

## **Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell**

### **Present.**

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D.Liversidge, N Mills, J.Hall, C.Chiverton, N.Mills, C. Kell, B.Kell  
County Councillors E.Huntington, P.Brookes  
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), 4 members of the public,

### **2. Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs L. Atkinson, F Long 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 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. Cllr Hall raised his concerns that the hit and run which he was involved in was not on the police report, he also highlighted the poor response times to attend incidents in the village from both the ambulance and the police on this occasion. Despite this being a 999 call it took over 45 minutes for a response. This matter was discussed at length particularly the Rural Crime strategy which the Police and Crime Commissioner has introduced, which is working well in other parts of the County.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that the information be duly noted
- (ii) that the newly elected police and crime commissioner be invited to a future Council meeting to discuss the concerns raised.
- (iii) Cllr P Brookes to raise these matters at the highest level as he sits on the relevant committees

### **6. Public Participation**

Mr Cairns congratulated and commended the Council on not raising the Parish Council Precept, which was shown as zero percent on the DCC bill for the first time. He did however raise concerns that DCC didn't seem to spend any money on the village, particularly in the George Street area which remains an eyesore.

## **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
- The new goal posts should be completed by the end of the week
- New recycled planters have been delivered and will be installed in due course.
- CDALC support will be reduced to part time due to a cut in funding from DCC
- AAP has been contacted regarding the replacement of Paul Ryan to help with the playground bids

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

## **8. Finance and the Annual Governance and External Audit Arrangements**

The monthly accounts were circulated for Members to consider. Appendix B. The Clerk confirmed that a review had been conducted on the internal processes and a review of the Standing Orders and Financial Procedures has taken place.

### **RESOLVED**

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

## **9. Planning**

There were no planning applications.

## **10. Members Reports**

Cllr C Chiverton reported that Mencap were in the new building and would like to know what is going to happen to the old school building which is falling down, she also raised that the problem of the state of the main road from Sherburn to Haswell due to the quarry.

Cllr J Hall raised the issue that DCC have sprayed the footpaths with weed killer despite being asked not to do so as it makes the village look unsightly.

Cllrs Kell both raised the ongoing issue of flytipping along the C64 this is becoming more serious as vans are dropping large items from the back whilst still moving. The issue of having cameras installed was again raised.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be noted.
- (ii) That Cllr A Liversidge requests an update on the old school building.
- (iii) That the clerk emails DCC Clean and Green regarding the spraying of the footpaths and the CCTV camera
- (iv) That road is reported to the appropriate department

## **11. County Councillors Update**

Cllr E Huntington informed the meeting that:

- Flytipping remains a problem however a number of successful prosecutions have been made and publicised
- Rats are continuing to be a problem however this is linked to poor education on hygiene on a large number of occasions
- She attended the Easter fayre at the Hazelwell Centre on the 19<sup>th</sup> March which she enjoyed she was however disappointed by the poor turn out.
- Problems are continuing in Shotton with the Muslim Centre.

Cllr P Brookes informed the meeting that:

- A consultation on the Devolution process which cost £300k was successful with a 22% response who were in favour of this going ahead. Only 6 Authorities had to be in favour of the idea for it to go ahead.
- Ongoing problem with the Teaching assistants contract as previously reported
- Consultation into youth services which has to save £1 million. Universal services will end and a more targeted approach will commence through schools.
- Carelink charges are to be raised by 20 per person per week
- Footpath needs reinstating after it has been ploughed up by a local farmer.

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- £153 million has been taken from DCC budget since 2011 extra £124 million needs to be saved by 2020. The top 20 Shire counties have had an increase of over £300 million however Durham did not qualify as it came in at 21.

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

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

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Criminal Damage

01/03/2016 – Faraday Terrace

Caller reporting that their front window has been smashed. There was a delay in reporting the incident and it in fact happened between 2130 and 2300 on 26/02/2016.

06/03/2016 – Pesspool Avenue

Call stating that a brick had been thrown through the callers dining room window.

06/03/2016 – Station Street

Reports that a car has had the front registration plate snapped off and a front headlight cracked.

Suspicious Activity

06/03/2016 – Station Street

Numerous calls stating that two males have climbed over the fence of a property and tried to gain access to a shed, however had failed. The two males have been named and enquiries are still ongoing.

08/03/2016 – Haswell

Call from a resident stating that they had noticed on CCTV that someone had been raking through their bins at 2310.

09/03/2016 – Front Street

Overnight unknown persons have gained access to the front and back gardens. Nothing had been taken although there was a concern that the person was only having a look with the intention of committing a crime later. Caller asked neighbours to keep an eye out.

18/03/2016 – Burt Close

Call from a member of the public stating that a vehicle has been parked next to their house for the last 10 days and seemed odd. Checks were carried out to find that the vehicle had been stolen. Vehicle was recovered and enquiries are still ongoing.

18/03/2016 – Haswell Plough

Report that at roughly 0530 an unknown male has entered the front garden of the property causing damage and stealing garden ornaments. There is CCTV available and enquiries are still ongoing.

Burglary

19/03/2016 – Faraday Terrace

Call reporting to police that their vehicle has been taken overnight. Vehicle has been added to the ANPR list and enquiries are ongoing.

**Additional: Two youths from Haswell have been issued with Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's). The ABC is essentially a mini-asbo with conditions of what the youth can and can't do. If there is two further incidents of these youths breaching these ABC's then the council can push for an injunction through the courts.**

