

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 6.30pm held in the meeting room, Lisa Dixon Centre, Haswell

Present:-

Cllrs C R HOOD (Chair), O Gray, S Hartley & W Ramsey

County Councillors L Hovvels, J Miller (& C R Hood)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Parish Council.

150.21 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor E Major and County Councillors Varty and Cochrane.

151.21 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 Grey declared an interest in the item relating to the Sports Changing Rooms and left the rooms during discussion of the item.

152.21 The Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27th October and Special Meeting held on 17th November 2021, were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

Update/Progress report by the Clerk

(a) Cladding to the wall at Haswell Plough

It was reported Believe Housing needed more information as to who would be responsible for future repairs to the wall if the cladding was agreed. **RESOLVED it be confirmed the Parish Council would take on this responsibility.**

(b) Poppies – Wheatley Hill Parish Council

A letter of thanks from Wheatley Hill Parish Council following assistance with lamp post poppies had been circulated to each Member. **RESOLVED the letter be received.**

(c) Station Field – installation of a boom gate

Further consideration was given to this proposal which had been referred from the last meeting. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED an order be placed with DCC for a boom gate to be installed at Station Field at a cost of £516.00.**

(d) Sports Changing Rooms Proposal

There was further discussion on this item and it was **RESOLVED** prices be obtained for the hire of a unit and along with that how soon it could be delivered and installed and be fully operational.

(e) Joy Allen – Meeting with P & TCs – Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 6.15pm, Spennymoor

RESOLVED the information given, be noted.

153.21 Police Report/Update

The Police report, a copy of which had been previously circulated as below, was considered:-

“Haswell Parish report – 28/10/21 to 20/11/21

Total calls - 26

ASB – 2

Personal – 0

Nuisance – 2

- 11/11/21 – Front Street – Report of unknown youths throwing eggs at passing vehicles – Area search with no trace of youths.
- 12/11/21 – Kent Terrace – assistance request to escort a female out of a premises.

Environmental – 0

Burglary - 3

- 01/11/21 – Barnett Square – Shed burglary with a screwdriver and pliers taken – closed, full investigation complete with no suspect identified.
- 12/11/21 – Gloucester Terrace – Dwelling burglary – Open investigation
- 17/11/21 – Front Street – Dwelling burglary – Open investigation

Criminal Damage- 2

- 31/10/21 – Burt Close – window smashed – Closed, full investigation complete with no suspect identified.
- 13/11/21 – Howarth Terrace – window smashed – Closed, full investigation complete with no suspect identified.

Theft and Handling- 0

Vehicle- 1

- 15/11/21 – Front Street – rear number plate taken – Open investigation.

Other –

- In 2022 we are hoping to get back to face to face Pact meeting. Details of these will be shared on our Keep In The Know messaging system in the coming weeks. If anyone would like signing up to Keep In The Know please send a message through with your name, post code and email address and this can be sorted.

RESOLVED the contents of the report be noted.

154.21 Finance

(a) To approve the monthly accounts payments for November 2021

The payments for November 2021 submitted to Members, previously circulated, listed below some of which had already been approved for payment, in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations:-

		£
1.	Horns Garden Centre compost	94.00
2.	GL & NR Tate tractor fuel	72.00
3.	Elaine Major selection boxes	100.00
4.	Pena Pat Testing lighting up the church	300.00
5.	Lloyds tractor oil	77.69
6.	Raby Castle enchanted garden	180.00 (paid direct)

RESOLVED approval be given to the payments presented to be paid. FURTHER RESOLVED THE CLERK be given authority, in consultation and with the prior approval of the Chair and Vice Chair, to make any emergency payments prior to the meeting in January 2022.

(b) To consider the bank reconciliation for October 2021

A copy of the bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED the reconciliation for October 2021, be accepted.**

(c) Budget 2022/23 – to begin considerations in advance of setting the budget and submitting the precept to DCC in January 2022

Members were asked to consider any large projects or proposals they may have in advance of the meeting held in January 2022 to agree and set the budget and precept for DCC. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

155.21 Planning

There were no planning applications to report on. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

156.21 Member's Reports

Councillor A Wainwright requested an update on the painting of the race course fence which was provided by the Chair.

Councillor J Wainwright reported she had lodged the on line petition for support for a footpath between Haswell Plough and the Blue House with DCC for approval. Hard copies were also available for colleagues to distribute and use around the villages.

Councillor Grey reported that whilst the flowers continued to be pulled out of the new planter at Haswell Plough, they continued to be replaced by the parish Council. She also gave detail on feedback on the placement of seats at Haswell Plough.

Councillor Hartley had no report to make.

Councillor Ramsay spoke on the proposal for a de fibrillator at Haswell Plough and it was agreed that the Parish Council continue to research a suitable location for such equipment. He asked for progress with the Grey Horse. He spoke on the issues with the height/level of the road in relation to the drives/houses on Mazine terrace, which he had worked with DCC to resolve. He reported the Christmas trees had been purchased and collected and whilst he could install the two large trees he was unable to do the 8 smaller trees and he asked if the grounds staff would take this on. It was agreed no PAT testing was required for the lights at the Hazelwell Centre as no contact had been made by the trustees regarding the lights. It was agreed the church be lit up and Pena Entertainments be asked to do this. The Clerk reported receipt of a grant of £300 from County Councillor Cochrane and Hood towards Christmas Lights.

RESOLVED the reports be accepted and actions listed be carried out.

157.21 County Councillor's Update Report

County Councillor Miller provided his update report as follows:-

Local update

- I've chased up Believe Housing in relation to the AAP application for fencing
 - This hasn't been made yet according to the AAP
 - So I've emailed Believe but I haven't had a response yet.
 - We'll stay on top of it though
- I asked Believe Housing if the Parish could clad the wall
 - They didn't agree, but also weren't against the idea.
 - They would just like some more information before
 - Such as who would repair it moving forward if it became damaged
 - I emailed this to the Clerk, so hopefully it will be discussed.
- I've also been dealing with a couple of properties who have had issues with getting repairs done from the Housing Association

- The Woodland Walkway in Ludworth is due to start
 - Although this is not directly in Haswell Plough, the plan has always been to connect the two villages together, and to encourage as many people as possible to use it and promote it.
- There's a health walk which happens every Thursday, 10am
 - We meet at Ludworth Community Centre and then set off for a 30-minute walk, or so
 - Again, I know this is not in Haswell Plough, but we have walked the road from Ludworth to Haswell Plough, so it would be good to promote it in Haswell Plough to encourage it across the two villages.
- I requested an update about the speed watch
 - It was carried out on 9th October
 - A couple of advisory letters were sent out to drivers as a result.
 - The police are hoping to carry another one out in the near future.

County Councillor Miller asked if the wreath for Haswell Plough could be laid at the service when it was held at St Paul's church and this was unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED Haswell Plough's wreath be laid with Haswells at the joint Service of Remembrance.**

158.21 Public Participation

A resident expressed their concern at the amount of silt and debris being deposited on the road from the vehicles using Sherburn Quarry. **RESOLVED a request be made to DCC to have additional road cleans and the wheel wash be enforced.**

There was also concern at the process of demolition being used at the property on the Front Street. **RESOLVED this be reported to DCC.**

159.21 Date & Time of the Next Meeting

It was Agreed the next meeting shall be 19th January 2022 at 6.30pm at Lisa Dixon/Mencap Meeting Room, Haswell.

160.21 Exclusion of the Press and 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 1960 & the Local Government, (Access to Information) Act Part 1, paragraph 11.

161.21 Position of Part time Clerk

It was reported the advert for the position had been advertised with North East Jobs and CDALC and social media. The closing date was 6th December with interviews being held week commencing 13th December 2021. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**