

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 29th January 2013 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

1. Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D. Liversidge, J.Hall, N Mills, C.Kell, B.Kell 4 members of the public PC D Wilson County Cllrs R Todd and E Huntington

2. Apologises.

Apologises were received from Cllrs D.Evans, C Chiverton, and L. Atkinson due to other commitments.

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 15th January 2013

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 month update on past activity was reported (attached as Appendix A).PC.Wilson informed the meeting that the following issues had been raised and discussed at the earlier PACT meeting:

- Speeding in the village
- Antisocial behaviour from youths on the Front Street
- Circulation of forged £20 notes

Mrs Greaves informed the meeting of a number of problems occurring in the Hutton Grove area of the village.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Clerk liaises with Cllr Todd and PC Wilson to discuss all of the issues raised at Hutton Grove.

6. Public participation

Mr Cairns raised the issue of the amount of traffic which is now using the C64 to enter the village this problem has been compounded due to the road is not gritted as it is not a main road.

Street lights on the road between the B1280 and the B1283 and the end of the C64 were reported as defective. The gullies along Mazine Terrace were also reported as blocked.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Cllr Todd requests a traffic survey to ascertain the traffic issues on the C64
- (ii) that the Clerk reports the defective lights and blocked gullies.

7. Clerks Report/Correspondence

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

- The Christmas hampers were delivered to both the war veterans and a letter of thanks has been received from the Mr & Mrs French. They expressed great appreciation for the generosity shown.
- Laptop has just been purchased as agreed at the last meeting and hopefully the Wifi will follow in the centre shortly to enable interactive meetings.

The County Council has informed of the following two unclassified roads closures from 5th February 2013:

- Mazine Terrace
- Station Street leading to Red brick Garth

It is anticipated that this will last for five days.

Notification has been received from the Neighbourhood Wardens who are working to improve the quality of life for residents by reducing the level of anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. They tackle environmental problems to improve the local environment and promote community involvement and social inclusion, especially among young people. They also deal with stray dogs and enforce legislation around dog ownership. They work closely with the Police, Fire service, other enforcement agencies and other council service providers to deal with issues of concern to residents.

They also carry out regular patrols throughout the county, dealing with any issues they encounter or which are reported on **03000 261 018**

NALC have advised that nomination for the Queens Garden Party on the 30th May 2013 need to be received by 8th February all nominations will be entered into a draw.

8. Finance

The precept information request was passed to the County Council by the 25th January 2013 deadline. The estimated budget for the forthcoming financial year is attached as Appendix B.

Detailed monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Attached as Appendix C.

RESOLVED

- (i) That member note the estimated budget for 2014/2015 as agreed
- (ii) that Members accepted and approved the accounts

9. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

10. Members Reports

Cllr D Liversidge wanted to formally thank the Clerk for the work carried out on putting together the Christmas hampers for the war veterans, she also wanted to highlight what a fantastic job Paul Levitt has been doing throughout the village by keeping the paths and roads clear of snow.

Cllr J Hall reported that no work has been carried out on the collapsed gully leading up to High Haswell despite numerous reports; he also informed the meeting that a traffic island which had recently been installed between Easington Lane and Murton was subsequently being removed. He questioned the expense of this project and the waste of public funds in times of austerity.

Cllr C Kell raised the issue of the problems with access into Mrs Greaves home at Front Street West due to the highways problems caused by Hutton Grove and the fact that the highway has still not been adopted by the County Council.

Cllr A Liversidge again raised the issues of:

- the blight in George Street and the lack of action being taken in the village despite the amount of times this has been raised.
- Needing an additional amber flashing warning light on the tractor so that it is visible from all angles.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Cllr Todd would chase the programme of works on the collapsed gully
- (ii) That the Clerk would work with Cllr Todd to arrange a meeting to discuss all of the issues at Hutton Court
- (iii) That the Clerk would procure a new amber light and start collating estimates for a replacement tractor

11. County Councillors update

Cllr R Todd informed the meeting that:

- The Public Health budget would transfer into the Council at its current level for 2 years and rise by 4%
- All children services across the County are to be recommissioned
- New hospital at Wynyard to replace North Tees is awaiting financial approval from the treasury a further consultation process will take place

Cllr Huntington informed the meeting that:

- The highways budget will be cut by £11 million, leaders of the 12 local authorities are currently challenging the Government on this proposal due to the state of the roads
- From April 2013 second homes and those which are left empty for more than two years will be charged 150% Council tax
- She has been dealing with a lot of complex cases in the village and surrounding areas due to the welfare reform changes which are causing extreme hardship in a number of areas.

12. Any other Urgent Items of business

There were no issues raised.

13 Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th February 2013 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

HASWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE - 29th January 2013 19:00

CRIME STATISTICS:

Recorded crime

Four detected crime since end of November:-

- 31/12 Pesspool Avenue – Assault with injury.
- 01/01 Kent Terrace – Possession of controlled drug.
- 05/01 Phillips Close – Assault without injury.
- 05/01 Phillips Close – Criminal damage to vehicles.

Eight undetected crimes since end of November-

- 03/12 Phillips Close – Criminal damage to vehicle.
- 11/12 Dent Close – Burglary.
- 15/12 The green – Assault without injury.
- 25/11 North View - Criminal damage to dwelling.
- 05/01 Mazine terrace – criminal damage
- 11/01 West View – theft or unauthorised taking.
- 20/01 Store farm – burglary other than a dwelling.
- 21/01 Grey Horse – assault on a PC.

Anti-social Behaviour

Youths have begun congregating around the area of Kestrel way and the Grousemoor area. Several reports have been submitted and regular patrols are being carried out. We appreciate youths need somewhere to play/hang out however there is no excuse for throwing stones at resident's windows and verbal abuse towards those residents. We have identified the youths involved, with parents to be visited, asb letters to be sent. Regular patrols are to continue carried out by the neighbourhood policing team. This issue is a PACT priority and will be resolved.

Other information:

The not in my neighbourhood week was scheduled to take place in Haswell, with speed watch and neighbourhood recruitment going ahead however due to the weather this has had to be rearranged.

The team plan on holding a mobile street pact meeting in February, location to be arranged.

Appendix B

Cost Centre			Allocated Budget 2013.14
Central Services			50400
Public Buildings			6500
Horticultural			9600
Utilities			1200
Section 137			1500
Special Projects			3322
TOTAL			72522

Underspend for 2012.2013 to be ring fenced and used for the replacement playground and tractor programmes.

Precept breakdown

LCTS Grant	13448
Precept request	59074
Total	72522

January 2013				Receipts					Payments					VAT			
	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
9.1.13	Vodafone	177.13	102077		21.48				21.48								3.58
9.1.13	DCC Tractor tyres	178.13	102078		61.60						61.60						10.27
9.1.13	DCC Playground Ins	179.12	102079		63.90						63.90						10.65
15.1.13	CILCA Registration	180.12	102080		150.00				150.00								
15.1.13	Zurich Insurance	181.12	102081		2782.50				2782.50								
15.1.13	T Bell mileage 3rd quarter	182.12	102082		342.00				342.00								
24.1.13	Laptop Software & accessories	183.12	102083		557.98										557.98		93.00
24.1.13	DCC repairs	184.12	102084		61.60						61.60						10.27
24.1.13	Zurich Insurance Member Health & Safety	185.12	102085		114.00				114.00								19.00
24.1.13	DCC Installation of Street Lights to Hazelwell Carpark	186.12	102086		4713.60										4713.60		785.60
				0.00	8868.66	0.00	0.00		3409.98	0.00	187.10	0.00			5271.58	0.00	932.37
	Reserves	52294.24															
	Current as at 31.12.12	57182.89															

