

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2013 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mrs D Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors A. Liversidge, J.Hall, C.Kell, B.Kell, F.Long, N. Mills, C.Chiverton, L.Atkinson
R Todd E Huntington (County Councillors)
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk) PC D Wilson 5 members of the public

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr P Brookes.

3. Code of Conduct.

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 22nd October 2013

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of this meeting, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

5. Police Briefing

The Police gave a briefing which is attached as Appendix A.

6. Warden Update

There was no attendance to the meeting.

7. Public Participation

There were no items raised for discussion. Comments on how beautiful the Christmas decorations are were made.

8. Clerks report / correspondence

The Clerk reported that the following actions had been completed since the previous meeting:

Update from James Bennett and the issues raised at the last meeting:

Point 1. Number of times grass had been cut in the village against other larger villages and townships - I can confirm that Haswell and the villages adjacent to it was one cut behind the rest of the county. I have done some investigations and it will be corrected for next year. I can only apologise for this

Point 2. Durham County Council received 13 complaints over a period of time about Front Street. Most of the complaints highway related such as street lights off, blocked gullies, un-

maintained highway, bus shelter, keep right sign and there was a couple for anti social behaviour. I have passed you complaints onto DCC highway section and our Enforcement team and hopefully they should reply directly back to you. There was one request in Nov 2012 for the removal of a bonfire. I have provided this information as evidence to show calls are logged and sent to relevant service for action. I believe at the meeting that there was a concern about DCC not recording information.

Point 3. Fly tipping at Green Lane - again DCC received 9 complaints about fly tipping and I was a bit disappointed to see that we had removed the fly tips but done little in the way of prevention. Following the meeting a CCTV camera has been installed and more regular patrols of the area has been put in place.

Point 4. A request for number Fixed Penalty Notices, prosecutions etc. In the East area there has been:-

- 2 fly tipping prosecutions
- 4 fly tipping with the court at present
- 10 live fly tipping complaints under investigation
- 11 Duty of Care warning letters been issued
- 347 FPNs
- 11 Section 47 notices issued
- 9 CCTV cameras deployed on hot spot areas

Point 5 - Contact number for DCC - The old Easington numbers are not in use any more. Any queries, questions or complaints should be reported to 03000 26 0000. Out of hours number is the same. however in the case of emergency a recorded message will give another number to call depending on the type of emergency.

- Update on training – RPII Register of Play Inspectors International onsite training with Registration Fee and examination £350. Bespoke training to our play areas
- Cheques sent to Friendship Club and the Hazelwell Centre as agreed
- Funding application submitted to Community Chest Grant for £10000 no reply as yet
- Working on designs for new play area

Correspondence

- CDALC – DCC have withdrawn funding for the Secretariat with is currently 2/3rd of the post costs from end 2015. Work is ongoing to find a way to keep the post a consultation will take place in due course.
- Data Protection and FOI training -27.3.14 @Shotton Hall
- Dalton-le-Dale Parish Council invite to attend the 'CAROLS and CANDLES' event at the Parish Hall in Dalton-le-Dale SR7 8QW on Sunday 8th December starting at 5pm for the lighting of the Community Associations Christmas Tree. There will be Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Carol Singing.

Christmas and New Year bin collections 2013/14

Bins will be emptied as normal, up to and including, Tuesday 24 December. Over Christmas and New Year, the following changes will apply:

Normal collection day	Revised collection day:	Revised collection day:
	Christmas	New Year
Tuesday	Collection as normal on 24 and 31 December	
Wednesday	Friday 27 December	Thursday 2 January 2014
Thursday	Saturday 28 December	Friday 3 January 2014
Friday	Monday 30 December	Saturday 4 January 2014

Normal collections will resume from Tuesday 7 January 2014. To check your normal collection day enter your postcode into the 'My Durham' facility on the left hand side of Durham County Council's website: www.durham.gov.uk

RESOLVED

- (i) The Clerk organises bespoke training for the groundsman on playground inspections.
- (ii) That five places be reserved for the data protection training course
- (iii) That the information be noted.

9. Finance

The monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B. Durham County Council Cabinet will meet in December to agree revised/reduced Parish Council Tax Base calculations as a result of Localising of Council Tax Support (LCTS).

Following the release of the Governments final financial settlement figure a further letter will be received from Durham County Council showing the full and final effects of (LCTS).

The official precept request form has changed. Revised payment mechanisms introduced as a result of LCTS changes now mean the net budget figure will be paid in two ways:

- Localising of Council Tax Support Grant payment from DCC and
- Precept request (which will be net of the LCTSS payment)

Both the grant and precept payments will be paid simultaneously into the bank account. Therefore the request will not be for the full NET budget figure as in previous years. For this and future years we will be dependent on the County Council calculating a LCTS grant payment which must be reduced from the NET budget figure to arrive at the precept request figure.

Detailed monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Lengthy discussions took place regarding the estimated costs needed to carry out all of the Council's functions before setting the Precept for 2014/2015; the Clerk advised the meeting that the Council had previously agreed to the employees becoming part of the Local Government Pension Scheme this would need to be factored into the new budget. The RPI for 2014/15 is estimated at 3.26%.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Members accepted and approved the monthly accounts .
- (ii) That the Council approve that the draft budget in principle a final decision will not be taken until the January meeting when DCC have finalised the Council Tax base and the LCTS.

10. Planning

The monthly planning applications were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix C
There were no objections.

11. Members Reports

Cllr N Mills reported that the path along the B1280 from Haswell to the Pemberton Arms was still blocked due to overhanging trees.

Cllr C Kell asked if Cllr Todd had investigated the free buses to Houghall College which don't apply to Haswell.

Cllr J Hall informed the meeting that plans were being considered for a helicopter museum at Shotton airfield. A discussion took place around the proposed details. He also advised that two days after James Bennett had attended the last meeting weeding spraying commenced around the village despite him advising that this would not be the case.

Cllr Long informed the meeting that the bus shelter at Haswell Plough has been removed and only a bus stop has replaced it.

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- the pensioners Christmas party was a great success and the pensioners would like to thank the Parish Council for their support.
- The sign to Field House Terrace is missing
- He had attended a training course with Doreen to become a Welfare Champion
- The race course fence next to the Oddfellow Arms is missing
- The improvement notice placed on the Renco site has expired. Cllr Todd advised that this has now moved into the second phase.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Cllr Todd reports the overhanging trees on the B1280
- (ii) That Cllr Todd chases up the answer regarding free transport to Houghall College
- (iii) That Cllr Todd checks the planning application regarding the bus stop

14. County Councillors Update

Cllr Huntington informed the meeting that:

- Work is ongoing to sort out the new roundabout in Shotton next to the Catholic school. Funding has been found for a temporary school crossing patrol
- 250 EDL campaigners marched through Shotton which resulted in a number of anti-social behaviour incidents

- 25 food parcels have been given out to date if anyone knows of anyone in need they need to inform Cllr Huntington

Cllr Todd informed the meeting that:

- The old school will be demolished and Mencap are to have a temporary portacabin for storage
- In 2004 Haswell Village school only had 41 pupils in the main school and 13 pupil in nursery. The 20013 census shows that there are 153 pupils attending infant and junior schools out of the Haswell and 22 nursery places. Due to this huge increase Cllr Todd is going to write to Caroline O Neil the Head of Education to petition for a new school in Haswell.
- Public meeting will take place on 13th December at Spennymoor with the Clinical Commissioning group to discuss the proposed changes.
- An overview on the local performance indicator across the county was given
- He has reported the blocked gully at the junction at Snippersgate.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Cllr Todd will write to the Head of Education regarding a new school in haswell.

15. Any other Urgent Items of business

There were no issues raised.

16. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Haswell Plough Parish Council Meeting

Police Report

26/11/2013

Apologies for non-attendance at last parish meeting. We were unaware of the change in date.

Since the last report there have been 2 crimes recorded for Haswell.

Theft or unauthorised taking

Faraday terrace. Wheelie bin stolen and put onto bonfire. Youths responsible have been identified and we are looking to get the money reimbursed

East Villas. 2 x wheel barrows which were left unattended in the garden overnight have been taken. (Not crimed to date. (22/11/2013)

Criminal damage to dwellings.

Richmond terrace. Window smashed with a brick. Currently under investigation.

ASB

There were 3 instances of anti-social behaviour reported in and around the front street. All of these were firework/bonfire night related. Youths have been spoken to about their behaviour and the beat team visited schools to distribute information on fire safety.

Appendix C

<u>CE/13/01060/FPA</u>	Mr I Cairns	Pesspool Hall Hall Lane Haswell Durham DH6 2AN	Change of use from dwelling (C3 Use Class) to Agricultural storage.	Shotton Haswell	Laura Martin Delegated
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