

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mrs D Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors A. Liversidge, J.Hall, F.Long, C.Chiverton, L.Atkinson
P Brooks (County Councillor)
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk) 2 members of the public

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Kell due to family issues, Police due to not being on shift.

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 November 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 emailed a briefing which is attached as Appendix A.

6. Warden Update

There was no attendance to the meeting.

7. Public Participation

Mr Cairns praised the excellent Christmas light display at the Hazelwell Centre. He suggested that the lights be promoted across the County to help promote the village. Cllr Brooks informed the meeting that Trimdon Parish had an official switch on last year for the first time and it was very successful.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Parish advertise the Christmas lights across the County in DCC magazine and work towards an official switching on of the lights.

8. Clerks report / correspondence

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

- Hampers were completed and given to the Chair to deliver

- Additional information has been supplied regarding the funding application submitted to Community Chest Grant for £10000 no outcome has yet been reported.
- Working on designs for new play area – another meeting is planned for 27th January 2014
- Letter has been sent to DCC regarding the commencement of Pensions from 1st April 2014.

Correspondence

CDALC have been allocated 4 places for this year (we only got two last year) for the Royal Garden Party being held on the 3 June 2014 in Buckingham Palace Please applicants and companions meet all of the criteria. Closing date is the 31 January 2014; selection will take place on the 7th February 2014

The County Council is trying to pull together a package of events over the next few years to commemorate WW1 these events will focus around:

- August 4, 2014 - the centenary of the day Britain entered the war;
- July 1, 2016 - 100 years after the Battle of the Somme; and
- November 11, 2018 - the anniversary of the day the guns fell silent.

Data protection course will take place on 27th March at need to confirm and book places

Letter of thanks has been received from Linda and Michael French for the wonderful hamper which was given to their parents from the Parish Council particular thanks to Alan and Doreen Liversidge who delivered the hamper.

Letter from Youngs RPS who are dealing on the Parish Council's behalf with regard to the disruption caused to the village and the Hazelwell Centre through overhead line refurbishment by National Grid. They have offered £1750 as a full and final settlement.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the nominations for the garden party would be the Chair and Partner and Cllr Clair Chiverton and her partner
- (ii) That three places be booked for the data protection training course
- (iii) That a letter be sent to Young accepting the compensation offer
- (iv) That the information be noted.

9. Finance

The monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B. Durham County Council Cabinet met in December and agreed the final Parish Council Tax Base calculations as a result of Localising of Council Tax Support (LCTS).

Following the release of the Governments final financial settlement figure a final letter has been sent from Durham County Council showing the full and final effects of (LCTS).

The official precept request form has changed. Revised payment mechanisms introduced as a result of LCTS changes now mean the net budget figure will be paid in two ways:

- Localising of Council Tax Support Grant payment from DCC and
- Precept request (which will be net of the LCTSS payment)

Both the grant and precept payments will be paid simultaneously into the bank account. Following lengthy discussions it was agreed to set the Precept with a 3.26% rise in line with the estimated RPI for 2014/2015.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Members accepted and approved the monthly accounts .
- (ii) That the Council approve that the final budget and send the appropriate forms to DCC for payment.

10. Planning

The monthly planning applications were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix C There were no objections.

11. Members Reports

Cllr C Chiverton reported that the Old Recreation Ground is currently experiencing anti-social behaviour problems with motor bikes and cars, and that a drain has collapsed in Faraday Terrace which has caused a large hole in the road.

Cllr J Hall informed the meeting that the Northern Regional Council is being formed and was worried that this was regionalisation by the backdoor. He reported that frontline emergency services were being cut and that this wasn't acceptable. Cllr Brooks informed the meeting that the purpose of the Northern regional Consortium was to work on strategic transport and Economic development in the North and not to replace Local Councils. He informed the meeting that North was the hardest hit region in the country with regard to Council cuts.

Cllr Long informed the meeting that:

- a new bus shelter has been erected at Haswell Plough however the verge has been damaged in the process.
- Pavements outside of the bungalows in West View are damaged
- Signs near the Pemberton Arms are pointing in the wrong direction
- DCC do not give feedback reports on information that is passed on regarding flytipping
- Paul Levitt is doing an excellent job in the village

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- Christmas party and panto were a great success
- Funding of £4500 has been received from the Windmill fund
- A rack is being installed at the cenotaph to stop the wreaths blowing away
- Racecourse fencing is missing throughout the village
- C64 is flooded near Rymers farm which is dangerous as it is on a blind bend
- B1280 is flooded at Snippersgate Salters lane
- The funding letter was comprehensive and should be attached to the minutes.(Appendix D)

RESOLVED

- (i) That Clerk reports the antisocial behaviour to the police
- (ii) That Clerk reports all of the highways and flooding faults to the Highways action line
- (iii) That Councillors discuss the possibility of removing some racecourse fencing at a future meeting after consultation with the public.
- (iv) The Clerk attaches the letter to the minutes.

14. County Councillors Update

Cllr Brooks informed the meeting that:

- DCC have £40 million to save in 2014/2015 and £50 million to save in 2015/2016 tough decisions will have to be taken on how this will be achieved. Consultation has been taking place through the AAP's. It is suggested that the last 5 residential care homes be closed to make savings.
- Culture Arts and Sports have been successful over the past year with over 500,000 visitors to the region due to the Lumiere, Miners gala and Test Cricket events.
- He has £500 allocated to Haswell Plough from the Members Initiative money

RESOLVED

- (i) That the £500 be allocated and ring fenced for the improvement of play and exercise equipment.

15. Any other Urgent Items of business

There were no issues raised.

16. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th February 2014 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Police Report 21/01/2014

Apologies for the non-attendance. The neighbourhood beat team could not reschedule their shifts to the changed date of the meeting.

Since 21/12/2013

Thefts

28/12/2013 – Kestrel way

Theft of wheely bin – No evidence to show suspects

09/01/2014 – Pesspool Lane

Theft of an eglu that was outside. Information that local youths are responsible although there is no evidence to suggest this is correct.

Violence against a person

31/12/2013 – Front street

Altercation in the pub has spilled out into the front street.

Criminal damage

07/01/2014 – Grousemour

Damage to fence believed by caller to be local youths

19/01/2014 – Hessewelle Crescent

Glazed window smashed while property was empty. No witnesses or evidence to suggest those responsible.

Burglary

06/01/2014 – Lisa Dixon Centre

Break in to the centre. Money taken and damage caused to the property. Ongoing investigation

ASB

Nuisance on the front street and surrounding areas

Local youths have been warned about such behaviour.

Haswell PACT MEETING @ The Hazelwell centre 28/01/2014 6pm

Appendix B

December 2013					Receipts				Payments							VAT	
Date	Details	Inv No	Chq No	Receiv	Payment	Precept	Football Fees	Interest	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Loans	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed
5.12.13	T.Bell Additional hamper money and Postage	164.13	102419		27.10				27.10								
10.12.13	P.Levitt Tools	165.13	102420		48.48						48.48					8.08	
10.12.13	DCC Playground Insp Nov	166.13	102421		64.80						64.80					10.80	
10.12.13	Vodafone	167.13	102422		32.84				32.84							5.47	
					173.22				59.94		113.28					24.35	
January 2014					Receipts				Payments							VAT	
date	Details	Inv No	Chq No	Receiv	Payment	Misc	Football Fees	Interest	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Loans	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed
6.1.14	Zurich Insurance	168.13	102423		2826.16				2826.13							159.96	
6.1.14	DCC Playground Insp fee	169.13	102424		64.80						64.80					10.80	
6.1.14	Northumbrian Water	170.13	102425		67.06							67.06					
14.1.14	Vodafone	171.13	102426		32.84				32.84							5.47	
14.1.14	T.Bell postage	172.13	102427		14.40				14.40								
21.1.14	T.Bell 3rd Quarter Mileage	173.13	102428		368.10				368.10								
					3373.36				3241.47		64.80	67.06				176.23	
	Reserves	52341															
	Current as at 31.12.12	54350															

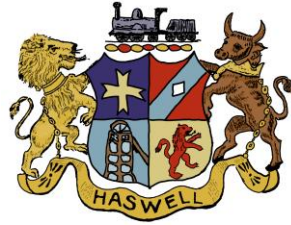
Appendix C

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Mr D Butters

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Stables and horsebox/equipment store



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17th January 2014

Dear Ms Elliott,

Community Chest Grant Application – Additional Information

Further your recent correspondence to Mr Liversidge and myself regarding the above. I understand from your letter that the panel required clarity on the following three points

- The breakdown of costs and equipment - this is attached. DCC carried out a tendering exercise following their procurement rules and the attached quotation gave the best value for price and quality of equipment.
- How will people using the equipment be instructed and supervised?
The Outdoor Gym or Outdoor Fitness Area is a range of professionally designed exercise equipment developed specifically for the outdoors, making it accessible to all. It is professionally tested by sports specialists each piece of equipment has been individually analysed to determine whether it is effective for upper or lower body strength, toning, cardiovascular fitness, etc.
Each outdoor gym unit is accompanied by a simple step-by-step guide on how to use the equipment; the sequence in which to use each piece and how many repetitions should be achieved, according to the user's level of fitness.

The design makes it safe to use with resistance being provided by the user's own body weight.

All equipment is designed to aid the development of and benefits to one or more of the following areas;

- Strength – Helps to build and tone muscle.
- Cardiovascular – Helps to strengthen the heart and improve heart lung efficiency.
- Flexibility – Stretches muscles, tendons and ligaments and/or increases the range of movement.
- Balance & Co-ordination – Improves reflexes and mind/body interaction.

The equipment is suited to a wide variety of locations and in fact any open space to be used by anyone with the time to spare. This equipment is suitable and accessible to all from teenagers to the elderly and from beginners to the serious athlete.

- What monitoring or the use and benefits of the equipment will be carried out?

This project is the beginning of a Health & Wellbeing Programme which the Parish Council and The Haswell and Haswell Plough Regeneration Partnership are working together to achieve. We are working with the AAP and DCC Outdoor Sports and Leisure Officer to redevelop the playgrounds and outdoor space to become more user friendly and inclusive for all. A large consultation process took place throughout 2013 to ascertain a baseline of need; gym equipment was one of the priorities identified as there are no gyms in the Haswell area. We aim to continue to consult with the community throughout the forthcoming year both via a questionnaire and face to face in community forums. Feedback on the use and success of the gym will be gained in this way. This will then be used to drive improvement and hopefully ascertain further funding to install much needed up to date equipment which hopefully will help the 62% of the population which are living in health deprivation. The aim is also to reduce the 30% of adults living in the area who are classed as obese. This information will be captured and monitored by DCC.

I hope this answers your questions in full if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Liversidge.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Tracey Bell
Clerk