

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 27th May 2020 at 6.30pm held virtually and live on social media

Present

CLLrs C HOOD (Chair), E Major, H Milburn, S Hartley, J Cook & A Wainwright

25.20 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors O Gray and K Welch.

26.20 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 Milburn declared an interest in the item relating to a grant for Giant Steps Nursery.

27.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26th February 2020

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

27.20 Police & Street Warden Briefing

The Police had offered their apologies to the meeting.

28.20 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) Regulations

On the enactment of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (NALC briefing note, attached) and to approve the following recommended resolutions:

- To continue with the monthly online meeting of Council, using the virtual meeting technology that has been successfully trialed to date; and
- To postpone the holding of the Annual Meeting due for May 2020 until September 2020, with the current arrangements for Committees and Chair effectively 'rolling over' until then.

RESOLVED these arrangements be approved.

29.20 Finance

(a) To approve the monthly accounts The payments for February, March, April and May 2020 submitted to Members, previously circulated, listed below had already been approved, in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

Payments to:	Amount £	goods/service received
Giant Steps	3,600.00	office rent
Petallistore	80.94	pull bows & ribbons (2 packs)
Zoom Account	14.39	monthly subscription to standard pro
P Levitt	34.15	fuel
Vale Engineering	1,944.00	snow plough attachment
CDALC	240.97	annual subscription
Arco	22.45	gloves
ZM Insurance	146.43	additions to assets
GL & NT Tate	62.40	fuel
Wave	57.65	water charges

Lloyds	83.68	oil & parts
Mutts Butts	40.25	dog bags
C R Hood	53.99	mobile phone, top up & flyers
Kearsley tractors	2,460.00	trailer

RESOLVED the action taken in making the payments as listed, totalling £8,841.30, be endorsed.

(b) Bank Reconciliation for February & March 2020

Bank reconciliations for the months February and March 2020 copies of which had been previously circulated, were accepted. **RESOLVED the contents of the bank reconciliations, be noted.**

(c) Summary of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2020 & Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2020

A copy of the Summary of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2020 was considered. The Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2020 was also considered. **RESOLVED the contents be noted and the summary and Annual return be accepted by the Council and signed on its behalf by the Chair.**

30.20 2019/20 AGAR Form - Audit

- Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 for approval by Council

- Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20 for approval by Council

Copies of Section 1 & 2 the Annual Governance & Accounting Statements were circulated for consideration and approval. **RESOLVED the contents be noted and Section 1 & 2 be accepted by the Council and signed on its behalf by the Chair.**

31.20 Small grant funding request – Care of the Community “recycling” Proposal – Giant Steps Nurseries request for funding towards litter picking kits for the children
Consideration was given to this request and it was **RESOLVED a grant be made towards the cost of 15 no. sets of equipment be funded at a total cost of £195.00.**

32.20 PLANNING

There was a planning application for Holycross Farm, Pesspool Lane erection of an agricultural building and Members were asked to go onto the planning portal and view the details and make comment should they wish to. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

33.20 MEMBER’S REPORTS

The Meeting received updates and reports from all of the Local Members. Councillor Major and Councillor Hartley had no items of concern to report on. Councillor Cook offered a local resident’s appreciation for the Parish Councils support in her being able to site a memorial seat in the village. She asked if there had been any further progress with the site of the former Grey Horse. Councillor Cook advised she had received a report from a resident of the village that regularly walked a route via the old mart and the housing development at the site appeared to have erected a fence which did not allow easy pedestrian access/egress. It was reported this had been stopped off by bollards previously. It was asked if it could be checked if this was a right of way or not. She asked it made be more widely known that the parish council was holding its future meetings via zoom and social media. Councillor Wainwright reported on a lane being partially blocked, where it had been stopped off with bollards previously, he suggested the owner may have the right to erect a fence however it may be a right of way and he asked could this be checked out. He asked if the Police could be asked to increase patrols as he felt these may be needed as there may be potential for increased anti social behaviour as we move out of lockdown conditions. Councillor Milburn reported she had been approached by residents re the former Grey Horse site. There had also been reports of mobile cctv

cameras in operation in the village and she asked had the parish council been approached/informed about this. It was confirmed they had not. She asked if the George Street Development was in line with planning conditions and approval. Councillor Wainwright advised he had spoken to Planning Officers in this regard and he would pursue this further on the parish council's behalf. Councillor Hood asked if details of the ramp at the bowling green could be given to Councillor Gray. He reported on the Haswell Helping Hands initiative established as a result of the pandemic. He said how well it had gone, and he thanked the volunteers, partners, businesses etc that had supported and helped to provide a wide range of help and support for residents. Help with shopping, care packages, special treats and surprises had been part of the scheme which was still running. He said the people in the village had been so kind and were absolute superstars looking out for each other. **RESOLVED the reports be noted and further information and reports be made where necessary.**

34.20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE REPORT

Apologies were offered for their absence.

35.20 CLERK'S MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

The meeting received a verbal update of the Clerk, she reported the village summer carnival was unlikely to take place, in line with government guidelines. The playground at Windsor Terrace required immediate repairs and they had been commissioned at a cost of £749.21. Payments of accounts during the period were a total of £ 8,841.30 as listed. An update was given on the work for the internal and external audit in line with new deadlines. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

36.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair invited members of the public and he allowed time for them to get in touch via social media.

A local resident gave feedback that the Parish Council were doing fantastic work during this difficult time. Another resident thanked the parish council for being so open broadcasting their meeting live and allowing the public to participate. They asked about the issue of drones and it was confirmed this was a matter for the Police and they should make a report via 111. It was suggested an "end of pandemic party" should be held and the Chair assured as and when it was safe to do so this would be an excellent event to organise for the villages. The need for a path from the Blue house to Haswell Plough was given, and the Chair assured the parish council would continue to push for this to happen.

In closing the Chair advised there had been 25 views to date on the live feed of this meeting. He thanked everyone for their interest and participation.

37.20 DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Agreed the next Parish Council Meeting be held virtually on **Wednesday 24th June 2020 at 6.30pm**