

## **Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 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, L.Atkinson  
County Councillors E.Huntington  
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), 2 members of the public,

### **2. Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs F.Long and P.Brookes 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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**

The report was read out as Appendix A as they police were responding to an incident

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that the information be duly noted

### **6. Public Participation**

There were no issues raised by members of the public

### **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 have been completed
- New recycled planters will be installed ready for the summer planting.
- AAP has not responded regarding the replacement of Paul Ryan to help with the playground bids. Cllr A Liversidge confirmed that he was to meet with the new member of staff to move this forward.

The Clerk confirmed that the following correspondence was received:

- A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr Long with effect from 30.4.16 due to him moving from the area. He thanked the Clerk and Council for the support he had received and wished the Council well in the future.
- Citizen Advise Bureau Durham has request a grant for £50 towards running costs.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That the grant of £50 be given to Citizens Advice Bureau.

## **8. Finance**

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

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the Monthly accounts

## **9. Planning**

The planning list was circulated. Appendix C

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) There were no objections to the planning list.

## **10. Members Reports**

Cllr D Liversidge reported that there were still problems at Sycamore House with local youths.

Cllr J Hall raised the issue that the police website was no use to the public as it was out of date. He also reported that the response times for the emergency services were not acceptable due to the length of time it was taking to respond to rural areas. He advised that the improvements to Durham Cathedral were excellent and well worth a visit.

Cllr Chiverton requested an update on the Mencap building. It was confirmed that it would be demolished as soon as possible after the building was empty.

Cllr A Liversidge reported that he had received complaints regarding quad bikes crossing the recreation field. There was also reports regarding dog fouling in the area with a van containing a professional dog walker arriving daily who did not clean up after the animals.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be noted.
- (ii) That the police are informed about the problem youths, response times to rural areas and the out of date website.
- (iii) That the Clerk informs the wardens of the problem at the recreational field.

## **11. County Councillors Update**

Cllr E Huntington informed the meeting that:

- The collection from the DLI museum has been relocated to the Palace Green and is well worth a visit
- The Gala will be hosting an event in July and August about the life of a new recruit in the war and their experiences.

- DCC Local Plan has been through Judicial Review and is in the process of being updated, this will take up to 2 years including a consultation period.
- DCC had received an award for their work with youth offenders; they are in the top 10 in the country.
- Park and ride facility is being utilised more
- Overall Durham is cleaner than the national average.

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- He had attended a seminar on the Local Plan and there are 4 options going to consultation on the new plans focus. He empathised that it is important that all residents get involved to have their say on what happens in their community.
- A site visit had taken place regarding cycleways as it is proposed that a new cycleway be created next to the A1 corridor. Cllr Liversidge raised the issue of the poor state of cycleway number 1 the Sunderland to Hartlepool route which runs through Haswell, and the possibility of an A19 route.
- That the devolution issue is ongoing; the rule originally stated that 5 out of the 7 Councils had to agree before this could happen however the rule has changed so that only 2 councils needed to agree for this to go ahead. No Council was keen on the mandatory element of an elected Mayor which was causing great concern.

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

The next meeting will be the AGM which will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 directly after the Annual Parish Meeting which will begin at 6.30pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

## Appendix A

### Police Report – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016

#### Road Related

24/03/2016 Durham Lane Call from member of the public stating there was a large patch of oil on the road, making driving conditions hazardous. Police responded and contacted council to clean up, which they did.

#### ASB

25/03/2016 Low Haswell Call stating there to be three off-road bikes riding around the area. A police officer attended and conducted a full area search however no bikes could be seen or heard.

02/04/2016 Sycamore Terrace Reports from a resident that numerous twigs and branches had appeared in their garden and onto their conservatory roof. I was believed at the time that this was local youths and this was later confirmed and dealt with accordingly.

03/04/2016 Sycamore Terrace Call from another resident stating similar issues as above. Officers attended the care home and spoke with the youths who admitted that items had been thrown, however unintentionally. Youths were suitably advised and action has been taken since, see additional.

24/04/2016 Chapel Lane Member of the public reporting two off-road bikes, one red (Rider with black top and white helmet) and another bike with number "1" on. There was also a red Citroen saloon in company with the bikes. Traffic officers attended however all vehicles made off prior to police arrival.

#### Criminal Damage

29/03/2016 Front Street Numerous calls alerting police to 5 new pieces of graffiti around the village. The graffiti was personal in nature and specifically targeted a group of people. The council was contacted and all the graffiti was removed.

09/04/2016 Barnett Square Caller reporting they had just woken up at 0115hours and noticed that their greenhouse windows had been smashed. Offender identified and dealt with.

#### Violence Against The Person

01/04/2016 Front Street Known male enters a premises, sometime later an altercation occurs in which the victim is severely hurt needing to be treated at hospital. Offender identified by witnesses and CCTV and has since been arrested.

#### Burglary

24/04/2016 Haswell Caller reporting that their property had been broken into and an untidy search made. It has been some time since someone has been at the property so timeframe unknown at this time. Investigation currently ongoing.

**ADDITIONAL: The problem youth from Sycamore House care home has now moved on, leaving only one youth in the home. This will alleviate problems. Not only this, but the home is now under a new manager who is screening potential youths. The manager knows of community issues and is rejecting youths who have previous for causing problems in the community.**

**Appendix B**

<b>APRIL 2016</b>						<b>Receipts</b>			<b>Payments</b>							<b>VAT</b>	
Date	Details	Inv /Rec No	Cheque No	Receipts	Payment	Precept	Football Fees	Int Rec	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Lease	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaim ed
1.4.16	Precept		BACS	69813.00		69813.00											
	LCT Grant		BACS	11447.00		11447.00											
1.4.16	T.Bell postage	1.16	102611		15.36				15.36								
16.4.16	Vodaphone	2.16	102613		34.00				34.00							5.66	
25.4.16	Wages		BACS		3008.81				3009.92								
25.4.16	Fees		BACS		10.42				10.42								
26.4.16	P. Levitt Hort supplies	3.16	102614		146.10						146.10					14.48	
26.4.16	DCC repairs mower	4.16	102615		38.15						38.15					6.36	
26.4.16	Hazelwell Centre Funding	5.16	102616		12500.00					12500.00							
26.4.16	Citizens Advice Bureau funding	6.16	102617		50.00									50.00			
	Interest			4.32				4.32									
				81264.32	15802.84	81260.00		4.32	3069.70	12500.00	184.25			50.00		26.50	

Appendix C

April 16 planning

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Mr I Cairns

Pesspool Hall Farm  
Hall Lane  
Haswell  
Durham  
DH6 2AN

Erection of new dwelling to house an  
agricultural worker

Shotton and South Hetton  
Haswell

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