



Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 6.30pm held at St Pauls Church, Haswell

Present

CLLrs C Hood (Chair), G. Dunstone, O. Gray, E. Major, S Hartley, J Cook, K Welch, H Milburn & W. Ramsay

County Councillor I Cochrane

In Attendance - 10 members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting.

42.18 Apologies

No apologies for absence had been offered.

43.18 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. Councillor Hood declared an interest in the item connected to the community cinema, (Mencap) and County Councillor Cochrane in the planning item change of use to a shooting school.

44.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 28th March 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record.

45.18 Police Briefing

P.C Dean Wilson offered his apologies for not being able to attend and asked that any items be passed to him for attention, there were none offered at the meeting. His report was given verbally by the Clerk on his behalf. **RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.**

46.18 Finance

(a) RESOLVED the monthly accounts, as circulated, be approved and paid as follows:-

1.	Arco	PPE (workwear)	96.00
2.	DCC	machinery repairs	311.06
3.	DCC	pitch line marking (x6)	305.28
4.	Rialtas	Year end on line check (closing the accounts)	180.00

5. Tweddle Farm	Visit 10 April	188.16
6. Cochrane's Kelvin Travel	transport - 10 April	120.00
7. Cllr O Gray	lock & Chain for the play area	21.96
8. Mr P Levitt	various (see payment sheet)	63.25

(b) Summary of Receipts & Payments for the year ended 31st March 2018

Members were circulated with the statement of accounts and asked to consider and then approve the contents. No queries were offered and the Chair and the Clerk signed the statement on behalf of the Council. **RESOLVED the summary of receipts and payments for Haswell Parish Council 2017/18, be approved and accepted.**

(c) Internal Audit

The Clerk reported the internal audit check was currently being carried out and she would report on progress to the next meeting. **RESOLVED the report be awaited.**

47.18 Planning

There were details of two applications on the area as follows:-

- (a) Land to the West of 12 Grousemoor, 3 dwellings
- (b) Land to the West of Harehill Farm, Haswell Plough

It was agreed both were to be considered in the public participation session.

48.18 Member's Reports

Councillor Ramsay advised there was nothing further to report on the Quarry site.

Councillor Dunstone reported the Oddfellows were pleased with the letter received from the Parish Council. He also reported that a pedestrian light in Windsor Terrace was still out, with wires not being connected.

Councillor Welch reported her dismay at the on going issue of cars parked outside the Gray Horse and how it looked unsightly, with smashed glass and complaints being made constantly, she had been liaising with County Councillor Cochrane on the matter and hoped to make some progress with it.

She gave an update on her work with Dementia as a champion raising awareness and she invited anyone that wished to get involved to get in touch with her.

She gave details on the well being partnership working being carried out with the East Durham Partnership.

Councillor Gray reported she had made a start with the councillor surgeries and they would be held every week on a Monday and Friday.

She reported on her concern at the number of potholes in the villages. Lastly she reported on the unsightly condition of the MUGA pitch which was in the ownership of the Community Centre and asked could this be taken up with them to make improvements.

Councillor Milburn reported the activities held during February 2018 in the village had been very well received and there had been engagements from far and wide. She did say more volunteers were needed as a result of the increased attendance.

Councillor Milburn would like the Parish Council to consider purchasing a sound system to use with the projector and screen to have "cinema" experiences all year. It was reported the cinema equipment belonged to Mencap.

RESOLVED it be agreed in principle the Parish Council purchase a sound system and prices obtained for the Council to consider at the next meeting It was understood the community centre had a sound system and it was asked if this could be clarified.

Chairman's items

There was discussion on the street light removal and it was agreed a petition be started and the press be involved to object to the removal of street lights on the length of road between Haswell and Haswell Plough.

It was asked that a list be made of the floral displays and the location of seats and also ownership of the stone seat on the village green.

Haswell Carnival 2018 leek and vegetable show the Chairman asked for consideration of mailing all of the CIU affiliated clubs in the area. Others felt this should be kept more local. Agreed the former EDC boundary be used to invite and promote the competition. Also the East Durham Life be contacted to get process for advertising events and activities.

Agreed Street Wardens be asked to come along to make a report future meetings as they had in the past.

49.18 County Councillor's Update Report

Councillor Cochrane reported on pot holes in that DCC were making progress through the village on remedial works with DCC committing £700,000 to these repairs. It was accepted this was a county wide, contentious issue.

He reported on the George Street Development where the developer had until the end of May before enforcement action would be taken

Bats at the site of the old school were still an issue and were now to be considered by DEFRA.

There were ongoing enquiries about the Grey Horse as reported earlier in the meeting

He along with Councillor Huntington had agreed to joint finance the purchase of a sensory wall currently held at the Robins Todd Centre in South Hetton for Mencap at a cost of £750.00, In closing he thanked everyone for the excellent programme of events and activities being provided in the Haswells.

50.18 Clerk's Monthly Progress

The update report from the Clerk was considered covering the closing of the accounts, opening of the new play area, visit to Tweddle Farm, DBS checks, SLA's with DCC, the football pitches, Haswell Carnival, Scarecrow Competition and it was **RESOLVED** that:-

- (i) **Approval be given to the action taken in closing the accounts at the cost given in the report;**
- (ii) **It be confirmed that the Council wished to devote one pitch for youth Teams and play, and one for adult Teams and the necessary arrangements happen to make this happen;**
- (iii) **A marquee sized 100 x 30 be reserved from Fairburn Marquees, for the Carnival;**
- (iv) **The scarecrow completion be held from 10 – 21st September with judging taking place on the Saturday 22nd and a small celebration event be held on Sunday 23 September 2018.**
- (v) **SLA agreements with DCC for payroll and maintenance and repair of assets labour charge rate (grounds maintenance) be approved for a further 12 months.**

51.18 Public Participation

Members of the public raised the following issues and concerns and gave feedback to the Parish Council on items discussed:-

- DCC removal of lights – suggested a “We need your support” flyer be put around the lights so that people could engage and be involved.
- Fly tipping to the rear of church street reported repeatedly by all.
- Youth football very popular as were youth football festivals etc.
- Visitors to the Carnival from outside the area should be encouraged.

The two planning applications were considered at this point so that the public could be involved,

(c) Land to the West of 12 Grousemoor, 3 dwellings

It was felt the development here needed to be carried out in a cohesive way rather than how it was being which was piecemeal and unsightly. It should have been an extension of Grousemoor and been to the west of Lapwing. **RESOLVED this comment be made to DCC.**

It was agreed there needed to be a Parish Plan developed and it was hoped in the life of the current council.

(d) Land to the West of Harehill Farm, Haswell Plough, change of use of land to shooting school

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED the Parish Council object on the grounds of noise nuisance, wildlife affected/habitat and even traffic flow (increase).**

52.18. Date & Time of the Next Meeting

Agreed the next Parish Council Meeting be held at St Paul’s Church Hall, Church View, Haswell, DH6 2DT on Wednesday 30TH May 2018 at the amended time of 6.30pm. This Annual Meeting of the Parish Council shall be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Electors held at 6.00pm.

53.18 Exclusion of the Press & Public

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the items to be discussed, the committee passed the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies, (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1961, and the Local Government (Access to Information) Act Part 1, paragraph 1.

54.18. Community Highways Worker SLA With DCC

RESOLVED the offer of an increase in contribution towards the CHW making a total of £6,389.00 and the arrangements made regarding the supply of diesel be confirmed.

55.18 Clerk’s Hours Of Work/Contract

RESOLVED the Clerk’s working hours be increased to 12 per week and this be back dated to her start date.