

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF HEPTONSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT HEPTONSTALL J I & N SCHOOL, 7 OCTOBER 2019

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

87/19 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Cutts..

Approval of the reason for absence was neither sought nor given.

88/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest at the commencement of the meeting.

89/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four Committee members of Heptonstall Festival were welcomed to the meeting.

The advantages of hosting the annual festival were explained in detail – support by local families, promoting local businesses, supporting local public houses and the church. Security is provided and paid for.

With regard to the 2019 festival it was recognised there had been delays in removing road signs for which the committee apologised. This will be given attention next year as will the degree and placing of advertising in order to keep the festival more pertinent to the locality.

The committee said they would always welcome comments – two of which were seeing children climbing over gravestones and the suggestion the festival has become more of a music festival whilst losing a community element.

A greater understanding of the various issues was recognised, the Council Chairman thanking the Festival Committee members for their attendance and explanations.

90/19 The **minutes of the Monthly Meeting** of Heptonstall Parish Council held 2 September 2019 were approved as a correct record.

91/19 FUTURE PARISH NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION : EQUIPMENT COSTS

Given the future change in the compilation of the quarterly newsletter, the Clerk produced a range of financial options to consider.

As a consequence it was resolved :

- To purchase a suitable laptop as part of the Council's assets and to provide the new compiler with relevant software to a cost limited to £310. (LibreSuite software suggested as appropriate to include the equivalent Publisher program).
- The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

92/19 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

There were no accounts for payment.

93/19 APPROVAL OF FINANCE REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

It was resolved to approve the Finance Report to 30 September 2019.

94/19 PROJECTED OUTTURN TO 31 MARCH 2020

It was resolved to approve a projected outturn to 31 March 2020 following the opportunity for questions.

The Clerk explained the projection will be updated at 31 December 2019 in order to form a starting point for Budgetary discussions by the Finance Committee in January 2020.

95/19 TERM DEPOSIT

The Clerk confirmed the application to transfer £2,000 from Term Deposit to Current Account on 18 October 2019 had been actioned.

96/19 FUTURE FUNDING OF C.R.O.W.S.

Following a request from CROWS, it was resolved to advise the availability of £250 for footpath repair works, to be claimed on a 'draw down' basis.

It was further resolved to supply application forms should there be a desire to repeat such a claim in 2020/21.

97/19 PLANNING

(a) Planning Decisions : Decisions made by the Planning Authority were reported to members.

(b) Planning Applications :

PA 19/00434 - HSE : Amendments to Planning Application 16/00434/FUL to form separate access to North Light including re-location of garage.
- North Light, Smithwell Lane, Heptonstall.

No objections arose.

98/19 OFF-ROAD CYCLING

The Clerk had copied the response from Head of Legal of Calderdale Council which confirmed there was no restriction of cycles using footpaths on Popples Common.

The Clerk reported he had secured the agreement of the Countryside Officer of Calderdale Council to meet with Councillors Slater and Cutts and himself in the coming weeks. The intention is to examine ways of limiting speed and direction of passage of cycles. Damage to moorland, culture and dialogue should be considered by attendees.

99/19 CONCERNS RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT AT LONGTAIL, EDGE LANE, COLDEN

Concern was expressed at the consequences of works undertaken at Longtail resulting in differences in access and run-off at this site.

It was resolved to put this matter to Calderdale Planning.

100/19 REPORT OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS LIAISON CONFERENCE

It was reported the recent Annual Conference with Calderdale Council had been a real success and the Chief Executive, officers and members of that council should be congratulated on that result.

The Clerk additionally welcomed the support shown by members of this Council.

101/19 ROLLING LIST OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Clerk provided members with an updated list of actions which was accepted, recognising that further revision would occur as issues were settled, introduced or changed.

One issue to be followed up related to the continued delay in the provision of Heritage lamps in the Conservation Area – an issue which was confirmed as definitely taking place by Steven Lee (Assistant Director) at the recent Conference. It was resolved to ask him when this is likely to be resolved and enquire as to the reason for the problem.

102/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Councillor Slater confirmed provided the latest information in respect of the inertia currently encountered.

She concluded by reminding members that there was little chance of progressing the Joint Plan until after Christmas 2019.

She was thanked for her report.

103/19 DATE & TIMES OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk confirmed that the next meeting of Council would be held as follows :
Monthly Meeting 2 December 2019 at 7.00pm.

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(Chairman)

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(Date)