

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D. Liversidge, J.Hall, C.Chiverton, L.Atkinson, C.Kell, B.Kell, F.Long
R Todd, County Councillors)
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk) 1 member of the public

1. Appointment of Chair for 2013/2014

Nominations were sought for the position of Chair for 2013/14. Councillor Doreen Liversidge was subsequently proposed and seconded. A unanimous vote subsequently confirmed Cllr D Liversidge to be appointed Chair for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Councillor Doreen Liversidge be appointed as Chair of Haswell Parish Council for the ensuing year.

2. Appointment of Vice Chair for 2013/2014

The Chair sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair to Haswell Parish Council for 2013/14. Cllr A Liversidge was nominated and seconded for the position. A unanimous vote subsequently confirmed Cllr A Liversidge be appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Councillor A Liversidge be appointed as Vice Chair of Haswell Parish Council for the ensuing year.

3. Apologises.

Apologises were received from Cllr E Huntington.

4. 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.

5. Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 30th April 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.

6. Appointments to Outside bodies

Nominations were sought to represent the Council on the following bodies:

- Association for Town and Parish Councils
- EON funding Committee
- SureStart
- East Durham Homes

RESOLVED

- (i) that Councillors Doreen and Alan Liversidge and Carol Kell be re elected to represent the Council on the Association for Town and Parish Councils.
- (ii) That Cllr A Liversidge continues to represent the Council on the EON committee
- (iii) That Cllr C Chiverton continues to represent the Council at both Sure Start and East Durham Homes meetings.
- (iv) That Cllr F Long be elected to the East Durham Homes meetings.

7. Police Briefing

There was no Police attendance at the meeting.

8. Public Participation

There were no issues raised.

9. Clerks report / correspondence

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

- As this was the formation of a new Council after the elections an information pack had been prepared and handed to each Councillor on the Councils policies and procedures
- A consultation event had taken place on Wednesday 8th May 2013 in conjunction with the AAP and the County Council playground strategy team at the Hazelwell Centre with regard to the playground provision in the villages. Unfortunately despite the village receiving a leaflet advertising the event the turnout was extremely poor. A meeting will now take place with the Clerk, AAP and DCC to develop a new consultation strategy to take this project forward.

Correspondence

- A training session will take place for Councillors and Chairs at Shotton hall on the 9th July 2013 this event offers excellent value for money at only £27 per person the aim of the training day is to advise Councillors of the roles and responsibilities.
- A training session will take place on Asbestos awareness on the 25th June 2013 at Spennymoor

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information in the packs be duly noted and the appropriate forms returned within the required timescales.

- (ii) That the Clerk books Cllrs Liversidge, Chiverton, Atkinson and Long on to the Councillor training course.
- (iii) That the Clerk books the Paul Levitt onto the Asbestos awareness course.

10. Finance

The final accounts were circulated for approval prior to sending to the external auditor for verification, the monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix A.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Members accepted and approved the final accounts for approval and the monthly accounts for payment.

11. Planning

There were no applications to consider.

12. Football Pitch fees

Members praised the frequent use of the football pitches due to the continued excellent maintenance. Due to the current economic climate Members felt that it would help the Football Clubs if the prices were frozen for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Football pitch prices remain frozen at the current level for the forthcoming season.

13. Decision on tractor purchase.

The Clerk clarified with the Supplier and the Groundsman the tractor and trailer specification and the requirements necessary to carryout the role. The Groundsman confirmed that the Kubuto BX2350 and the trailer built for that tractor are the best fit for purpose.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Clerk purchase the tractor and trailer through Lloyds who were the most competitive quote
- (ii) That Cllr J Hall contacts E Allen with regard selling the current equipment for £2700 once the new equipment arrives.

14. Members Reports

Cllr C Kell asked Cllr Todd what funding Haswell Parish could expect now that he was re elected and it was a new financial year, she stated she was aware that he funded a worker for the Community Centre in South Hetton and that Cllr Huntington did the same for Shotton however Haswell did not received the same funding.

Cllr Todd informed the meeting that a worker was funded in South Hetton and that he had offered in the past for this worker to do some sessions in Haswell however he needed specific work to carry out, a discussion took place on transport being provided for people to attend the South Hetton centre to take part in gym activities. He stated that he would be happy to look at funding suitable projects in future.

Cllr J Hall informed the meeting that:

- The flytipping on Green lane continues and that it had blocked the road on several occasions, he stated that ring County Hall to report the incidents is very time consuming and costly. The same could be said for the new Police number of 101 which costs 10p per minute.

Cllr F Long informed the meeting that:

- The flytipping is a problem across the village
- The BT box on Hessewelle Crescent is damaged
- He also enquired as to who is responsible for the racecourse fencing around the village as it is in need of repairing

RESOLVED

- (i) Cllr Todd will write to the Director of Environment regarding the flytipping problem.
- (ii) The Clerk will report the damage to BT and make enquiries into the ownership/ maintenance of the fences.

15. County Councillors Update

Cllr Todd informed the meeting:

- The new County Council will meet for the first time on the 22nd May and that he is hoping to retain the role of Chair to Health Scrutiny
- The new make up of the Council is 96 Labour Councillors from a possible 124
- There are 45 new Members on the Council and 39 female Councillors.
- That no Councillor can sit on a licencing, planning or pension committee unless they had appropriate training.
- The Chief Executive had informed members that tough times were ahead as further savings had to be made.

16. Any other Urgent Items of business

There were no issues raised.

17. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th June 2013 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

May 2013					Receipts			Payments							VAT		
Date	Details	Inv/ Rec No	Chq No	Receipts	Payment	Misc	Football Fees	Int Rec	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Loans	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed
8.5.13	T Bell Ink	16.13	102315		11.97				11.97							2.40	
8.5.13	SLCC Book	17.13	102316		18.20				18.20								
8.5.13	DCC Playground repairs	18.13	102317		143.47						143.47					23.91	
8.5.13	DCC Equipment services	19.13	102318		580.31						580.31					96.71	
14.5.13	T Bell Colour ink	110.13	102319		13.00				13.00							2.60	
					766.95				43.17		723.78					125.62	

