

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2014 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor D Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors, A.Liversidge, J.Hall, F.Long, N.Mills, C.Chiverton, L.Atkinson

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

In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk) PC K Dinsdale 7 members of the public

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received Cllrs Kell due to holidays.

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 March 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

Mr Cairns again raised the issue of the percentage rise in the Council Tax; the Clerk explained that the formula for setting the grant was out of the Parish Councils governance.

Mr Burdon commented that he had only heard negative comments at the previous meeting he attended and questioned what plans were in place to get a school in the village, the Chair advised the meeting of the progress to date. He commented on the amount of vandalism in the village and requested that a street sign be placed at the entrance of Chapel Lane advising that there is no through road.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk requests a new sign from the highways department.

8. Clerks report / correspondence

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

- All highways issues were reported to DCC and appropriately logged for action. Wardens now have a letter to issue to offenders who park irresponsibly.
- Report was made to the Woodland Trust and they confirmed it had been inspected and appropriate action had been taken
- Planning objections were raised and clarity was sort regarding application DM/14/00128/FPA
- Stone planter and poppies has been priced at approx £100 to sit at the base of the Cenotaph
- Contacted the Education department regarding setting up a meeting and they have suggested 20th May @11am.

Correspondence

- Annual NALC conference will take place on 10th July 2014 at Harrogate priced at £144.
- Request from Hartlepool and District hospice for funding
- Contacted by an adult football club who wish to use the football pitches and the changing facilities in the centre they are hoping to move the team to the Odd fellows Arms as they have a number of local residents playing in the team. They would like to Council to consider the fees with the changing facility.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk confirms Cllrs Liversidge and Cllr Longs attendance at the meeting at County Hall on 20th May
- (ii) That the Clerk books places to attend the NALC conference for Cllrs Liversidge and Cllr Long
- (iii) A donation be given to the Hospice of £150
- (iv) That the football be given a free year to play on the Parish fields subject to all the usual terms and conditions.

9. Finance

Members were advised that the Final Year End Accounts are completed. Members were advised that once the draft Accounts were approved they would be sent to the BDO Stoy Haywood External Auditor with the Annual Return Form for verification.

As part of the Annual Governance Statement scrutiny process an updated Risk Assessment has been produced, and a review of the Standing Orders and Financial Procedures has taken place.

The monthly accounts were also circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B. A discussion took place regarding the purchase of Christmas lights and the switch on event.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the Final accounts and the annual governance statement
- (ii) That Members accepted and approved the Monthly accounts
- (iii) That Christmas lights are purchased and the event will take place on 27th November

10. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

11. Members Reports

Cllr D Liversidge thanked the everyone for the card and flowers she had received, she also congratulated the Clerk on completing and submitting her CILCA file.

Cllr J Hall reported that the flytipping problem continues across the village with another lorry load of rubbish was tipped in the road and the C64 having 16 tyres dumped on it. He is informed the meeting that this was causing problems with rats and that the County were still difficult to contact. He advised the meeting that the East Durham Leader project had money to fund staffing costs which maybe of interest to the Hazelwell Centre.

Cllr Long reported that the grasscutting problems reported at the previous meeting had been resolved, however he continued to have problems contacting the County Council via the customer services number.

Cllr A Liversidge reported that:

- the dog bin in Station Street was broken
- four lights were off in Pesspool Terrace opposite Youngs office
- Field House Terrace street sign is missing
- Litter on the cycle track next to the Pemberton Arms

RESOLVED

- (i) The clerk will report the defects to the appropriate departments

12. County Councillors Update

Cllr Huntington informed the meeting that:

- Positive comments had been received about Haswell at a planning development day
- There are some ongoing problems with the contractors carrying out the decent home standards
- £100 million development of Wynyard hospital will be decided by the Government at the end of the year. Concerns were raised over poor transport links and adequate parking spaces.
- Problems continue with the travellers at the Business Park on the outskirts of Shotton this is causing problems with businesses and residents.

Cllr Todd informed the meeting that:

- .Educational attainment in County Durham at Key Stage 2 is currently at 78% which is above the national average of 75%
- A review of the care homes across the county has resulted in the Council taking the decision to close all homes as they are no longer economically viable.
- Regeneration of Durham City will continue with the bus station being moved there are only a small number of options due to the lack of space, this will be subject to consultation.

13. Any other Urgent Items of business

There were no issues raised.

14. Date and Time of the next meeting

The Annual Parishioners meeting will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 27th May 2014 the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will commence directly after the Parishioners meeting at The Hazelwell Centre.

Police Report

25/03/2014

Criminal Damage to Vehicles

03/04/14 – Scratch damage to window of a M/v in Kestral Way

03/03/2014 – 2 x Tyre Slashed Hessewell Crescent - Under investigation

23/04/14 – Theft of motor bike from Haswell Plough - Black Skyjet s205 - Last seen aprox. Friday 18/04



Any information please contact 101 or Easington Beat Team.

Criminal Damage to dwellings

No Reports

Other Theft or unauthorised taking

26/03/14 – lock cut of gates of wind farm and large industrial wheely bin stolen. Please report any industrial size wheelie bins that appear to have been dumped to Police on 101 or Street Wardens on 03000 261018

15/04/14 – Diesel stolen from wind turbines near to Haswell Moor Farm – ongoing investigation anyone with any information please contact 101

ASB

04/04/14 – report of a Child riding a motor bike on recreation land near to Pesspool Farm, wearing a white crash helmet, dark jacket with red sleeves. Bike is Red and white

25/03/14 - Reports of a suspicious white Isuzu pickup truck vrm - DX63 ... which is reported to be selling tools and footwear out of it. Any further sighting of this vehicle please contact 101

Crime is 2% down from last month

ASB is down 48% from last month
