

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at 6.30pm held at St Pauls Church, Haswell

**Present**

Cllrs C HOOD (Chair), J Cook, O Gray, S Hartley, E Major, G Dunstone & K Welch

County Councillors: E Huntington & I Cochrane

In Attendance - 5 members of the public

**110.18 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors H Milburn.

**111.18 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. County Councillor Cochrane declared an interest when the matter relating to transport for scholars was raised.

**112.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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

**113.18 Police Briefing**

P.C. Wilson & Edson gave an update to the meeting of reports made since the last meeting. He also reported on the cost (£10,600) and the required procedure to apply for a speed sign. He was to chase up taking up the offer of volunteers to carry out speed watch work in the village. **RESOLVED that the information given, be noted and the officers be thanked for their time and attendance at the meeting.**

**114.18 Finance**

(a) To approve the monthly accounts for September/October 2018

**RESOLVED the monthly accounts, as listed below be approved and paid as presented:-**

1. CDALC	32.50	10 copies of the Good Councillor Guide
2. DCC	232.94	Repairs to the grass cutter
3. GL & NR Tate	61.44	red diesel
4. Cllr H Milburn	22.34	reimbursement – various Dementia items
5. St Pauls Church	18.00	poppy wreath

(b) Bank Reconciliation for September 2018, a copy of which had been circulated, was accepted.

**115.18 Planning**

Details of a planning application submitted for 6 Rosemount were considered. There was also an approval granted for the development of 3 dwellings on land to the west of 12 Grousemoor. No

comments or feedback was offered. **RESOLVED the information given be noted and no response be made to DCC.**

### **116.18 Member's Reports**

The Chairman had several items to report on to the meeting, one of which was applying for a brown on white sign for the Tom Simpson memorial. The Chair asked for his colleagues' feedback on applying for a brown on white sign and/or refurbishing the sign currently in place. **RESOLVED this item be re considered at the next meeting.** He reported on the costings and package for a customer service apprenticeship, with the person working with community groups. It was agreed this be considered further and **RESOLVED the paperwork be sent out with the next agenda for further consideration.** Noticeboards, progress was being finally being made and Members would be kept updated. It was asked that a price be obtained for the two Christmas trees for the villages and replacement lights **RESOLVED the location be agreed at the next meeting.** Progress with the youth club was given and it was asked if the parish council would support the purchase of a games console for use by the group. **RESOLVED approval be given for the purchase of a games console for use of the youth group.** Everyone was reminded of the details of the Remembrance Service at St Saviors, Shotton on 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. There would also be a service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am at St Pauls, Haswell. It was asked if the village wished for a New Year's Eve Party to be organised. The Hazelwell Centre had declined hosting this event this year. **RESOLVED this be considered further at the next meeting.** All were invited to attend the Service to be held in Durham Cathedral on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018. It was asked that the request to DCC for dog bins on the parish fields be chased up. Progress was to made on the recording of rights of way in the village. Remedial works required to the well used footpath between Haswell Plough and the Pemberton Arms were requested. The cost of getting their children to school being a burden to families in the villages was discussed. It was agreed that a joint partnership approach should be made to this matter to try and resolve the problems with transport for scholars.

Councillor Welch reported on a recent near miss that had taken place in Haswell Plough where the family had been very upset and concerned at the problems being caused by speeding vehicles.

She gave an update on work with Dementia, raising awareness in the community which had been very well received by all.

Councillor Cook reported again on the issue of the wall that had been knocked down by DCC contractors and she asked for the help of the County Councillors present to try and resolve this.

Councillor Dunstone reported on the second mystery car hunt which had 11 teams taking part and had been enjoyed by all. He hoped to hold another one in the Spring.

Councillor Milburn had offered her apologies and had passed her progress report to the Clerk to report on her behalf. She had developed a dialogue with the children's home and it was hoped they would attend future parish council meetings and regular visits may be made to the Home. She had contacted the local MP Graeme Morris sharing her frustrations with the lack of action with the Grey Horse and former school building. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted and Members be thanked for their update reports.**

### **117.18 County Councillor's Update Report**

County Councillor Huntington reported there was work being carried out with various partners on the Haswell to Hart cycle track, with construction works beginning in the winter and ecology work in the spring. She reported on recent meetings she had attended in connection with the NHS Trust, with County Durham being one of the biggest losers in terms of funding for public health. She was fighting against the constant form filling for those caring for dependants with learning disabilities. She reported DCC had been awarded with a Britain in Bloom Award. Finally she reported on recent meetings with County Durham Housing Group. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

County Councillor Cochrane reported there was a building programme starting. He gave a progress report on the demolition of the former school, which would hopefully begin in the New Year. He, along with colleagues, was fighting to keep Ward 6 of Bishop Auckland Hospital open. He reported on funding available for National Tree Week. Finally he reported on a report made to Northumbrian water about a dropped manhole at Hutton Grove. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

#### **118.18 Clerk's Progress Report**

The update report from the Clerk was circulated for the consideration of Members. This included Windsor Terrace play area, street lighting at The Paddock, and the memorial garden fence. A letter of thanks and appreciation had also been received from Alice House following the small grant made to them by the Parish Council. **RESOLVED the price be obtained for the fencing at the former pit site be noted, the Parish Council consider further at the next meeting the need for the street lights at The Paddock; and the remainder of the information contained in the report, be noted.**

#### **119.18 Public Participation**

The County Councillors were thanked for their attendance and reports. Mention was made of the re location of County Hall into the centre of Durham City which in terms of parking and congestion they felt was felt to be a bad move. The public asked when was DCC going to spend money in Haswell. It was suggested that when the footpath from Haswell Plough along to the Pemberton Arms was upgraded maybe it should be improved to include space for cycles to use it as well as pedestrians.

#### **120.18 Date of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED the next meeting be held at St Paul's Church Hall, Church View, Haswell, DH6 2DT on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6.30pm.**