

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th January 2016 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors N Mills, F.Long, B.Kell, C. Kell, J.Hall, L.Atkinson
County Councillor Brookes
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), 4 members of the public, P.C Norris

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C.Chiverton, D.Liversidge and E Huntington

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 November 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. Concern was raised with regard to the number of burglaries which had occurred in the area.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

6. Public Participation

Mrs Broadwell informed the meeting that a number of accidents had occurred at the chicane on the B1280 Salters Lane, she raised concerns with regard to the speeding which had increased due to the installation of this alleged calming measure. The Clerk advised that this issue had been raised many times with the police and DCC highways department but to no avail. P.C Norris advised that the Crime Commissioner has stated that speed camera are to be trailed across the county and it was suggested that Haswell could be a pilot area.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Cllr Liversidge will take this matter up with Maxine Stubbs the Police traffic manager
- (ii) That Cllr Brookes approaches the Police Commissioner with this request.
- (iii) That P.C Norris raises this issue with issue with P.C Wilson with the aim of using a mobile speed camera in the interim.

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
- A letter has been received from Mr & Mrs French thanking the Council for its kindness for the hamper given to their parents. Unfortunately Mr French Snr has now sadly passed away.
- Royal Garden Party nominations are due by the 29.1.16.
- DCC have informed the Council that it will no longer host the website free of charge, a SLA will be required costing an annual fee of £575 this will include training on the new WordPress system and should be a lot easier to use.
- The racecourse fence should be completed in Haswell Plough very shortly.
- Request has been received from the Great North Air Ambulance for funds; a grant application has been completed as per the new policy.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That Cllr A& D Liversidge be nominated for the Garden party.
- (iii) That the SLA be entered into for the website
- (iv) That the Great North Ambulance receive a grant of £200.

8. Finance

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

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. The Clerk circulated to Members the new estimated costs needed to carry out all of the Council's functions as agreed in the November's meeting before setting the Precept for 2016/17. Appendix C

RESOLVED

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the Monthly accounts
- (ii) That the Council approve the Precept and the request be sent to DCC.

9. Planning

There were no objections to the planning application. Appendix D. How a question was raised regarding the County Councils Policy on solar panels.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Cllr Brookes investigates DCC policy on the installation of solar panels.

10. Members Reports

Cllr J Hall raised the issue of the lack of public highway from Haswell towards Snippersgate, he informed the meeting that DCC has been working along that road and could have repaired the path the same time as the road was being patched. He also enquired if the Council had raised the issue of the possible change to bin collection and he was advised that this had been done.

Cllr F Long advised that verges in Haswell Plough had been damaged due to the fact the road through the village had again not been gritted despite it being a priority 1 road. It was also reported that grit theft is also a problem across the County.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be noted.
- (ii) That Cllr Liversidge raises the issue of the public highway with Oliver Sheratt.

11. County Councillors Update

Cllr P Brookes meeting that:

- The Government settlement means a shortfall of £32 million over the next year with £150 million savings needing to be achieved by 2020. £11 million will be used from reserves to support the budget this year.
- He had received a very number of complaints from Teaching Assistants with regard to the proposed changes in their contract.
- Consultation on possible devolution is ongoing and will close on the 8th February 2016.
- Concerns have been raised over closing the DLI museum and moving it to the Palace Green, there are proposals to install a remembrance garden on the site.
- Consultation will begin on GP services and the out of hours emergency provision, proposals are to close Out of hours services and suggest the increase of the 111 service. The CCG have to face saving of over £120 million.
- Cllr Simon Hening had received the CBE.

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- Reinforced DCC's position on the forthcoming cuts.
- He had also received many complaints from worried Teaching Assistants.
- A review on the Parliamentary Boundaries is to start, he advised everyone to ensure that they are registered to vote so that the correct numbers are taken into account in the process.

12. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th February 2016 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

ASB

02/12/2015 Front Street

Reports of an orange off-road bike speeding around the area. PCSO attended and searched the area, however bike was no seen. Possible location of where bike was being stored.

11/12/2015 East Villas

Reports that two youths have been throwing items at the callers house. Youths spoken to and made to clear up property and apologise to the resident.

19/12/2015 Front Street

Caller stating an off-road bike has been riding around the area. Bike keeps going to and from the rear of the pharmacy.

19/12/2015 Richmond Terrace

Caller stating that a brick has smashed the rear window of their vehicle. Investigation ongoing.

08/01/2016 Howarth Terrace

Reports of youths kicking at empty properties along the street. Police attend however no youths to be seen.

15/01/2016 Howarth Terrace

Caller requesting help for his son, who is having issues with kids throwing snowballs at his property. Police arrive, however no kids to be seen. Police providing presence in the area and reassurance to the caller.

18/01/2016 Howarth Terrace

Same as above.

22/01/2016 Howarth Terrace

Reports of youths congregating outside of the address and banging can be heard. Two windows have been smashed and Police are awaiting contact from the landlord.

Suspicious activity

25/11/2015 Rutland Terrace

Reports of 2 males hanging around the street looking in car windows. Good description given.

27/11/2015 Haswell

Fed-ex van had been parked up, unusually, for a number of days. Van stolen from an incident in South Hetton a few days prior.

25/01/2016 Howarth Terrace

Call stating that youths are back at the address and causing a nuisance. Police attended and gave reassurance to caller as no youths present.

Burglary

27/11/2015 Attlee Crescent

Caller reporting that 3xiPads have been taken along with a handbag.

27/11/2015 Haswell

Caller stating that someone has gained access to their garage, however nothing has been taken. Believe to be linked with above.

27/11/2015 Haswell

Reports that someone had broken into the callers father's garage overnight and taken around £1000 of fishing equipment and other tools.

30/11/2015 Burt Close

Unknown male attempts to break into the building. He has climbed the side of the building and stole external lights.

07/12/2015 Church Street

Staff arrive to premises to find a lock broken off, followed by a noise as though something had fallen over. Possibly linked with another burglary at a later date.

09/12/2015 Kestrel Way

Reports that an iPad and docking station have been taken. Entry gained via kitchen.

23/12/2015 Dent Close

Suspects believed to gain access via an unsecure roof. 2xChildrens bikes, 2xdrill, a socket set, child's electric scooter, tool kit, petrol strimmer, copper saw and small Suzuki scrambler bike had been taken.

08/01/2016 Farm

Unknown person forces entry to the shop and has taken money out of the charity boxes and also taken 2 packets of bacon.

14/01/2016 Church Street

Known person enters premises from the rear and takes a TV among other small items.

CCTV enquires by local PCSOs identifies offender and leads to arrest.

21/01/2016 Church Street

Two males enter rear of premises and force entry with a brick by smashing a glass door.

Males then carry out a search of the office area and take a metal tin with a large quantity of money in it. Names have been put forward by PCSOs.

24/01/2016 Dent Close

Reports that at some point between 9pm and 8:30am the caller's shed has been burgled.

Power tools and aluminium benches have been taken.

Theft

23/12/2015 Pesspool Terrace

Caller reporting that a number of items had been moved from the back garden to the front.

Plastic storage unit and large gas bottle have been taken.

24/01/2016 Station Street

Call reporting the theft of a scooter and bike from the rear yard overnight. Investigation on going.

Criminal Damage

27/11/2015 Windsor Terrace

I attended address by chance as passing to find a window put out at the address.

04/12/2015 Gloucester Terrace

Caller reporting that a brick has been thrown at the front door and shatter the outer pane.

Possible vehicle involved and believed to be linked with above.

09/12/2015 Windsor Terrace

Reports of three males in camouflage jackets have put out the windows of the property.

Believe to be linked with above two incidents.

Vehicle Related

27/11/2015 Green Lane

A car fails to stop for police before being involved in a chase. Car is then left in farm land.

One male arrested for failure to stop.

30/11/2015 Front Street East

Exhaust of a car removed. Investigation ongoing.

18/22/2015 Pesspool Lane

Request from traffic to help with incident. Traffic went in pursuit of vehicle. Occupants of said

vehicle had attempted to break into a garage and steal 3 mini motorbikes and a dune buggy.

Suspected stolen.

28/12/2015 Farm Land

Reports of a car on fire on farm land. Believed to have been off-roading. Vehicle identified and recovered.

14/01/2016 Front Street East

Overnight unknown persons have smashed the passenger side door to a vehicle.

Investigation on going.

23/01/2016 Windsor Terrace

Reports of a car crashed into a telegraph pole. One male arrested for drink driving, no insurance and defective tyres.

Appendix B

December 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
15.12.15	Vodafone	156.15	102585		34.00				34.00							5.66	
31.12.15	T Bell Mileage expenses 3rd Quarter	157.15	102586		328.50				328.50								
	Wages	BACS			3008.82				3008.82								
	Bacs fee				10.42				10.42								
					3381.74				3381.74								

January 2016					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
4.1.16	T Bell printer ink	158.15	102587		48.80				48.80								
4.1.16	Northumbrian water	159.15	102588		100.21				100.21								
18.1.16	Vodafone	160.15	102589		34.00				34.00							5.66	
	Bacs fee				10.42				10.42								
	Wages	BACS			3008.82				3008.82								
					3202.25				494.25							5.66	

Appendix C

DM/15/03757/FPA	Mr G Tervit	Harehill Farm Haswell Plough Durham DH6 2BA	64 ground mounted solar panels	Trimdon and Thornley Shadforth	Steven Pilkington Delegated
DM/15/03929/FPA	Mrs J Duncan	Laing House High Ling Close Haswell Durham DH6 2BY	Change of Use from respite cottages to form 3 No Holiday lets	Shotton and South Hetton Haswell	Barry Gavillet Delegated