

## **Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell**

### **Present.**

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D. Liversidge, N Mills, F.Long, C. Chiverton, L.Atkinson, B.Kell, C. Kell

In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), 3 members of the public, P.C Wilson, P.C Norris, 2 wardens G.Scott and A Wood DCC planners

### **2. Apologises.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Atkinson

### **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 28<sup>th</sup> July 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**

Garry Parsonage attended on behalf of the Wardens and gave an update on the changes to the team and the developments in the use of covert CCTV to catch fly-tippers. He informed the meeting that CCTV will be used in a hotspot area of Haswell to ascertain how useful it can be before a decision is made on purchasing a camera.

PC Dean Wilson attended the meeting and introduced Liam Norris the new PSCO for the area, he also advised that he was currently working in the Peterlee area and didn't know when or if he would be back. Police report attached as Appendix A.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that the information be duly noted
- (ii) that the flytipping team would install a camera and report back in due course.

### **6. Public Participation**

There were two items raised by Members of the public:

- Why had the gym equipment been placed around the edge of the play area?  
The equipment had been situated due to flooding issues around the area and also due to the fact that there is a well-used football pitch on the field which couldn't be covered.
- Why isn't the overgrown footpath cleared leading from Station Street?  
This has been noted and will be reported for the County to clear.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That Cllr Huntington to report this to the appropriate department.

## **7. Neighbourhood Planning**

An update was given by DCC planners on the neighbourhood planning process. A plan was produced which highlighted possible areas for development which land owners have identified. The next step is to have a public consultation with the village and ascertain if the public are interested in developing a plan for the villages.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That a new plan showing all of the County Council owed land will be produced and forwarded to the Council
- (ii) That a date for a consultation event be decided in due course.

## **8. Clerks report / correspondence**

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

- All reports have been made to the appropriate departments
- The exercise equipment has been fitted at Hessewelle Crescent and early reports suggest that it is well used.
- The Legal department have issued the lease for the Hessewelle Crescent playground which has now been now been forwarded to the Land Registry for processing
- The funding application for Windsor Terrace play area has been unsuccessful; work will continue to find new funding sources from a variety of possible funders
- A new race course fence will be installed around the play area in Hessewelle Crescent
- Some of the planters are now rotten and need replacing around the village.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That the Clerk investigates the possibility of purchasing plastic planters which are eco-friendly and will not rot.

## **9. Finance**

The Clerk advised that a clean bill of health was received from BDO the external auditors. The monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That Members noted that information
- (ii) That Members accepted and approved the Monthly accounts

## **10. Planning**

There was one planning application (Appendix C) This was welcomed by the Council. No Issues were raised.

## **11. Small Grants application Form**

Members considered the proposed application form.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the application form be introduced immediately.

## **12. Members Reports**

Cllr D Liversidge informed the meeting that parking problems continue in Station Street.

Cllr C Kell congratulated Cllr A Liversidge on his success on becoming a County Councillor and commented on the excellent display of flowers across the village.

Cllr J Hall informed the meeting that there is a problem with the public footpaths managed by D.C.C being over grown, he stated that private land owners were reminded annually of their responsible to keep walkways clear however the same doesn't seem to apply County Council land. He also stated that there is a huge rat problem which will only get worse due to the change in law with regard to buying rat poison.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be noted.
- (ii) That the Rights of Way Officer be invited to the next meeting.

## **13. County Councillors Update**

Cllr P Brookes informed the meeting that:

- More budgets cuts are on the way, all easy options have been taken and this round of cuts will impact on service delivery across the County. Consultations are underway for the transport to home service which will be cut.
- Cllr S Henig is the Chair of the group formed to ensure more power is devolved to the North. There is a problem with regard to needing an elected Mayor to take on this additional responsibility as there is no positive benefits for this to happen.
- He will be contacting Haswell Plough residents to find out what problems or issues he can help them with.

Cllr E Huntington informed the meeting that:

- The budget cuts will be painful and that only statutory services will remain.
- There has been a County problem unauthorised selling of cars which is being investigated.
- Shotton school has had its quad bike stolen
- There is a rat problem across the County which has been exacerbated by DCC charging £40 per call out for vermin control.

## **14. Any other Urgent Items of business**

There were no issues raised.

## **15. Date and Time of the next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

## Appendix A

### Police Report

#### Road Related

01/08/2015 Pesspool Lane – Reports of a burnt out car on the carriageway. Owner recovered vehicle.

16/09/2015 Pesspool Avenue – Call from a bus driver stating a brick had been thrown at the bus and smashed the driver's side window.

#### ASB

02/08/2015 Hutton Grove – Reports of a male riding a quad bike around the park area.

04/08/2015 Sycamore Terrace – Two youths throwing stones in the area.

06/08/2015 Church View – Male driving around the area on a black quad bike.

09/09/2015 Almond Close - Reports of 10 youths in a farmers field. Upon arrival youths have been given permission by the farmer to play on the field.

#### Burglary

09/08/2015 Burt Close - Reports of a shed burglary. Unknown person(s) enters garden and forces open shed lock. However, no items taken.

28/08/2015 Rutland Terrace – Report of a number of items being stolen by unknown person(s).

#### Suspicious Activity

10/08/2015 Haswell – Reports of 3-4 males lamping in a field trying to catch rabbits with dogs. – Farmwatch

10/08/2015 Front Street - Reports of a blue car left abandoned in a field. After checks were carried out and owner spoken to the car has been moved.

15/08/2015 Hutton Grove – Call alerting police to an abandoned car, possibly involved in an RTC. Owner knew of its location and arranged for recovery.

28/09/2015 Church Street – Male enters premises, looks around before leaving to wait in a parked van outside for 90 minutes. Officers attended and spoke to male who was there to deliver a table and had driven 75 miles to do so.

#### Theft

12/08/2015 Rutland Terrace – Batteries stolen from a mobility scooter, however were found in close proximity to the property.

10/09/2015 North View – Reports of a number of fence posts being stolen from a garden fence.

19/09/2015 Blue House - Taxi driver picks up a male who then makes off without payment. Investigation ongoing.

29/09/2015 Sycamore Terrace – Known male takes £10 from the caller and makes off. Investigation ongoing.

Easington Beat Team has also been conducting plain clothes patrols late at night around Haswell in recent weeks, working till early hours of the morning. Stop checking individuals and vehicles is routine.

## Appendix B

August 2015					Receipts				Payments							VAT		
Date	Details	Inv No	Chq No	Receipt	Payment	SLA	Football Fees	Interest	Misc	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Loans	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed
7.8.15	TSL Horticultural supplies	137.15	102566		330.90							330.90					55.15	
11.8.15	BDO Audit Fee	138.15	102567		360.00					360.00							60.00	
31.8.15	Vodaphone	139.15	102568		34.00					34.00							5.67	
31.8.15	T.Bell Stationery	140.15	102569		7.50					7.50							1.25	
	Wages/Members Allowances		BACS		5908.82					5908.82								
	BACS Fees		BACS		10.42					10.42								
	Interest			10.41														
	Oddfellows Football fees			200.00			200.00											
				210.41	6651.64		200.00			6320.74		330.90					122.07	
September 2015					Receipts				Payments							VAT		
Date	Details	Inv No	Chq No	Receipt	Payment	Precept	Football Fees	Interest	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Loans	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed	
2.9.15	T.Bell Printer Ink	141.15	102570		45.97				45.97								7.66	
15.9.15	Vodaphone	142.15	102571		34.00				34.00								5.67	
15.9.15	Land registry - lease registration	143.15	102572		40.00				40.00									
15.9.15	HAGS SMP Play equipment	144.15	102573		12740.54										12740.54	2123.42		
16.9.15	T.Bell Postage	145.15	102574		27.63				27.63									
	Easingon U 14 Fees			200.00			200.00											
	Wages	BACS																
				200.00	12888.14		200.00		27.63						12740.54	2123.42		

**Appendix C**

<a href="#"><u>DM/15/02747/FP</u></a> <a href="#"><u>A</u></a>	Mr J Glaister	Land Adjacent To Plough Garage Durham Lane Haswell DH6 2BB	Erection of detached house.	Trimdon and Thornley Haswell CP	Barry Gavillet Delegated
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