

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th March 2014 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor C.Kell (Presiding), and Councillors, J.Hall, F.Long, B.Kell, N.Mills, C.Chiverton, L.Atkinson

R Todd, E Huntington, P.Brookes (County Councillors)

In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk) 2 members of the public Police

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received Cllrs Liversidge due illness. Wardens due to 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 25th February 2014

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

It was noted that the Council Tax bill for Haswell Parish shows that there has been an increase of 6.5% despite the Parish Council only actually receiving a rise of 3.26% as agreed. The Clerk again explained in detail how this was calculated and offered to go through the figures in detail with anyone who wanted to see the actual breakdown.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information would be noted and any member of the public wishing to have a detailed explanation should contact the Clerk direct.

8. Clerks report / correspondence

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

- Lights between Haswell and Haswell Plough were reported as not working
- A number of meetings have taken place with regard to moving the play area project forward. Funding applications to a number of organisations have been discussed and

will be completed in partnership with the AAP in due course. Designs have been requested.

- Repairs to fencing at Mazine Terrace have been completed by DCC – The groundsman has repaired the remaining racecourse fence throughout the village however this has been vandalised at Howarth Terrace.
- Discussion has taken place with the lead of the Community Chest Grant fund and an amended bid will be resubmitted shortly.
- Letter to Youngs has been sent accepting the offer this will be paid directly into the bank account via BACS transfer once this has been received a fee will then be paid to Youngs (this money is part of the compensation received)
- Wellness on Wheels bus has arrived in the village.
- Reports have been made regarding flytipping
- Concrete at play area has been investigated and covered this will be monitored
- That she has spent four full days completing the CILCA portfolio which has been forwarded to SLCC for assessment

Correspondence

- Notification from DCC that the SLA for playground inspections will rise by 4.17% on 1.4.14
- Received a cheque from National Grid for £2470 (Youngs will receive a fee of £720)
- BDO Auditors have forwarded year end correspondence to commence close down
- Letter from St. Pauls Church requesting that the parish Council buy plants and containers to mark WW1 centenary.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Cllr C Kell contacts St. Pauls for costings however the Council agreed in principle to the project.
- (ii) That the information be noted.

9. Finance

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

RESOLVED

- (i) that Members accepted and approved the monthly accounts .

10. Planning

The monthly planning applications were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix C
A debate took place regarding application DM/14/00488/VOC a vote took place with regard to objecting to the changes due to the increased size and the detrimental impact it would have on the neighbouring property due to the location nearer the boundary. 5 votes in favour of objecting, 1 abstention, 1 against.

Application DM/14/00128/FPA Members were in favour of this property and thought the design was excellent however they were concerned over the change in location of the dwelling on the plot as they thought this may have a detrimental impact on others buying the additional plots.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Clerk objects to DM/14/00488/VOC on the grounds the application will have a detrimental impact on the neighbours and the additional size
- (ii) That the Clerk seeks clarification with regard to the effect DM/14/00128/FPA will have on the other properties.

11. Members Reports

Best wishes were sent to Cllr D Liversidge who is in hospital.

Cllr J Hall reported that flytipping continues across the village particularly at High Haswell the road was blocked last week due to this. He also informed the meeting that not all removes are reported through the Councils CRM system which is not giving a true picture of the problem. He also reported that the footpath from Fallowfield Bank along to Snippersgate is totally blocked due to overgrowing trees belonging to the Woodland Trust this is causing a Health and safety hazard as the footpath can't be accessed and people have to use the road.

Cllr Chiverton reported that the collapsed drain at Faraday Terrace has not been fixed and is getting worse.

Cllr C Kell reported that she had received a number of complaints regarding the parking issues at Pesspool Terrace with cars damaging the highways verges and also that cars were offered for sale on this land.

Cllr Long reported that he had observed the grass being cut at Haswell Plough on the 25th March by DCC with a machine that was not fit for purpose due to its size, this caused the operative to damage several trees causing branches to be smashed. He stated the quality of workmanship was poor and that it wasn't up to the required standard. He also stated that the problem of parking on verges and selling cars was also a problem on the Front Street through Haswell Plough causing damage to the verges.

RESOLVED

- (i) That flowers and a card be sent to Cllr D Liversidge
- (ii) that the Clerk reports the flytipping problem and the damaged highways and drains issues to DCC
- (iii) Cllr P Brookes reports the issue of poor workmanship and standards to the appropriate department as well as investigating the parking on verges issues.

12. County Councillors Update

Cllr Huntington informed the meeting that:

- DCC has received the national award for Best Council
- Off road bikes continue to be a big problem and work is on going to tackle this problem.
- A number of potholes across the village have been repaired.
- Health provision continues to be in the press due to mismanagement of funds
- A meeting had taken place with County Cllrs Huntington, Todd and Nicolls with the Head of Education to discuss the problem of Haswell not having a primary school and the long term issue with regard to other schools becoming full due to the amount

of housing being built in the area. The outcome was that a meeting should take place with the County Council and the Parish to discuss the issues in more details

Cllr Todd informed the meeting that:

- He had inspected the C64 and observed the problem of flytipping along the highway
- He had the appropriate information regarding the school provision and would supply it in due course.

Cllr P Brookes advised the meeting that the £500 had been given to the Parish Council as agreed

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk email the Head of Education to set up a meeting to discuss the issues.
- (ii) That the Parish Council meets to discuss the subject in more detail and agree a set of questions to be asked at the meeting.

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 29th April 2014 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Police Report

25/03/2014

Criminal Damage to Vehicles

21/03/2014 – Hessewell Crescent - 3x Tyre Slashed Under investigation

Criminal Damage to dwellings

18/03/2014 – Gloucester Terrace - Brick Thrown at PVC Door – causing to split

Other Theft or unauthorised taking

05/03/2014 – Birch Farm – approx. 30 meters of cable was taken from a field which is currently having works completed.

26/03/2014 – Store house farm – 12ft steel gate was taken from farm

Theft from a vehicle

28/02/2014 – Front Street – Exhaust system and black box removed from under the vehicle overnight.

Crime is 4% down from last month

ASB

Chinese take away has been targeted by local youths shouting and swearing at the owners. 2x youths were warned in front of their parents and the names have been forwarded to the ASB officer tony wood.

Off road vehicles are still a problem in the village – requests have been made for the off road team to visit the village.

ASB 52% down on the month and 9% down over the Year

Appendix B

March 2014				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		
7.3.14	HMRC VAT return			370.75		370.75											370.75		
12.3.14	P.Levitt Supplies for fencing Repairs	185.13	102440		89.79						89.79						14.97		
12.3.14	Arco Ltd	186.13	102441		162.00				162.00								27.00		
12.3.14	Vodafone	187.13	102442		42.70				42.70								7.94		
12.3.14	DCC Playground Insp Feb	188.13	102443		64.80						64.80						10.80		
18.3.14	T.Bell postage Stationery	189.13	102444		32.28				32.28										
25.3.14	Wages	BACS			2529.98				2529.98										
25.3.14	Fees	BACS			10.36				10.36										
	Interest	BACS																	
					2931.91	370.75		0.00	2777.32		154.59					60.71	370.75		
	as at 28.2.14																		
	Reserves	52340.71																	
	current	45132.43																	

Appendix C

Application Number	Applicant	Location	Proposal	Electoral Division/ Parish	Case Officer/Expected Decision Level
DM/14/00488/VO C	Mr T Dolan	Land South Of Greenacres Farm, West Of Salters Lane And North Of Woodland View, Haswell Durham DH6 2AW	Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission APP/X1355/A/12/2181954 in order to vary the approved plans to change the elevations to the dayroom and add a small extension and increase the size of and make elevational changes to the stable block	Shotton and South Hetton Haswell CP	Ann Rawlinson Delegated
DM/14/00128/FPA	Mr K French	Land Adjacent To Plough Garage Durham Lane Haswell Durham DH6 2BB	Dwellinghouse and detached garage block	Trimdon and Thornley Haswell CP	Barry Gavillet Delegated