

## **Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell**

### **Present.**

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

### **2. Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs B. Kell, C.Kell, P. Brooks and the Police

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

#### **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 their apologies as the team were unavailable a report was read out attached as Appendix A.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that the information be duly noted

### **6. Public Participation**

There were no issues raised.

### **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
- Royal Garden Party successful nominations were Middridge Parish and Bishop Auckland Town Council.
- The racecourse fence should be completed in Haswell Plough very shortly.
- Correspondence was received from DCC with regard to removing street lights on the C60 Easington / Haswell Plough from a point 136m south of Winsor Terrace midpoint, in a southerly direction for 412m Haswell and Haswell Plough both the Clerk has sent a response stating this should not happen. Cllr A Liversidge is to email a detailed report on the numerous safety reasons why this should not happen.
- Contacted DCC with regard to the website maintenance awaiting a reply
- 25 year lease has finally been completed and registered by the Land Registry

- Quote for new goal posts is £500
- Measured new recycled planters and need to order them before spring planting
- Welding work is complete on the steel container the electrician will be back next week to complete the work
- Thanks you letter received from the great North Air Ambulance for the donation.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That Cllr A Liversidge sends a detailed report to DCC regarding the proposed removal of the street lights.
- (iii) That the goal posts and planters be ordered.

## **8. Finance**

The monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B. The Precept request was sent to DCC for £69,813 which although this is a reduction of 4p, it will appear on the council tax bills as a 0% change because DCC have to report to one decimal place and this decrease works out at 0.02%, rounding to NIL. In addition, LCTRS grant of £11,447 is payable, making a total payment of £81,243

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the Monthly accounts
- (ii) That the information be duly noted.

## **9. Planning**

There were no planning applications.

## **10. Members Reports**

Cllr J Hall raised the issue that the length of time it is now taking to have flytipping has risen up to 10 days instead of the previous three or four days. He advised that the amount of rubbish being dropped has increased too much larger van loads. He did acknowledge that the amount of prosecutions have risen across the County and that it should have a positive effect in the long term.

Cllr F Long advised that the bollards at the junction at the Pemberton Arms have been knocked down.

Cllr A Liversidge again raised the issue of the continued blight in George Street and the continued inaction regarding having the area improved. He also informed the meeting that pharmacies are suffering a 6% cut in Government funding which could have a detrimental effect on the amount of services which could be provided in rural areas in the future as it would not be cost effective.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be noted.
- (ii) That Cllr A Liversidge reports the issues raised to DCC.

## **11. County Councillors Update**

Cllr E Huntington informed the meeting that:

- Cuts continue and that East Durham Homes are also decreasing funding 1% annually which will impact on the amount of money available to spend on repairs by £2 million.
- By 2020 the amount of cuts DCC will have made will be 56% of the funding resulting in a loss of £¼ billion
- Rurality funding from the Government has not been given to DCC; 20 Southern Counties have all received funding of up to £10 million
- Public Health funding will reduce by £18 million despite the Government wanting more preventive measures taking
- Trouble is ongoing in Shotton with traveller families, the police are treating an arson attack as attempted murder.
- Objections continue in Shotton regarding the Muslim community education centre
- Flytipping, rats and parking problems are all on the increase across the area

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- The funding cuts are of great concern and he reiterated all of Cllr Huntington's concerns.
- Following on from the concerns raised at last month's meeting regarding the speeding problems at the chicane a site meeting will be taking place on the 1<sup>st</sup> March with the police and DCC to discuss the ongoing concerns.
- The Revenue Spending Grant (RSG) has reduced core spending by an average of £1800 per household across the country.
- DCC are investigating whether to produce a newsletter to send to all householders highlighting the extent of the cuts.

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

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

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**Burglary**

26/01/2016 Hessewell Cres - Shed break-in, theft of a female Giant mountain bike, white, black and green. Anyone with any information relating to this theft please contact 101 or Crime stoppers.

**Theft**

07/07/2016 East Villas Theft of garden table and 6 metal chairs taken from their garden overnight.

**Criminal Damage**

02/02/2016 Gloucester Terr - Damage caused to living room window with a brick, anyone with any information to this or related criminal damage please contact 101 or crime stoppers.

02/02/2016 Front Street Damage caused by local youths to the rear shutter where the cable / wires were cut, police aware of persons linked and on-going investigation. Anyone with further information please call 101 or Easington Beat Team and ask for PC Wilson.

12/02/2016 Phillips Cl Damage caused to window, youths seen running from location – ongoing investigation. Anyone with information please contact 101 or Crime Stoppers.

**No reports of Vehicle Crime**

**ASB**

There have been a number of reports/occasions around the front street and Howarth Ter area with local youths, a number of letters and action has been taken with these youths with the progression of a number of Antisocial Behaviour Order Letters to be sent by the council ASB dept.

11/02/2016 East Villas Issues with 3 youths kicking a football in the rear street and hitting cars. With a number of other incidents reported with the same group of youths. Youths spoken to and warned re behaviour in front of Parent/carers.

## Appendix B

February 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
10.2.16	DCC SLA Horticultural			4220		4220											
19.2.16	DCC Haswell Plough Fence	169.15	102598		1,181.65						1,181.65					196.94	
	Wages		BACS		3,008.82				3,008.82								
	BACs fees		BACS		10.42				10.42								
23.2.16	Vodaphone	170.15	102599		34.00				34.00							5.66	
23.2.16	G Fewster - Container welding	171.15	102600		168.00						168.00					28.00	
23.2.16	DCC - Repair mower	172.15	102601		197.76						197.76					32.96	
					4,220.00	4,220.00			3,053.24		1,547.41					263.56	