

## **Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 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,  
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 Cllrs J. Hall, L. Atkinson and P. Brookes

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> October 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 DCC are currently consulting on proposals to stop collecting bins from farms and unadopted roads. This will mean homeowners will have to take the bins to the end of the farm or unadopted road for collection. Mr Cairns stated that this was not acceptable as these homeowners are tax payers the same as everyone else who lives in the County. The Clerk advised the meeting that Cllr Hall had also emailed raising his concerns with regard this item.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that Cllr Liversidge will take this matter up with the appropriate department at DCC.
- (ii) That the Clerk email DCC with the concerns raised via the consultation process.

### **7. 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
- 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.
- Work is ongoing with regard to pricing new planters that need replacing around the village.
- Christmas hampers have been assembled and are ready to be distributed to the war veterans
- The Christmas Light switch took place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November and was well attended.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

## **8. Finance**

The monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B. Durham County Council Cabinet will meet in December to agree revised/reduced Parish Council Tax Base calculations as a result of Localising of Council Tax Support (LCTS).

Following the release of the Governments final financial settlement figure a further letter will be received from Durham County Council showing the full and final effects of (LCTS). The official precept request form has changed. Revised payment mechanisms introduced as a result of LCTS changes now mean the net budget figure will be paid in two ways:

- Localising of Council Tax Support Grant payment from DCC and
- Precept request (which will be net of the LCTSS payment)

Both the grant and precept payments will be paid simultaneously into the bank account. Lengthy discussions took place regarding the estimated costs needed to carry out all of the Council's functions before setting the Precept for 2016/2017.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the Monthly accounts
- (ii) That the Council approve that the draft budget in principle a final decision will not be taken until the January meeting when DCC have finalised the Council Tax base and the LCTS and the Clerk has prepared a final draft.

## **9. Planning**

There were no objections to the planning application. Appendix C.

## **10. Members Reports**

Cllr F Long advised that verges in Haswell Plough had been damaged due to work by the Utility companies.

Cllr C Chiverton informed the meeting that the DLI museum is to close with the collection being disbursed around the County. This is due to the trustees selling off the land.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be noted.
- (ii) That the utility company be requested to reinstate the verges.

### **11. County Councillors Update**

Cllr E Huntington informed the meeting that:

- Teaching Assistants will no longer be paid for holidays as this has resulted in unfair claims being lodged.
- 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.
- A number of incidents had occurred in Shotton with feuding travelling families.
- Muslim education centre have submitted a new planning application.

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- He had been extremely busy over the past month dealing with many complaints and disputes over fence heights.
- 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 and the outcome of the engineers report is awaited.
- A seminar will take place on 25.11.15 to discuss the spending cuts for 2016/17.

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

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

## Appendix A

### Haswell Parish Council Meeting Police Report – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015

#### ASB

09/11/2015 – Station Street Caller reporting that a car is driving around a field close to some horses. No registration of the vehicle, however the car did leave not long after call. No further cars have been on the field.

20/11/2015 – East Villas Caller reporting that two youths have been throwing apples and oranges at their address. Both youths have been spoken to and warned about their conduct.

#### Suspicious Activity

18/11/2015 – Kestrel Way Reports of a Vauxhall Corsa on fire outside of an address.

Enquiries on going.

#### Road Related

21/11/2015 – Salters Lane Reports of a Shetland pony on the road between Haswell and Shotton Colliery. Owner came and removed the pony before police arrival.

**Appendix B**

<b>November 2015</b>					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
19.11.15	Vodafone	I52.15	102581		34.50				34.50							5.66	
19.11.15	T Bell Veteran hampers	I53.15	102582		163.38				163.38								
19.11.15	P Levitt Suppliers	I54.15	102583		37.67						37.67						
19.11.15	Blanchere lights	I55.15	102584		229.80										229.80	38.30	
25.11.15	Wages	BACS			3653.73				3653.73								
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Appendix C

[DM/15/03565/FPA](#)

**Mr J Glaister**

**Plot 1  
Land to the east of Plough Garage  
Durham Lane  
Haswell  
DH6 2BB**

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**Erection of detached house. Resubmission  
of DM/15/02747/FPA.**