

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 31st March 2015 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D. Liversidge, C.Kell, B.Kell, N Mills J Hall, C Chiverton, F.Long, L.Atkinson
R Todd, E Huntington County Councillors
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), 2 members of the public

2. Apologises.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Brookes, Michael Cornforth Warden

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 24th February 2015

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/Wardens Briefing

The police supplied a briefing. Appendix A

6. Neighbourhood Planning

A presentation was given by DCC planners on Neighbourhood Planning. An explanation was given on the process involves and the pros and cons involved in moving the project forward and the funding available to assist the process. A discussion took place regarding the planning issues in the area. Slides to follow

RESOLVED

- (i) the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That the Parish Council applies for Designation of a Neighbourhood Area.

7. Public Participation

Mr Cairns expressed his concerns again regarding the way the Council Tax increase in shown on the bill.

RESOLVED

- (i) the information be duly noted.

8. Clerks report / correspondence

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

- All reports have been made to the appropriate departments
- Further meetings have taken place and a number of funding applications have been submitted for the Windsor Terrace play area. Six letters of support have been received from the community and other organisations which are needed to strengthen the application.
- The Estates department have confirmed that the lease for the play areas will cost £550 despite challenging this charge it is appearing unlikely that this will be waived however I am awaiting a response from the Durham Ask regarding a possible reduction in fees.
- The wardens reported a number of reports had been received over the past month regarding flytipping and dog fouling. They confirmed that the camera would be deployed into Haswell in due course.

Correspondence

- Susan Archer from Pesspool Lane has emailed stating that she is extremely pleased with the work the groundsman has done removing litter in the area.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

9. Finance

The monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B. The Clerk advised the meeting that a quote had been received for an electrician of approximately £370. The Clerk also advised the meeting that the groundsman had requested a battery operated sprayer which would cost approx. £600 but would increase the effectiveness and efficiency of his performance due to the amount of time saved.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the Monthly accounts
- (ii) That the work commence on the electrical installation
- (iii) That the Battery operated sprayer could be purchased.

10. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

11. Members Reports

Cllr F Long again raised the issue of the damaged grass verges in Haswell Plough due to the revitalisation works

Cllr C Chiverton informed the meeting that the SureStart building would close in July 2015 and could only be used for Children services in the future.

Cllr J Hall informed the meeting that the Renco site was up for sale; he also advised that reporting flytipping on line was more difficult due to DCC changing the information needed.

Cllr B Kell advised that the flytipping problem would continue to increase due to the increased charges for rubbish removals.

Cllr A Liversidge advised that the Regeneration Partnership and the History Club were looking to have signs erected at the entrances of the village and the cycle path to commemorate Tommy Simpson. He also asked if the Council would like to have a Christmas Light switch on as the Salvation Army and the Hazelwell Centre would need to be booked.

RESOLVED

- (i) The Cllr Todd would chase up the grass verge damage.
- (ii) That the Council would like to have a Christmas Lights switch on and the date would be agreed in due course.

12. County Councillors Update

Cllr Huntington informed the meeting that:

- Horden and Thornley recycling centres were now on summer hours and a leaflet had been circulated with the new times
- Podiatry service has recommenced in Shotton for one day per week.
- Catholic School in Shotton has applied for an extension due to it being full, the school currently has 75% non catholic attendance
- Cllr Simon Henig is the Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership which brings together the seven Local Authorities as well as Business and Educational leaders to draw down European funding for strategic projects across the North East area.

Cllr Todd informed the meeting:

- Increase in visitors across the County due to the Lindisfarne Gospels
- That educational attainment had increased across the County, with 57% of children achieving 5 or more A to C grades and 98.7% of children achieving an A to E grade at A level.
- Increase trend on suicide in the County above the National average
- Serious crime rates are up but Anti Social Behaviour incidents are down
- More looked after children in Co Durham than the national average
- Under 18 pregnancies are down
- Heart disease deaths are down but cancer deaths have risen.
- Sycamore House the private childrens home is up for sale.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

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 28th April 2015 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Haswell Parish Council Meeting

Police Report

01/01/2015 – 31/03/2015

Burglary

14/02/15 - Pesspool Bungalows - sheds broken into, seems that persons had been disturbed, damage caused to sheds/locks, offence took place during the day time. Property has now been protected with

sensor alarms and heavy duty locks funded through the Safer Homes Project.

28/01/2015 – Haswell Children's Centre - entry gained and damage caused filling cabinets, office searched and ransacked.

Thefts

17/02/2015 – a male has been seen at the rear of the Lisa Dixon Centre and has stripped a catering fridge it of its motor, a quad bike with lights used by the males to have light, a scrap van had also been seen in the near vicinity. 03/03/2015 – Rutland Ter, theft of a cast iron gate reported but later located 18/03/2015 – Haswell Childrens Centre report the theft of their plastic shed – anyone with information please contact 101.

January and March – 2 reports of thefts from vehicles and farming machinery on a local farm

Criminal damage

18/03/2015 – Pesspool Terrace, damage to a window with a brick

17/01/2015 – Hessewell Cres, 3 living room windows smashed and a window in the front door smashed whilst person inside property.

20/03/2015 – Wind Turbines near to Haswell Moor Farm, damage to entry point with evidence of persons climbing to the top of the tower.

Vehicle Damage

15/02/2015 – Front Street – vehicle was damaged with a stone thrown by a youth whilst driving through Haswell. Offender identified and to be dealt with.

16/02/2015 – Burt close – vehicle damaged – persons identified with bail conditions.

16/02/2015 – Phillips Close – property stolen from unlocked vehicle, persons identified with bail conditions.

ASB

8 reports from January to March of off road bikes, 1 report of snowball issues, 1 report of throwing stones.

Next Haswell PACT MEETING @ The Hazelwell Centre 26th May 2015 6pm

2 reports of off road bikes and quad bikes in Windsor Ter

Info

Funding is available at the moment through a Safer Homes Project , persons eligible are victims of crime, persons vulnerable or elderly. The project can provide various items intended to made homes and sheds more secure. Anyone who would like to make enquiries please contact PSCO 6478 Karen Dinsdale.

Regular night shift plain cloths patrols have been conducted by Easington Policing Team, various persons stopped and questioned during the early hours.

Appendix B

March 2015				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		
6.3.15	T.Bell Printer Inks	I73.14	102523		24.97				24.97							4.16			
16.5.14	Vodaphone Feb Bill	I74.15	102524		34.00				34.00							5.66			
19.3.15	Vodaphone March Bill	I75.15	102525		34.00				34.00							5.66			
27.3.15	CDALC training Audit	I76.15	102526		27.00				27.00										
28.3.15	DMH Solutions Risk management Update Disc	I77.15	102527		120.41				120.41							20.07			
25.3.15	Wages	BACS			3001.65				3001.65										
25.3.15	BACS fee				10.42				10.42										
31.3.15	T.Bell 4th Quarter Mileage	I78.15	102588		414.90				414.90										
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