

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 26th February 2013 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

1. Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D. Liversidge, J.Hall, C Chiverton, N Mills, C.Kell, B.Kell, L Atkinson
In attendance T. Bell Clerk, 5 members of the public County Cllrs R Todd and E Huntington

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Evans who had work 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 29th 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

There was no attendance or update from the Police.

6. Public participation

Issues raised:

Parking and speeding problems around the George Street /Chapel Lane area which could be exasperated if the proposed development on Front Street is approved.

The lack of elderly person signage in the village. This item has been raised and reported previously

Parking issues at Hutton grove the former McMurchie's site

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Cllr Todd will investigate the parking arrangements on the proposed plans to ensure that it is adequate

7. Clerks Report/Correspondence

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

- Defective lights reported
- Paul is to ascertain an amber light from the County Council for the tractor
- Edward Boon Land Agent will act on behalf of the Council and the Community centre free of charge with regard to the ongoing work and disruption caused to the village by National Grid. An initial discussion has taken place with regard to the issues raised and a site meeting will be planned in due course.
- Meeting with Sovereign Play equipment who have been on site and measured for new/ updated equipment free of charge this will allow some costings to be gathered to enable the funding process to begin
- Contact AAP with regard to assistance on funding
- Contacted Lloyd Ltd regarding the costings for a replacement tractor and the detailed specifications

Correspondence

- HMRC is changing the way it collects information from Employers regarding the collection of Taxes and N.I contributions. It will introduce 'Real Time' information from 1st April 2013 the County Council will continue to by our Wages Administrator however the procedures will need to change in order for the payment to be made direct to HMRC. This will be sorted out in the forthcoming month with DCC informing the Council of the correct steps to take to comply with the law.
- Information from Blanchere Lights of a refurbished 3m free standing Conical Christmas tree which is Green PVC and pre lit with white LED lights cost is £1381.80 + VAT
- Information has been received from the DCLG that Councillors will not require a dispensation to set the Precept in future.
- Edmondsley Parish Council will be representing NALC at the Queens Garden Party in May
- Informed by DCC that there will be a 1.4% increase in the Fleet management Service from April 2013.
- Notification from the Returning Officer that due to the Boundary Commission changes the Electoral arrangements for the forthcoming elections on 2nd May 2013 will be:
 - 2 Parish Councillors for Haswell Plough
 - 7 Parish Councillors for Haswell Village

Attended a meeting at County Hall on 25th February 2013 which gave the timetable for the forthcoming elections as follows:

- Nominations open on 18th March 2013 and close at noon on the 5th April 2013
- Statement of Persons nominated 9th April 2013
- Withdrawals by noon on 10th April
- Postal voting applications by 17th April 2013
- Last date for Register 17th April 2013
- Polling Day 2nd May 2013
- Verification and County Councillors Count 3rd May 2013
- Parish Count 4th May 2013
- New Councillors take up position on 7th May 2013
- New Council must meet before the 21st May 2013

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk purchases the 3D Christmas tree
- (ii) All information was duly noted.

8. Finance

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

RESOLVED

- (iii) That Members accepted and approved the accounts

9. Planning

The monthly planning applications were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B. There were no issues raised.

10. Members Reports

Cllr J Hall reported that work on the gully has commenced but it appears not to be finished due to the state of the tarmac surrounding the collapsed drain. He also informed the meeting that the parking around Hutton Grove up to High Haswell was becoming a daily problem which was impeding articulated vehicles from accessing the farms.

Cllr B Kell informed the meeting that fly tipping is on the increase around the village particularly around the open land opposite Hutton Grove and along the C64 area.

Cllr C Kell informed the meeting that she has received 5 complaints about the parking issues at Pesspool Lane which is destroying the grassed area and making the village look untidy. She also formally thanked Cllr Todd for his help in having a snow plough dispatched to clear the C64 on the 14th February when a number of vehicles were stuck in the snow which was making the road impassable.

Cllr D Liversidge again raised the issues of the light out at the C64, she also raised with Cllr Huntington the matter of a handrail adaption which has not yet been completed.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Cllr Todd will arrange another site meeting to discuss the issues around the parking problems due to Hutton Grove residents
- (ii) That Cllr Todd would investigate if the fly tipping team were still in operation.
- (iii) That the Clerk would forward the appropriate telephone number to Cllr Kell regarding the parking issues at Pesspool lane as this will be dealt with by the Environmental wardens.
- (iv) the Clerk would re report the light at the end of the C64.

11. County Councillors update

Cllr Huntington informed the meeting that:

- A helpful booklet has been produced by DCC called 'Weighing Up the benefit changes' this provides an insight into the current and proposed changes which will come into effect during 2013 and beyond. This is available on the website and around the County.
- East Durham trust are supplying up to 40 food parcels a week to needy residents some of which are in Haswell.
- DCC are opening an outreach information centre at the East Durham Homes Offices in Peterlee Town Centre
- The Government had promised money for rural areas which was allocated to alleviate flooding; this money has now been withdrawn.

Cllr R Todd informed the meeting that:

- The closing ceremony had taken place earlier in the day to mark the closing of the old Easington District Council site this was a sad day as the building has been open since 1902 and predated modern local government. Cllr Todd gave a speech as he is the longest serving Council from the area first being elected in May 1964. The ceremony was well attended with many staff past and present attending. He advised that all of the chamber content and the artefacts have been removed and given to Beamish or the archived at the County Council.
- New bus passes are being issued automatically across the County
- The blight issues raised previously are now on the active list which means they will now proactively be dealt with
- He has had personal assurances that the gully problem leading up to High Haswell is currently under investigation
- The Enforcement team are clamping down on litter and dog fouling across the area this has led to 80 penalty enforcement tickets being issued.

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 March 2013 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

February 2013					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
11.2.13	Vodafone	187.12	102087		21.48				21.48							3.58	
11.12.13	DCC Repair to street light at Paddock Hall South View	188.12	102088		201.88					201.88						33.65	
20.2.13	DCC Contribution to the installation of the speed visor at Haswell Plough	189.12	102089		1,000.00										1,000.00	166.67	
20.2.13	DCC Playground insp Jan 13	190.12	102090		63.90						63.90					10.65	
25.2.13	T.Bell Stamps	191.12	102091		14.40				14.40								
25.2.13	P.Levitt Cleaning Supplies	192.12	102092		36.74						36.74						
					0.00	1,338.40		0.00	35.88		100.64					214.55	
	as at 31.1.13																
	Reserves	52294.24															
	current	50436.20															

Appendix B

4/13/00094/FPA	Mr R Anderson	4 Harehill Mews Harehill Farm Road Haswell Durham DH6 2BA	Erection of boundary fence (Retrospective)	Sherburn Shadforth	Mr Stephen Potter Delegated
4/13/00097/FPA	Mr W Hamilton	5 Harehill Mews Haswell Plough Durham DH6 2BA	Single storey extension to side of existing dwelling (Retrospective)	Sherburn Shadforth	Mr Stephen Potter Delegated

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