

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 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, F.Long, L.Atkinson
R Todd, E Huntington County Councillors
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), 2 members of the public

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C.Chiverton, P Brookes, Police and 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 31st March 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

No police in attendance due to other commitments however the briefing was supplied.
Appendix A

6. Public Participation

Mr Cairns expressed his concerns with regard to the damage caused to the hedges and trees along Pesspool Lane which the Parish Council part funded.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Cllr Todd investigate the damage and see what could be done to rectify the situation

7. 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
- The request to start developing a Neighbourhood plan has begun the County Planners will write to the everyone advising them of the process.
- Further meetings have taken place with regard to the playground regeneration the Estates department have confirmed that the lease for the play areas will cost £550 which the Clean and Green department have agreed to fund. Despite beginning the process with the Estates department 6 months ago they have just instructed the Legal department to draw up the lease for the playgrounds at Windsor Terrace and Hessewelle Crescent. The Legal department have advised that a Notice needs to be

published in the paper for 28 days due to the fact that a 25 year lease is classed as a disposal of land under the 1972 Local Government Act. I have emailed the department with my concerns over the time it has taken and the fact they could have jeopardised the funding application process due to their delay. A meeting has taken place with the Thirteen Group with regard to the playground at Hutton Grove they are to conduct a survey of their tenants to find out how often the playground is used.

- There is a discrepancy in the reported number of flytipping incidents over the past month this has been reported to the Warden for further investigation. They have confirmed that the camera would be deployed into Haswell in due course.
- There have been a number of enquiries with regard to the hire of the football pitch for the forthcoming season.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

8. Finance – Year End Accounts, Annual Return including the Annual Governance Statement

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

RESOLVED

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the Monthly accounts
- (ii) That Members accepted and approved the Final accounts and the annual governance statement

9. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

10. Members Reports

Cllr D Liversidge advised that Sycamore Lodge the home on Allendale Terrace was up for sale. One of Durham Coaches continues to park in the area and cause parking issues.

Cllr C Kell advised that the church was investigating planting a hedge rather than rebuild the boundary wall. The Clerk advised that funding was available from the Woodland Trust for planting.

Cllr B Kell advised that there are numerous permanent and temporary Gypsy sites in the area that have spaces particularly in the Birtley area. Cllr Kell stated that it wasn't necessary for Durham to provide further sites when there are plenty in the area which are under capacity.

Cllr F Long advised that he had attended the Neighbourhood Planning meeting and that a quarter of parishes are in the process of developing a plan, to date none have been

completed. He stated it was important that a plan was developed to ensure that the area got the development that they wanted and needed which was driven by the community.

Cllr A Liversidge advised that he had completed a two day course on debt advise along with Cllr D Liversidge, as welfare champions they are able to point people in the right direction.

RESOLVED

- (i) The Clerk would email the Woodland Trust details to Cllr Kell.

12. County Councillors Update

Cllr Todd gave an update and an overview on the educational attainment and health of the East Durham area. Attached Appendix C

Cllr Huntington informed the meeting that:

- There is a major refuse disposal problem at Paddock Hall environment health are investigating
- The Education Centre at Shotton has been open one year and is re applying for planning which could cause controversy
- Apollo Building on the S.W Industrial Estate Peterlee has had the planning application for a change of use from Industrial to residential resubmitted. The developer wants to change the building into one bedroom flats. Planners have opposed the idea previously but due to a change in the law the plans could be granted.
- The Neighbourhood budget is now made up of £16000 revenue and £4000 capital for projects with a £4000 Members initiative budget.

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 26th May 2015 at 7pm after the Annual parish meeting which commences at 6.30pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Police Notes -Monday 28th April 2015

Theft from Vehicle

19/04/2015 – Front Street East, Haswell - Unknown person(s) attend the rear of this property and approach this vehicle. The bracket that holds a spare tyre in place which is located underneath this vehicle was snapped therefore releasing this tyre. The tyre was then taken.

07/04/2015 – Front Street East, Haswell - parked in rear street using u/k implement cut spare wheel cradle on underside of the same before removing the tyre and making off.

Criminal Damage to Dwellings

13/04/2015 - Front street, Haswell plough, Haswell Durham - Throw bricks through 3 x ground floor windows (3ft x 3ft) of dwelling house

Criminal Damage to Vehicles

02/04/2015 - Hessewelle Crescent, Haswell - Unknown person(s) approach secure unoccupied motor vehicle, use unknown implement to puncture front and rear nearside tyres make off unknown direction and means.

ASB

Down 4% for the year in the Haswell and Haswell Plough areas

Appendix B

APRIL 2015					Receipts			Payments							VAT		
Date	Details	Inv /Rec No	Cheque No	Receipts	Payment	Precept	Football Fees	Int Rec	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Lease	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaim ed
1.4.15	Precept		BACS	79862.00		79862.00											
13.4.15	Vodafone	I1.15	102529		25.54				25.54							5.92	
13.4.15	Northumbrian Water	I2.15	102530		111.12							111.12					
13.4.15	Blanchere lights	I3.15	102531		502.80										502.80	83.80	
22.4.15	Tyne & Wear Safety	I4.15	102532		51.60					51.60						8.60	
22.4.15	Machine Mart	I5.15	102533		808.68					808.68						134.80	
22.4.15	TSL	I6.15	102534		102.00						102.00					17.00	
22.4.15	TSL	I7.15	102535		446.84						446.84					74.48	
28.4.15	P.Levitt Petrol	I8.15	102536		35.00						35.00					5.83	
28.4.15	N.Power St lights	I9.15	102537		234.44							234.44				11.16	
28.4.15	CDALC Subs	I10.15	102538		211.22				211.22								
28.4.15	NALC Quality scheme registration	I11.15	102539		60.00				60.00							10.00	
28.4.15	TSL	I12.15	102540		720.00						720.00					120.00	
28.4.15	DCC repair mower	I13.15	102541		22.50						22.50					3.75	
28.4.15	Zurich helpline sub	I14.15	102542		114.00				114.00							19.00	
				79862.00	3445.74	79862.00			410.76		1326.34	345.56			502.80	494.34	

Appendix C

GCSE results for Mainstream schools in “East Durham” which you requested today. I have defined East Durham as the old district of Easington, which includes these schools:

4019 Seaham School of Technology

4214 Dene Community

4215 Shotton Hall

4218 Wellfield

4280 Easington

4693 St Bede’s Peterlee

Headline figures are:

	5+ A*-C inc E&M	Expected Progress in English	Expected Progress in Maths
Easington schools	59.9%	82.8%	62.7%
Non-Easington schools	59.2%	74.4%	62.0%
<i>All LA Mainstream schools</i>	<i>59.3%</i>	<i>76.0%</i>	<i>62.2%</i>

