

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2013 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mrs D Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors A. Liversidge, J.Hall, C.Chiverton, C.Kell, B.Kell, F.Long, N. Mills
R Todd, E Huntington, P Brookes (County Councillors)
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk) Graham Hughes PCSO 1 member of the public

2. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

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 14th May 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 Police gave a briefing which is attached as Appendix A..

6. Warden Update

There was no warden in attendance and no apologies were received. A report of flytipping on the C64 was raised.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk contacts wardens to find out why no one attended the meeting.
- (ii) PSCO to report the incident to the wardens

7. Public Participation

Mr Cairns raised the issue of the amount of noise created by Shotton airfield over the last bank holiday weekend. A detailed discussion took place regarding the history of the airfield and past actions taken.

RESOLVED

- (i) That a representative from the Parish attends the Shotton airfield meeting to raise any concerns

8. Clerks report / correspondence

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

- Tractor has been purchased and delivered to the Council – the old tractor has been sold to EW Allen as per the agreed price
- In liaison with AAP to develop a consultation strategy to ensure that the purchase of new playground equipment
- Now have the names of the County Councillors for Haswell Plough confirmed as
 - Peter Brookes
 - Lucy Hovvels
 - Morris Nicholls

I will ensure that future meeting information is forwarded to them

- Places have been booked on the Councillors and Chair course at Shotton Hall on the 9th July for Cllrs Liversidge, Chiverton, Long and Atkinson
- Code of Conduct Briefing for Parish & Town Councils on 26 June 2013. The session will provide an overview of the NALC Code of Conduct and the Standards Arrangements which Durham County Council operates and there will be an opportunity at the end of the presentations for questions to be asked of officers. Refreshments will be provided from 5:30pm with a view to the briefing session commencing at 6pm (anticipated to last approximately 1 hour)
- Paul Levitt has attended the Asbestos awareness course

Correspondence

- Invitation to 6th Annual Anniversary event for Mencap on the 22nd June @10am
- Request from Hartlepool Hospice for funding

RESOLVED

- (i) The Clerks cancels Cllr Chivertons place at the training due to other commitments
- (ii) That Hartlepool Hospice be given £150 donation

9. Finance

The monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B.

RESOLVED

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

10. Planning

The monthly planning applications were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix C
There were no issues raised with planning application PL/5/2013/0138. A discussion took place regarding application PL/5/2013/0243 to install a domestic wind turbine, Members voted to object to the application on the grounds that this will have a detrimental environmental effect on the village, as well as causing noise pollution. The Council felt that it had more than its fair share of turbines in the village and surrounding area.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Clerk logs the objection on the County Council website.

11. Members Reports

Cllr F Long informed the meeting that the BT telephone is still in a state of disrepair and that the bus shelter on the B1283 is damaged.

Cllr J Hall informed the meeting that a resident in North View had reported a problem of rats caused by an adjacent empty property this issue has been dealt with, he also informed the meeting that the contractor responsible for cutting the grass verges throughout the district is causing damage to the kerbs and footpaths due to the weight of the machinery. The quality of the work is not up to the previous high standard.

Cllr C Kell informed the meeting that:

- she was to contact the Chair of the Durham Bowls Society with the aim of promoting the Parishes bowling green.
- The church was to lose its vicar and that there was a strong possibility the church would close if a replacement couldn't be found. Concerns were raised regarding the future of the war memorial. The church has an on going problem of attracting volunteers; anyone wishing to help should contact Shirley Taylor.

Cllr A Liversidge reported that:

- He had concerns over the future provision of school places due to the lack of capacity in the area.
- The Renco site was still in a state of disrepair and no progress had been made despite repeated reports
- He had received two requests to remove the speed bumps on Sycamore Terrace and replace with a more appropriate modern design
- A 6 month project to engage young people at the Hazelwell Centre is ongoing, a request has been received by the group to utilise the bowling green for training sessions with the young people.

RESOLVED

- (i) The Clerk will again report the damage to BT
- (ii) The Clerk will report the damaged bus shelter
- (iii) Cllr Todd will highlight the grass verge problem to the appropriate department and request a progress report on the George Street and Renco sites.
- (iv) Cllr Todd will investigate the possibility of replacing the speed bumps.
- (v) The request to utilise the bowling green be denied at the moment until contact has been made with the Durham Society.

12. County Councillors Update

Cllr Brookes advised the meeting that:

- he would be attending as the link County Councillor for Haswell Plough due to the new boundary changes
- He had allocated £500 toward Haswell Plough from his initiative fund for future projects; he also advised that he was willing to pool resources with the Cllrs Todd and Huntington for the benefit of the village.

Cllr Huntington informed the meeting that:

- 7 Local Authorities in the North East have joined together to work to improve the local economy
- A number of cultural events were taking place over the forthcoming months these included a book festival, international brass band event and the lumiere event in November.
- She was compiling a report on the massive pothole problem across the villages

Cllr Todd informed the meeting:

- He was monitoring the flytipping problem across the village and had reported 3 occasions of bags of rubbish and tyres.
- A consultation event was to take place at Shotton Hall on the 3rd July regarding the proposed changes to the NHS hospital provision in Hartlepool prior to Ministerial approval of the finance.

RESOLVED

13. Any other Urgent Items of business

There were no issues raised.

14. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 30th July 2013 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Police Briefing Haswell Parish Council Meeting 25/06/2013

Violence Against Person –	0 incidents
Burglary -	0 incidents
Theft and Handling -	0 incidents
Criminal Damage -	2 incidents

Windsor Terrace, items thrown at property hitting door just missing glass.
Kent Terrace, bricks thrown causing damage to window, officers attended and window boarded.

Theft of Vehicle -	0 incidents
Theft from Vehicle -	0 incidents

ASB - 2 incidents

Points to note

At the last pact meeting it was agreed with residents that the our priorities will be focused on the ASB on the Front street of Haswell and in particular Howarth Terrace area.

Extra Patrols on an evening have been carried out.

We actually completed a speed watch initiative on the front street sending out letters to drivers caught speeding throughout the villiage.

On a personal note and as I am named PCSO for your area I have been signed off as operational now. So you will see me a lot more in the area

- Next PACT meeting 30th July 18:00pm at The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix B

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	

Balance as at 31.5.13		
Current		96429.44
Reserve		52294.24

Appendix C

June 13 Planning

[PL/5/2013/0138](#)

Mr M Wade

Ramshaws Cottage
North View
Haswell
DH6 2DH

1 No Dwelling House

[PL/5/2013/0243](#)

Mr T Davies

8 East Villas
Haswell
DH6 2AD

Installation of 1 No. Micro Scale Wind Turbine
(14.97m to Hub, 5.6m Diameter Blades) to
Provide Renewable Energy for use at the site

Approved

PI/5/2013/0117 Mr M Cousins	Land adjacent Plough Motors Durham Lane HaswellDH6 2BB	Provision of Access Road
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