

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 26th March 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, D.Evans
In attendance T. Bell Clerk, 3 members of the public County Cllrs R Todd and E Huntington

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from the police who were unable to attend due to staff shortages.

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 26th February 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 monthly report was read (attached as Appendix A)

6. Public participation

Issues raised:

- The County Councillors were asked if they supported the proposed residential development for 900 dwellings which has been submitted for planning approval on land North of Lowhills Road Peterlee PL/5/2013/0106 locally known as the old Thorpe maternity hospital site. There is also an additional submission in for land East of Thorpe Road Easington to upgrade existing footpaths and install a pond.

Concern was raised about the detrimental effect such a large development could have on the surrounding villages with regard to future planning being refused.

Cllr Todd stated that he was not in a position to make any comments either positive or negative regarding the development as he has not seen the details regarding the application or heard the pros and cons of the development. He stated that he would however represent the parish in the planning process. Cllr Huntington reiterated Cllr Todd's comments.

- Positive comments were received regarding the standard of work Paul Levitt carries out across the village, everyone agreed that he did an excellent job.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the positive comments be passed onto to Paul Levitt the groundman.

7. Clerks Report/Correspondence

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

- Defective street lights were re reported
- 3D Christmas tree has been ordered and delivered.
- Site meetings regarding the possible purchase of a new tractor
- Real time information (RTI) comes into force from 1st April 2013 – this has entailed a massive amount of work with the bank setting up a BACS system, HMRC registering as an employer and liaising with DCC wages department. Currently awaiting a reference from HMRC which will then be supplied to the County wages department to enable the system to work.
- Meetings have taken place with the AAP and the outdoor sports and recreations coordinator regarding the upgrade of the village play areas. Proposed to organise a consultation event at the Hazelwell centre on the 8/9th May 2013 (taking into account Purdah) Flyer will be produced to promote the event these will hopefully be delivered by Councillors as part of their canvassing. A small buffet will be provided by the AAP to encourage attendance. The consultation exercise will gather the ideas of the community for possible new equipment, once this information is gathered then funding can be sort.
- Meeting with Andy Denham (Environmental Wardens Coordinator) for the area to discuss the problem of flytipping, dog fouling and illegal parking on the highways. He advised that DCC has a new CRM system which must be used to log all incidents this will ensure that priority is given to the problem areas. Every incident needs to be reported on 03000261000 this will build up an audit trail.

Correspondence:

- Continued temporary Road Closure to Unc Road 21.8 Station Street, Haswell and Unc Road 28.20 Mazine Terrace, Haswell Plough
- A letter from Haswell Friendship club requesting £400 funding for transport for two trips for the OAP's in the village.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk contacts the AAP and the sports and recreation department to organise an open consultation event on the 8th May 2013.
- (ii) That Councillors and Mr Long have agreed to drop flyers across the village to advertise the event.
- (iii) That all future incidents of flytipping, dog fouling and illegal parking be reported to the County Council on the advertised number.
- (iv) That the £400 be given to Haswell Friendship Club to support the events.

8. Finance

Detailed monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider along with a year end financial forecast. (Appendix B & C). Detailed costings were received from three suppliers for a replacement tractor and trailer. (Appendix D)

RESOLVED

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the accounts
- (ii) That the Cllrs Evans and Hall will seek to obtain better quotes for both the purchase of the new equipment and the trade in of the old.

9. Planning

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

10. Future meeting dates.

Legislation states that the first meeting following an election must take place before the 21st May 2013. It was agreed that the April meeting will take place as normal on the 30th April 2013 and that the AGM would take place on 14th May 2013.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the AGM will take place on 14th May 2013.

11. Members Reports

Cllr D Liversidge again reported that the light has still not been repaired on the C64 despite numerous reports.

Cllr J Hall reported that the A1283 road past Sherburn Quarry is in a dangerous state due to the amount of grease on the road. Sweepers trying to clear the road are just moving the detritus around rather than removing it and this is making matters worse.

Cllr C Chiverton reported that a gully had collapsed at Faraday Terrace near the junction of Salters Lane.

Cllr A Liversidge reported that the village had limited electricity during the day, this was due to a major fault which the company were trying to locate.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk would again report the defective light on the C64
- (ii) That Cllr Todd would report the A1283 and the collapsed gully to the highways department for action.

11. County Councillors update

Cllr Huntington informed the meeting that:

- Flytipping was also an issue in Shotton and that due to covert surveillance a man has been arrested and fined for the offence.
- The number of people requesting food parcels through East Durham Trust has risen significantly, the trust are requesting donations.
- Smoking is on the increase with the younger generation due to the tobacco companies targeting young people which is worrying.

Cllr R Todd informed the meeting that:

- Council tax bills have been delivered across the county and that the parish precept increase has been accumulated with the other precepting authorities of the police and Fire Brigade which doesn't give a true picture. He will investigate why this has happened.
- DCC Council tax bills has gone unchanged for the second year and the Government have announced that the Rate Support grant will remain unchanged for the forthcoming year.
- Public Health moves into the Local Authority on 1st April with the current grant formula for funding remaining the same for two years. However if the planned funding formula changes go ahead after the two years then Durham will see a significant fall in funding which will have a devastating impact on the County due to the poor health of the residents in the area. The County has been successful in the past due to the amount of preventative work that it has carried out, however this could change if the funding is cut.

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 30th April 2013 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

CRIME STATISTICS:

Recorded crime

Two detected crimes since end of February:-

22/02 Haswell Plough – public order, one arrest.

21/01 Grey Horse – public order, assault pc, one arrest.

Three undetected crimes since end of February-

02/03 Front Street – Criminal damage to property.

07/03 East Villas – theft of diesel.

10/03 Dent Close – burglary.

Anti-social Behaviour

There have been eight incidents reported of anti-social behaviour in the village from the 26th February 2013.

There was a fight reported between to local women over the ownership of a mop and bucket in Kent terrace- PC Wilson dealt and gave suitable advice to both women.

Pesspool Avenue, residents of one property in Pesspool have made several reports and appear to be the target of local youths in the area however there is no suspect details available at this time. The NPT are aware and Home Housing officers have made visits to the address to support the residents.

In East Villas one resident reported having eggs thrown at his windows on two occasions; two youths were identified and questioned by officers. They denied all knowledge of the incident however they were warned to stay away from the property.

PACT priority:

Chinese restaurant/takeaway on Front Street.

The business has been the target of local youths in the past month or so however youths in question have been warned in the presence of their parents. Several visits to the business have been conducted by the npt, to which the owners are happy with. We have had no further problems since warnings issued.

Appendix B

March 2013				Receipts			Payments							VAT		
Date	Details	Inv No	Chq No	Payment	Precept	Football Fees	Interest	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Loans	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed
5.3.13	DCC Service and repairs	193.13	102093	173.06						173.06					28.84	
5.3.13	Firecare Service Extinguishers	194.13	102094	39.00					39.00							
12.3.13	DCC Wages Nov 12	195.13	102095	2568.29				2568.29							10.03	
12.3.13	DCC Feb Insp Playground	196.13	102096	63.90						63.90					10.65	
12.3.13	Vodafone	197.13	102097	23.00				23.00							3.83	
19.3.13	T.Bell postage	198.13	102098	14.40				14.40								
20.3.13	DCC Wages Dec 12	199.13	102099	2568.29				2568.29							10.03	
26.3.13	T.Bell 4th Quarter mileage	1100.12	102100	382.50				382.50								
	interest	bacs														
				5832.44				5556.48		236.96					63.38	
	as at 28.2.13															
	Reserves	52294.24														
	current	45182.50														

Balance @ 28th February 2013					45182.50
	Outstanding Cheques				
20.2.13	DCC Contribution to the installation of the speed visor at Haswell Plough	189.12	102089	1000.00	
20.2.13	DCC Playground insp Jan 13	190.12	102090	63.90	
25.2.13	T.Bell Stamps	191.12	102091	14.40	
25.2.13	P.Levitt Cleaning Supplies	192.12	102092	36.74	
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26.3.13	T.Bell 4th Quarter mileage	1100.12	102100	382.50	
				6947.48	
	Cheques to be written				
	Wages Jan/March 13		7704.87		
	Xmas lights		1718.16		
	Playground Insp March		63.90		
			9486.93		
	total outstanding				16434.41
	Balance remaining				28748.09
	VAT to reclaim (approx)			1800	30548.09

Appendix D

Company Name	Tractor Specification	Tractor Price	Trailer Specification	Trailer Price	Total	Part Exchange offered	Total after Company p/ex	Total after MPC P/Ex
PJS Mowers	John Deere X748 fitted 48in rear discharge cutting deck Turf tyres Extra set of Agri wheels Double set of LED lights incl. Road Reg	12905.00	1.25 tonne Trailer with side extensions and lighting kit	2663.00	15568.00	1800.00	13768.00	13268.00
W Tomlin	Kubota BX2350 Tractor 48 inch rear discharge deck Turf wheels Extra set of Agri wheels Twin LED Lights Road Reg	11550.00	1.25 tonne trailer to suit tractor Extension sides and lighting kit	2663.00	14213.00	1730.00	12483.00	11913.00
Lloyd Group	Kubota BX2350 Tractor 48 inch rear discharge deck Turf wheels Extra set of Agri wheels Twin LED Lights Road Reg	10755.00	1.25 tonne trailer to suit tractor Extension sides and lighting kit	2460.00	13215.00	2000.00	11215.00	10915.00

Murton Parish Council (MPC)	Have offered to buy the tractor and trailer	2300.00
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All prices are exclusive of VAT

Appendix E

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Mr S Hall
Durham Lane
Haswell
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Birch Farm

Single Storey Extension