McGuire highlighted that here was a significant part of the village with an important history and architectural value, but recognised it was expensive to run.

She was reminded by Councillor Edwards that, in 2004, the future of the Sunday School was considered but there was little public interest.

Councillor Slater said she, along with Amy Binns, had met with the Treasurer of the Methodist Church to discuss the possibility of approaching a national body (such as English Heritage (EH)) with a view to taking over or running the site. Amy had made such approach and EH has shown some interest. Miss Morgan had agreed this was worth a try.

Francis was thanked for her contribution and information in respect of this important matter.

42/16 HEPTONSTALL METHODIST CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following the Public Participation session (*minute 41/16 above*) it was resolved to advise Joanne Balmforth – Conservation Officer, Methodist Church Support Services – of the following decision of this Council :

CHAPEL : This Council supports the proposed works to the chapel but NOT in respect of the installation of a meeting room. This would destroy the unique structure of the interior of the building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL : The site should be considered as a whole and any proposed sale should be deferred for at least 3 months to allow the disposal issue to be considered and followed up by community members with, for example, National bodies.

43/16 The **minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting** of Heptonstall Parish Council held 7 May 2016 were approved as a correct record.

44/16 The **minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting** of Heptonstall Parish Council held 15 June 2016 were approved as a correct record.

45/16 The **minutes of the Annual Meeting** of Heptonstall Parish Council held 20 May 2016 were approved as a correct record.

46/16 The **minutes of the Monthly Meeting** of Heptonstall Parish Council held 20 May 2016 were approved as a correct record.

47/16 TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT

It was resolved to approve the attendance of Councillors Slater and Crowther at an upcoming training course organised by Yorkshire Local Councils Associations.

48/16 PROVISION OF A DEFIBRILLATOR

Councillor Scarborough presented an analysis of the recent community survey in respect of the desire to install a defibrillator, and of the proposed siting of same. He was pleased to report the overwhelming (98%) wish for this to proceed, and many had signed to receive familiarisation training at a later stage.

It was explained the next step would be for Councillor Scarborough and The Clerk to put this information to Calderdale Planning when a meeting takes place in 2 days' time. It would be important to stress that consultation was as wide as possible – a drop off questionnaire delivered to (almost) all residences within Heptonstall Village, Posters placed in appropriate places in Heptonstall and Colden, information supplied on the Heptonstall.org website with the opportunity to download a copy of the questionnaire.

Only when clearance has been received from Calderdale Planning can an order for the external cabinet be made, and Yorkshire Ambulance Service be brought in. It was agreed to ask if Hebden Bridge Rotary Club would financially assist the provision of the cabinet, having rejected financial support so far.

Finally, it was resolved to seek confirmation that Louise Marix-Evans was still prepared to act as local 'guardian' of the eventual installation (in liaison with The Clerk).

49/16 HEPTONSTALL FORWARD : CESSATION FROM MAY 2016

It was noted that final accounts had now been prepared and the return to this Council of residue funds would take place shortly – such funds to be reserved for community use.

50/16 RISK ASSESSMENT

Councillor Edwards reported he had made regular checks at The Pinfold and was pleased to report there were no identified risks or damage.

51/16 REPLACEMENT OF GIFTED LAPTOP COMPUTER

The Clerk reported that the computer (originally supplied by Calderdale Council in support of the electronic planning process) was now extinct and beyond repair. He has sourced a replacement at a cost of £290 + VAT (reclaimable) and advised that the 'computer reserve' currently stood at £895.

It was resolved to approve replacement at this maximum cost.

52/16 BROADBAND PROVISION

The Clerk, having sourced alternative costings, reported that it would be possible to make an annual saving of at least £175 by changing the phone & broadband supplier. It was resolved to proceed with such change.

53/16 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

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

R M Greenwood	Salary (net) (1/4 to 06/16)	£1,152.00
	Telephone A/c (net)	£ 74.28
Post Office Ltd	HMRC - PAYE	£ 288.00
J Scarborough	Defibrillator survey leaflets	£ 60.00
AOL/Talk Talk	Broadband	£ 18.31
<i>Received : Heptonstall Fell Races Donation – Defibrillator fund</i>		<i>£ 100.00</i>

54/16 PLANNING

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

As regards the withdrawn application in respect of Stable Block and feed/tack room at Lower Lee Farm Cottage, Lee Wood Road, Hebden Bridge (PA 15/01167/FUL) there was uncertainty as to whether a developed structure related to this item. Councillor Scarborough and The Clerk agreed to take up this item when meeting senior Calderdale Planners in 2 days time.

(b) The following **Planning Applications** were considered :

- **PA 16/00632/LAA : 2 metre radio mast – Heptonstall J I & N School. Smithwell Lane, Heptonstall**

No objections arose.

- **PA 16/20105/TPO : Prune 1 tree – 11 West Laithe, Heptonstall**

No objections arose.

- (c) The Clerk confirmed to members that he, along with Councillor Scarborough would meet Calderdale MBC's Enforcement Manager and Senior Planner on 6 July 2016, and would report back at the next Council meeting.

55/16 ROLLING PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

The Clerk presented members with an updated list.
It was agreed to follow up the Christmas Lights issue at Hepton Drive Park with Pennine Housing 2000.

56/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Councillor Slater provided updated information in respect of the latest consultative stage of the progress towards a Joint Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Slater was thanked for her report.

57/16 REPORT OF PROGRESS/ACTIVITY OF THE TRAFFIC GROUP

Councillor Scarborough addressed the issue of the possible car park provision at Valley View Road, Heptonstall. He explained members needed to consider at this stage the following :

AFFORDABILITY : The document supplied to members by The Clerk demonstrated the funding issues of the project. Members agreed the matter would probably be affordable (subject to sizeable long term (20 or 30 years) loan with the Public Works Loan Board, for which lending approval would be required) and public approval across the Parish would be required, as well as a business plan, before any progression, given the required uplift in Council Tax over the next 20 or 30 years.

VALUE FOR MONEY : Whilst the project would provide 21 car park spaces, members recognised this may only give rise to say 6 additional useable spaces.
It was agreed to defer a decision on this until a public consultation embracing the whole Parish was undertaken. At that point engagement with Ward Councillors would be required, as well as further dialogue with the Traffic group.
Would support be recognised with a 60 – 75 % vote in favour of progressing ? *(to be considered further)*.

Councillor Scarborough agreed to look at the consultative stage, and was thanked for his report.

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(Chairman)

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