

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 28th October 2014 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D. Liversidge, C.Kell, B.Kell, F.Long, N Mills J Hall, C Chiverton
R Todd, E. Huntington County Councillors
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk) 1 member of the public

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr P Brooks and the Police

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 Wednesday 1st October 2014

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 their apologies and forwarded a report which the Clerk read to the meeting. Attached as Appendix A.

6. Warden Update

There was no attendance to the meeting and no apologies for absence.

7. Public Participation

No items were raised.

8. Clerks report / correspondence

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

- That all items were duly reported to the relevant departments
- Donation was sent to the Great North Air ambulance and a letter of thanks has been received thanking the Parish for its kind donation
- James Bennett was contacted with regard to the absence of the wardens at the meetings he has forwarded the complaint to Ian Hault the manager of the wardens. No reply or explanation has yet been received as to why the wardens are no longer attending the meeting.
- A letter has been sent to Graham Morris MP regarding the withdrawal of the school bus.

- Printer has been purchased
- Progress continues on the playground and the last of the new designs have been produced. Consultation will take place for the next 6 weeks. Funding applications are now being drafted for the financing of the £80,000 project. The Parish currently has three play areas however due to the size of the villages and the poor state of repair of the equipment it is not viable to continue to maintain these, discussions with the Barrie Alderson the Playground officer from DCC confirms that two play areas are sufficient based on the population. The play areas at Windsor Terrace and Haswell Plough will be maintained and upgraded with the third site being decommissioned and removed in the future subject to no third party wishing to take over maintenance.
- Prices for replacement goal posts are approximately £1000

Correspondence

- The Clerk has received notification that she has successfully passed the CILCA certificate

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk contacts Hartlepool Housing regarding taking over the playground site.

9. Finance

The monthly accounts were also circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the Monthly accounts
- (ii) That the 2 war veterans would receive a Christmas hamper from the Parish Council on behalf of the village.

10. Planning

There were no applications to consider.

11. Christmas Light Switch on

The Christmas lights switch on will take place on Thursday 27th November at 5.30. It is the intention to have carols, mulled wine and mince pies to celebrate this event. The Hazelwell Centre is advertising the switch on in their newsletter of forthcoming events in the centre, it has also been advertised in Durham County Newsletter.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Parish would finance the switch on event.

12. Members Reports

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting the Co Durham Foundation has a new Manager who is keen to support smaller groups accessing financial support from the Windmill fund. This fund has income of £36,000 per year. The application process will be reviewed to make it more user friendly. Cllr Liversidge informed the meeting that this new process has enabled the Friendship Club to successfully receive £571 for a trip the Eden Camp. He also informed

the meeting that the Hazelwell Centre was taking part in the Durham Arts festival with a film by Dryden Goodwin being shown on 6th November free of charge.

Cllr F Long informed the meeting that a number of initial meetings had taken place regarding Neighbourhood planning. He advised that planners were not adverse to development in the village however they would support smaller scale developments. He stated that further updates would be given in the future. He also highlighted the continuing problems around George Street which are causing a health hazard due to the flytipping problem.

Cllr J Hall again raised the issue of flytipping in High Haswell which in on the increase. He stated that this is a national problem and the National Union of farmers are trying to work with Councils to help resolve this problem as there is a massive increase in vermin caused by the flytipping problem this is not helped by the fact that DCC are charging £40 for every vermin callout. He also asked if the CCTV camera could be reinstalled at High Haswell to try and catch the culprits.

Cllr C Kell again raised the issue of East Durham and Houghall Colleges not providing a free bus to Haswell residents. She also raised the issue of the removal of free school transport for primary school children from the village and stated that a number of parents had raised the issue of the crossroads at the Pemberton Arms not being a safe road to cross due to the speed of the traffic. She had received a report of a child nearly been hit by a car at this spot and asked if a lollipop person could be assigned to the crossing. A discussion took place regarding this issue.

Cllr Kell also asked if the County Councillors would support the forthcoming Christmas events at the Hazelwell Centre.

A discussion took place around future funding for the playground project and other events in the village.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk would write to the Director of Neighbourhoods regarding the continued flytipping problems in the village particularly the health hazard at George Street due to the plague of vermin.
- (ii) The Clerk would again contact James Bennett regarding the flytipping problem at High Haswell and request that the CCTV cameras be reinstated
- (iii) Cllr Todd will investigate why Haswell residents are not eligible for free transport to East Durham and Houghall Colleges.
- (iv) That Cllrs Todd and Huntington would make a donation to the Christmas events.
- (v) That funding would be placed on a future agenda for consideration

13. County Councillors Update

Cllr Huntington informed the meeting that:

- She has set aside £2000 or capital for Haswell
- She attended a presentation on the future of Welfare Reforms which will have a major impact on families as a further £18 billion will be cut from the system.
- She is taking names for those who are in need to receive food parcels. Last year she distributed 57 across the area.
- The roundabout at Shotton will be upgraded.

Cllr Todd informed the meeting:

- That he had sort further information on the promise made by Frank Firth an Education officer from DCC that free school transport would be given to Haswell

children. He informed the meeting that Frank Firth was not in a position to give this assurance at the time of the public meeting and therefore this promise could not be honoured.

- That he had investigated the Mencap lease further and that the Head of Estates had advised that they own all of the land surrounding the old school, Sure Start and Mencap site and that once Mencap gave notice to terminate the site they would then look into what options were available for the site. Cllr Hall stated that the site was gifted to the County Council for a school by the Baker Bakers and that they maybe a covenant stating what the land can be used for if it is no longer a school.
- That he had questioned the consultation processes around the review of Childrens Centres and had been advised that a presentation had been given to the Local Council Working Group. The report to scrutiny dated 31st July also states that Town and Parish Council would be written to directly. The Clerk advised the meeting that this was definitely not the case.
- He was continuing to monitor and report the flytipping problem around the village.
- The development of a new hospital on the Wynyard site has been suspended, no further information is available at the present time.

14. Any other Urgent Items of business

There were no issues raised.

15. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Police Report

Criminal Damage to Vehicles

03/10/2014 - FIELD HOUSE TERRACE, HASWELL.

Unknown person(s) approach secure unoccupied vehicle whilst at unknown location use unknown implement to scratch nearside passenger door panel make off unknown direction.

30/09/2014 - B1279, HASWELL

Whilst victim is parked stationary in black coloured Ford Transit Custom van, a dark coloured hatchback motor car drives past at slow speed discharges a shotgun round into panel on offside of Transit van

Arson not endangering life

06/10/2014 - DURHAM LANE, HASWELL

Unknown persons approach occupied farm and then set fire to cars causing extensive damage.

ASB

19/102010 – Pesspool Lane.

Reports of off road motorcycles regularly visiting the area.

Appendix B

October 2014				Receipts											Payments		VAT	
Date	Details	Inv No	Chq No	Receipt	Payment	Misc	Football Fees	Interest	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed		
1.10.14	TSL Horticultural supplies	I36.14	102486		405.12						405.12				67.52			
1.10.14	Great north Air Amulance Donation	I37.14	102487		200.00								200.00					
7.10.14	Printer	I38.14	102488		109.97				109.97						18.33			
7.10.14	CILCA fee	I39.14	102489		80.00				80.00									
8.10.14	Northumbrian Water	I40.14	102490		176.57							176.57						
14.10.14	Vodafone	I41.14	102491		34.00				34.00						5.66			
14.10.14	P.Levitt Fixings maintenance equipment	I42.14	102492		113.83					113.83					18.97			
28.10.14	CDALC training Precept	I43.14	102493		27.00				27.00									
28.10.14	Blanchere xmas lights	I44.14	102494		3074.40									3074.40	512.40			
28.10.14	DCC wages SLA	I45.14	102495		662.40				662.41						110.40			
28.10.14	DCC repairs to equipment	I46.14	102496		430.39						430.39				71.73			
	Wages	BACS			2914.94				2914.94									
	BACS fee				10.78				10.78									
	Interest																	
					5165.00				3839.10	113.83	835.51	176.57	200.00	3074.40	805.01			
	bank account balance as at 30.9.14																	
	current	87962.20																
	reserve	52389.66																