

## **Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell**

### **Present.**

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D. Liversidge, C.Chiverton, L.Atkinson, C.Kell, B.Kell, F.Long N Mills  
R Todd, County Councillors  
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk) 4 member of the public

### **1. Appointment of Chair for 2014/2015**

Nominations were sought for the position of Chair for 2014/15. Councillor Alan Liversidge was subsequently proposed and seconded. A unanimous vote subsequently confirmed Cllr A Liversidge to be appointed Chair for the ensuing year.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that Councillor Alan Liversidge be appointed as Chair of Haswell Parish Council for the ensuing year and he duly signed the declaration of office.

### **2. Appointment of Vice Chair for 2014/2015**

The Chair sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair to Haswell Parish Council for 2014/15. Cllr D Liversidge was nominated and seconded for the position. A unanimous vote subsequently confirmed Cllr D Liversidge be appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

### **3. Apologises.**

Apologises were received from Cllr J Hall, P Brookes and PC Dinsdale

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> April 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.

### **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**

The Police gave their apologies and left an update for the past month. Appendix A

## **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

- All defects were reported to the appropriate departments
- Chapel Lane nameplate will be replaced with new to include a cul-de-sac symbol.
- New insert for Field House Terrace nameplate has been ordered
- Play designs have been received from several companies, work needs to continue to involve the community in the designs
- Bid has been resubmitted for exercise equipment funding at Haswell Plough a decision will be made on 12<sup>th</sup> June

### **Correspondence**

- Letter requesting a donation has been received from East Durham Community Transport
- Letter requesting a donation has been received from Durham Brass Association
- Letter of thanks was received from Hartlepool Hospice

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information by noted.
- (ii) Donation of £200 be given to East Durham Community Transport however no donation be given to Durham Brass Association.

## **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 B.

## **RESOLVED**

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

## **11. Planning**

There was one application to consider erection of a detached garage at Harehill Farm Haswell, there were no issues raised.

## **12. Councillors Allowances**

Members were reminded that the current level for Parish Basic Allowances was set at £500 per annum with the Chair receiving a special responsibility allowance of £1000 per annum. NALC Legal Topic Note LTN 33 on Councillors Allowances was used as a reference in setting these allowances. Members discussed the difficult financial time and thought it appropriate to freeze the allowance.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) that the Allowance would remain the same and that the appropriate forms would be circulated.
- (ii) All details will be published on the Council notice board in accordance with the rules
- (iii) DCC will pay the allowance through the wages administration system ensuring the correct Tax and N.I contributions are paid.

## **13. Members Reports**

Cllr D Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- The meeting took place at County Hall with the relevant Members and Officers regarding the request for a school in the village. A new school would cost between £4 and £6 million and the Council doesn't have the funds to build a new school due to the current financial climate. The stated that the village would need 200 children of primary school age before they would consider it. A discussion took place regarding the information.
- Cllr Lucy Hovvels indicated that Haswell could be the possible site for a future temporary traveller site and she would like to discuss this with the Council. A discussion took place regarding the possible problems this would cause the village. The Clerk has emailed Cllr Hovvels inviting her to the next meeting to discuss the proposals.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the Council continue to campaign for development in the village which will attract families
- (ii) That the traveller site be discussed as an agenda item at a future meeting

#### **14. County Councillors Update**

Cllr Todd informed the meeting:

- That he has attended 50 Annual Councils meeting and was presented at the meeting with a bottle of champagne to celebrate the landmark
- He will be contacting Stephen Reed to have George St added to the blight list for action
- East Durham Homes will be amalgamating with Durham City Homes and Vale and Valley homes to form a new Arms Length Management Company (ALMO) it is hoped that following a positive vote from tenants the new company will become more independent from the County Council. This will enable the company to bid for additional funding and borrow more money to improve the housing stock across the county including environmental works to the exteriors of the properties.

#### **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 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

## Appendix A

### Haswell PACT and Parish Notes 27/05/2014

03/05/2014 – ASB with off road motor bike near Grousemour believes the person on the bike is a youth and it appears that there is a male with the child playing golf. Police attended within 15mins but area was clear, dog walker spoken to by officers who had heard a bike approx. 30 mins. prior to call but did not see it.

03/05/2014 – Cannabis grow found by officers conducting enquiries in Hessewell Cres persons subsequently arrested

03/05/2014 – Burglary Kent Terrace – 32” flat screen TV taken - ongoing investigation

09/05/2014 – ASB off road motor bike - Street wardens attended but nothing seen or heard

09/05/2014 – Vehicle on fire near Grousemoor / Salters lane – anyone with information please contact 101

10/05/2014 – vehicle stolen from Dent close and later found burnt out on Pesspool lane, anyone with information please contact 101

16/05/2014 – theft of a handbag from within the Oddfellows Arms – ongoing investigation.

18/05/2014 – ASB – cyclist reporting being almost assaulted by youths on Pesspool Lane, reporting person stated there has been a cycling event on and is concerned this group of males are going to cause problems for other cyclists. Police attended, area searched but no trace.

03/05/2014 23/05/2014 – ASB - a number of reports involving persons living around the Hessewell crescent area relating to issues between each other, drunken behaviour and fighting – could all residents please report all incidents so action with landlords can be taken.

01/05/2014 – 27/05/2014 – ASB and loud music – a number of calls relating to persons living in Windsor Drive, issues with parties, loud music and drinking. Warnings given by police and landlords notifies – could all residents in the area please report incidents for positive action to be taken.

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	

