

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D. Liversidge, C.Kell, B.Kell, N Mills J Hall, C Chiverton, L. Atkinson
R Todd, County Councillor
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk) PC Dean Wilson, Michael Cornforth and Lyndsey Cartwright wardens 3 members of the public

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr F Long, P Brooks, E. Huntington

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 28th 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 which is attached as Appendix A. They also reported that the problems tenants from Kent Terrace have now moved away from the village. PC Wilson informed the meeting that a Crimestoppers campaign is taking place for 3 weeks with regard to stopping fly tipping; a coordinated approach is being taken with the police, wardens, council and the public. Literature is being disseminated to highlight how to report the crime.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be noted.

6. Warden Update

Michael Cornforth and Lyndsey Cartwright introduced themselves as the new wardens for Area 1 which includes Haswell, they apologised for the poor attendance at the meetings. They advised that there had been 6 incidents in the Haswell 4 stray dogs and 2 flytipping all of which have been dealt with. They advised that a Community Protection Order has come into force which gives new powers to deal with offenders.

Cllr Hall gave an update of all the fly tipping problems which have been occurring in High Haswell and also in George Street the wardens took note of this. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of installing CCTV cameras.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the wardens will give apologies when they can't attend meetings
- (ii) that the wardens will familiarise themselves with the High Haswell and other hotspot areas

7. Public Participation

Mrs Stephenson reported that there is a large number of fly tipping in George Street, which includes 3 fridges and a large dumpy bag which is currently blocking the pavement. She also complained about the speed of traffic on Front Street which nearly resulted in her husband being knocked over. Discussion took place about the possible deterrents which could be put in place; this included the mobile speed visor which would hopefully slow traffic and a temporary police presence.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the wardens log the flytipping in George Street and have it removed.
- (ii) That Cllr Todd investigates the possibility of having the mobile speed camera sited at Front Street.
- (iii) That the police investigate having a temporary speed camera in the area to catch motorists speeding.

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
- An email was sent to Terry Collins the Director of Neighbourhoods regarding the flytipping and rodent problem in the village, Oliver Sherratt will hopefully be attending the next meeting to discuss how the problems can be alleviated.
- Contact James Bennett regarding the installation of CCTV at High Haswell and he would investigate the possibility.
- Funding applications are now being drafted for the financing of the £80,000 playground project. Cllr Todd has confirmed that he will be donating £5000 to the scheme from this year's budget.
- Christmas lights have been installed and are ready for the switch on 27th November, unfortunately the santa which was order arrived damaged hand has had to be returned. This should hopefully be fixed and redelivered.
- Contacted East Durham Homes regarding the mess caused throughout the village by the contractors working on the homes. This will be investigated. Contact has been re-established with Keith who will be contacting Cllrs Chiverton and Long to set up a meeting.
- Hampers have been made up and are ready for distribution to the two War veterans in the village.

Correspondence

- Letter from Grahame Morris MP regarding the withdrawal of school transport, he will write to DCC and respond once he has a reply

Cllr Huntington has emailed the following update:

- 11 food parcel given out in Haswell to frail elderly, disabled elderly, and families.

- She has been dealing with a school transport difficulty for a disabled child from Haswell.
- Durham County Council has introduced a strategy to deal more robustly with offenders of flytipping, leaflets will be distributed and a new policy has been introduced to tackle the problem.
- Grants to assist with the Neighbourhood planning process should hopefully be available in April 15.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

9. Finance

The monthly accounts were also 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. There is an estimated shortfall in the Council's budget of £1062.25 due to the reduction in grant the Parish will receive from the County Council. 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 2015/2016.

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 and the Clerk has prepared a final draft.

10. Planning

There was one planning application to consider Appendix C. The whole Council were supportive of the development.

11. Members Reports

Cllr C Kell reported that the Haswell to Hart walkway needs repairing as the wire is coming loose from the boardwalk in the Tuthill area of the path. She also informed the meeting that she has prepared a leaflet with regard to the school transport problem and has put the clerks email on as a contact.

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that he had a number of complaints asking why the new playground will be installed at Windsor Terrace and not at the other sites. He advised that this is the first stage and hopefully Haswell Plough would have their playground refurbished in the future however the playground at the McMurchies site will be decommissioned if Hartlepool housing does not wish to take it over. Cllr Liversidge informed the meeting that the Hazelwell Centre are having the annual children's Christmas party and panto as well as the old person Christmas party and asked if the Parish Council would give a donation towards these events.

RESOLVED

- (i) Cllr Todd will report the walkway
- (ii) That the Parish Council donates £750 towards the Christmas events.

12. County Councillors Update

Cllr Todd informed the meeting:

- Consultation is taking place regarding health services provided by North Tees dates were provided and an email has been circulated
- Health Scrutiny have received a report regarding the provision of ambulance services across the County an independent review will take place and no changes will be made until April 2016.
- There is a review of urgent care practices across the East Durham area and a review on doctor's surgeries. There is a proposal to close some surgeries and merge others.
- The County Council will make a decision on the Revenue Support Grant in December which will affect the amount passported to the Parish Councils.
- That a meeting had taken place with Gerard Darby the Head of Estates with regard to the land owned by the County Council in Haswell. He advised that no decision would be made on the old school site until it was demolished, however the land next to Mr Scorer's site has been referred to Steven Reed who deals with Strategic Planning to see if it could be marketed for sale.

13. Any other Urgent Items of business

There were no issues raised.

14. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th January 2015 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Police Notes

Crimes committed between 28th October – 25th November 2014

Criminal Damage to Vehicles

21/11/2014 - HESSEWELLE CRESCENT, HASWELL.

Unknown persons have smashed windscreen and passenger side window of motor vehicle with a piece of paving slab. **UNDER INVESTIGATION**

Theft or Unauthorised Taking

13/11/2014 - HESSEWELLE CRESCENT, HASWELL.

Unknown persons approach unoccupied dwellings using scaffolding in place for repairs to climb up and remove quantity of lead flashing from windows. **UNDER INVESTIGATION**

Anti-Social Behaviour

1 x call, regarding the setting of fires on bonfire night. No Damage reported.

Statistics

Crime is down 8% on the monthly average for the village

Anti-social behaviour is down 81% due there being only one incident reported this month.

PACT Priorities

The community have agreed that there is not currently a requirement for a PACT priority however this will be reviewed prior to the parish meeting.

Appendix B

November 2014					Receipts			Payments							VAT		
Date	Details	Inv No	Chq No	Receipt	Payment	Misc	Football Fees	Interest	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Loans	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed
11.11.14	Vodafone	I47.14	102497		34.00				34.00							5.66	
11.11.14	T.Bell postage	I48.14	102498		7.44				7.44								
25.11.14	Christmas Hampers War veterans	I49.14	102499		190.32									190.32			
25.11.14	Wages		BACS		2914.94				2914.94								
25.11.14	BACS fee		BACS		10.78				10.78								
	Interest																
25.11.14	NEDL wayleave agreement			19.93		19.93											
25.11.14	Poppy wreath	I50.14	102500		18.00				18.00								
25.11.14	P.Levitt Equipment	I51.14	102501		91.95					91.95							
25.11.14	SLCC Membership	I52.14	102502		118.00				118.00								
25.11.14	Donation to Hazelwell Centre for Christmas parties and pantos	I53.14	102503		750.00										750.00		
				19.93	4135.43	19.93		10.05	3103.16		0.00			190.32	750.00	5.66	0.00

Appendix C

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Ms A Brewster

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Detached dwelling with garaging and associated landscaping.
