

## **Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell**

### **Present.**

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D. Liversidge, L. Atkinson, C. Kell, N. Mills,  
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk) 1 members of the public

### **01.16 Appointment of Chair for 2016/2017**

Nominations were sought for the position of Chair for 2016/17. Councillor Alan Liversidge was subsequently proposed and seconded. A unanimous vote subsequently confirmed Cllr A Liversidge to be appointed Chair for the ensuing year.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that Councillor Alan Liversidge be appointed as Chair of Haswell Parish Council for the ensuing year and he duly signed the declaration of office.

### **02.16 Appointment of Vice Chair for 2016/2017**

The Chair sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair to Haswell Parish Council for 2016/17. Cllr D Liversidge was nominated and seconded for the position. A unanimous vote subsequently confirmed Cllr D Liversidge be appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that Councillor Doreen Liversidge be appointed as Vice Chair of Haswell Parish Council for the ensuing year.

### **03.16 Apologises.**

Apologises were received from Cllr B. Kell, P. Brookes E Huntington

### **04.16 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.

### **05.16 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 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.

### **06.16 Appointments to Outside bodies**

Nominations were sought to represent the Council on the following bodies:

- Association for Town and Parish Councils
- EON funding Committee
- SureStart

- East Durham Homes

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that Councillors Doreen and Alan Liversidge and Carol Kell be re elected to represent the Council on the Association for Town and Parish Councils.
- (ii) That Cllr A Liversidge continues to represent the Council on the EON committee
- (iii) That Cllr C Chiverton continues to represent the Council at East Durham Homes meetings.

#### **07.16 Police Briefing**

There were no apologies or update for the past month.

#### **08.16 Public Participation**

There were no issues raised.

#### **09. 16 Clerks report / correspondence**

The Clerk reported that the following actions had been completed since the previous meeting

- All defects were reported to the appropriate departments
- A letter of thanks was received from Citizens Advice for the donation.
- The problems at Sycamore House were reported to the police
- The accounts have been submitted to the accountant for scrutiny and will be presented at the next meeting for approval.
- The Clerk was asked if an invitation had been received for a service at Durham Cathedral. The clerk confirmed no invitation had been received to date.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information by noted.

#### **10.16 Finance**

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

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that Members accepted the monthly accounts for payment.

#### **11.16 Planning**

There were no objections to the planning application. Appendix B

#### **12.16 Councillors Allowances**

Members were reminded that the current level for Parish Basic Allowances was set at £500 per annum with the Chair receiving a special responsibility allowance of £1000 per annum. Members discussed the level of paid and if it should be increased. The standard councillor allowance of £500 was thought to be set at an appropriate level. Cllr A Liversidge gave the

background to the allowances which was discussed at the Association of Local Town and Parish Councils. The Chairs' allowance was thought to be too low and a proposal of £1500 was discussed and unanimously agreed. It was agreed to look to increase all allowances annually as part of the budget cycle for the next financial year.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the Allowance for Councillors would remain the same and that the appropriate forms would be circulated.
- (ii) That the Chairs allowance be increased to £1500
- (iii) All details will be published on the Council notice board in accordance with the rules
- (iv) DCC will pay the allowance through the wages administration system ensuring the correct Tax and N.I contributions are paid.
- (v) That an allowance increase be discussed as part of the budget process later in the year.

### **13.16 Members Reports**

Cllr D Liversidge informed the meeting that there has been an improvement in the activity at Sycamore House and that a service would take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June to bless the banner.

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- Cuts will continue up to 2020 with a further £40 million to be cut from budgets. A discussion took place regarding how policing has been affected due to the cuts and if the parish should introduce CCTV across the village. It was felt that CCTV could not be ran by the Parish and should be a Police and DCC function due to the resources needed. The problems of speeding through the village and the chicane were again raised. The issue of none attendance by the wardens and the mobile CCTV being placed in the village were again raised.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That Cllr Liversidge would chase the wardens to find out why they are not attending meetings and what was happening with the mobile CCTV
- (ii) That the Police and Crime Commissioner be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss rural policing
- (iii) That the information be duly noted.

### **14.16 County Councillors Update**

Cllr Liversidge. He informed the meeting:

- Budget cuts will continue until 2020
- Terry Collins the new Chief Executive of DCC has carried out a review of the 5 Directors, the proposal is that 5 remain however there will be a split of Adult and Childrens Social Care.
- DCC has agreed in principle to continue with the North East Devolution process despite Gateshead withdrawing. Subject to the following guarantees being met:
  - No veto for the Mayor
  - Fairing funding to be achieved
  - Durham not being disadvantaged in highways or transport funding due to the shortfall in the Metro budget

- Suitable constitutional and governance arrangements being introduced

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That the information be duly noted

**15.16 Any other Urgent Items of business**

There were no issues raised.

**16.16 Date and Time of the next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7pm in The Hazelwell Centre.



Appendix B

[DM/16/01461/FPA](#)

Mr M Cummin

6 Gloucester Terrace  
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Erection of detached garage/workshop  
with outdoor working area

Trimdon and Thornley  
Haswell

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