

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2015 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

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

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Audrey Christie DCC Rights of Way Officer

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 29th September 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

Police gave an update attached as Appendix A. There was no attendance by the wardens and no apologies were received.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

6. Public Participation

Mr Cairns informed the meeting that litter has been deliberately dropped in exactly the same place between from Haswell into Shotton for the last three Monday. Cllr Brookes informed the meeting that a new campaign had been launched to clamped down on highways flytipping. Mr Cairns reiterated what an excellent job Paul Levitt does cleaning up all the litter in the village.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

7. Rights of Way

No Officer was available to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Cllr Hall liaise directly with Audrey Christie discuss the issues raised previously.

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
- A request had been received from Members Liaison Officer to give an update on the £500 Cllr Brookes donated to the gym equipment. .
- No information has been received from the Land Registry regarding the lease.
- An update on the funding applications submitted to the County Durham Foundation for Windsor Terrace play area has been requested from the AAP. A new Tesco Community Fund has been launch which maybe a possible funding stream.
- DCC have requested that the Council pay a contribution to the new race course fence for the play area in Hessewelle Crescent as we now have a lease.
- Work is ongoing with regard to pricing new planters that need replacing around the village.
- Reminder that the Christmas Lights switch on will take place on 19th November at 5.30pm at the Hazelwell Centre.
- One football team have still not paid their annual fees
- Mr Martin has advised that he would like to improve the George Street area with trees and scrubs however he is asking for help to do the work.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That the Clerk supplies the information to Members services.
- (iii) That the Council pay the 50% charge for materials for the fencing.
- (iv) That the Clerk advise the football team if they do not pay they are no longer able to use the facilities.
- (v) That the Council would be willing to assist in the development of the George Street area.

9. Finance

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

RESOLVED

- (i) That Members noted that information

10. Planning

There were no applications to consider.

11. Members Reports

Cllr F Long advised that the racecourse fencing into Haswell Plough is loose and needs fixing.

Cllr J Hall informed the meeting that:

- the police are publicising a new scheme called immobilised.com where belongings can be registered online. If items are subsequently stolen then the police can trace the owners.
- All dogs over 8 weeks old need to be micro chipped from 16.4.16
- The scheme will be rolled out to horses in due course.

Cllr Hall enquired what the old Sure Start building had become and was informed that it was a new nursery.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be noted.
- (ii) That the Clerk informs the Groundsman about the fence.

13. County Councillors Update

Cllr E Huntington informed the meeting that:

- The issue of illegal recycling is being monitored and the culprit has been fined.
- The issue of devolution has moved on with £1.5 billion being offered to the seven authorities with an additional £30 million over 30 years however the terms remain unclear at the moment. A full consultation will take place with the public in due course.

Cllr P Brookes informed the meeting that:

- DCC have renewed their commitment to pay Council rebate to the lower paid.
- Lumiere light festival will be back in Durham with a new installation in November.
- Terry Collins will become the new Chief Executive of DCC from January 2016.

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- County Durham plan is in the process of being update and refreshed after the judicial review. The issue of changing commercial premises on Industrial estates into housing stock will hopefully be addressed through the new plan.
- The Haswell to Hart cycleway is not maintained to the required standard and a number of complaints have been received about the poor state of repair. A site visit will be undertaken by Harworth Estates who own the land to ascertain a way forward. DCC are responsible for some of the land and the bridges which need to be improved.

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 24th November 2015 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Police Report 27/10/2015

Burglary

30/09/2015 – 3x Burglaries around the Maplewood Drive area. 2 Males entering streets and trying luck with doors. Enquiries ongoing.

19/10/2015 – 5x Burglaries around the Sure Start/Hazelwell area. A number of items taken. Enquiries ongoing however possibly linked to other burglaries in the area to which one person has been arrested. Enquiries ongoing.

ASB

11/10/2015 – Reports of fly-tipping within the caller's lane by 2 males.

Suspicious activity

12/10/2015 – Rutland Terrace – Reports of a car abandoned in the road. Officers attended and car was seized.

21/10/2015 – Front Street – Reports of a car pulling up and a verbal altercation taking place between a number of people. Officers attended and all was in order.

Animals/Wildlife

13/10/2015 – Pesspool Lane – A large number of cows heading towards Front Street. Officers attended, moved cows into a field and contacted the farmer.

24/10/2015 – Caller reporting 4 horses loose on the road. Caller managed to force horses onto a dirt track at which point the horses have gained access back to the field.

24/10/2015 – Durham Lane - Reports of 8 horses loose on the road. Officers attended and all was in order. Horses had been returned to the field prior to police arrival.

Appendix B

October 2015						Receipts			Payments					VAT		
Date	Details	Inv No	Chq No	Receipt	Payment	Misc	Football Fees	Interest	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed
13.10.15	Vodaphone	148.15	102577		34.00				34.00						5.66	
13.10.15	D Cahill Plants	149.15	102578		352.00						352.00				z	
15.10.15	Northumbrian Water	150.15	102579		11.44							11.44			z	
15.10.15	Football Fees Easington boys			400.00			400.00									
	Wages	Bacs			3653.73				3653.73							
27.10.15	T Bell postage	151.15	102580		15.12				15.12							
27.10.15	Northern power grid Wayleave			20.37		20.37										
					3668.85	20.37	400.00		3668.85		352.00	11.44			5.66	

