

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th June 2016 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D.Liversidge, N Mills, J.Hall, C.Chiverton, C. Kell, B.Kell, L.Atkinson
County Councillors: A Liversidge
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), 3 members of the public,

17.16. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs P.Brookes and the Police

18.16 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.

19.16 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 24th May 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.

20.16 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

21.16 Public Participation

Mrs Hudson raised the following issues:

- Unsafe paths at junction of Mazine Terrace and Durham Road due to the construction of a new building the utility companies have left the paths and area in a terrible state.
- Speeding traffic on the B1283 a number of accidents have happened in recently and there is concern about the continuing problem
- No footpath between Haswell plough and the Pemberton Arms this is a well used pathway without an actual path which makes it very difficult to walk.

Mr Cairns commented on the excellent floral displays

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted
- (ii) that the pathway issues be reported to DCC for the appropriate action.
- (iii) That Cllr Liversidge contacts the police again regarding the problem
- (iv) That Cllr Liversidge investigates the possibility of having a pathway made.

22.16 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
- DCC have the Local Plan out to consultation and roadshows are happening across the area
- Election department have confirmed that no election has been called and that the Casual vacancy should be advertised
- Flowers are now in the new containers and look very attractive.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That the vacancy be advertised

23.16. Finance

i. Final Accounts 2015/16 – Internal Audit and Annual Governance Statement

The Internal Audit and Annual Governance Statement was circulated for Members to consider and approve. Appendix B.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the Internal Audit and Annual Governance Statement.

(ii) Final Accounts 2015/16 – Accounting Statements

The Final Accounts were circulated for Members to consider and approve. Appendix B

RESOLVED

- (ii) That Members accepted and approved the Final Accounts.

- (iii) To approve the monthly accounts. Appendix C

RESOLVED

- (iii) That Members accepted and approved the monthly accounts.

24.16 Planning

The planning list was circulated. Appendix D

RESOLVED

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

25.16 Members Reports

Cllr D Liversidge reported that the police continue to regularly attend Sycamore House due to disturbances with the youths.

Cllr C Kell raised the following issues

- possibility of having a noticeboards put at Kestral Way – a discussion took place regarding the possible installation and the previous problems with vandalism to noticeboards.
- Pit monument fence at Mazine Terrace is in a state of disrepair and needs painting

Cllr Kell also advised the meeting that New Century Saddlery were in pre planning talks regarding a £1 million Equestrian expansion to the business which will employ a further 12 people. A discussion took place and Member wholeheartly supported the idea of extra jobs in the village and agreed to write Cllr Kell supporting the idea subject to viewing the actual plans.

Cllr J Hall raised the following:

- ongoing issue of no pathway out of the village towards Snippersgate, he noted that it looked like resurfacing was about to take place and wanted to know if the roll plaining could be used to reinstate the path as it was dangerous.
- Gully blocked at the junction at Haswell Plough on the Haswell side two street light up.
- He also noted that the cats eyes have been removed on the Sherburn Road

Cllr Mills congratulated Mr Cairns on his giant scarecrow which is raising money for charity

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that the banner had been blessed in the church on the 12th June and is currently in the centre until the Durham Miners gala on the 9th July.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be noted.
- (ii) That no noticeboards would be installed due to the previous vandalism problems
- (iii) That DCC be contacted regarding the fence painting
- (iv) That a letter of support be sent to Cllr Kell on the expansion of the business
- (v) That Cllr Liversidge contacts DCC highways department regarding all of the other issues

26.16 County Councillors Update

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- The devolution agreement has been signed by DCC subject to a number of condition that would guarantee Durham position a decision would be known later in the year possibly September / October.
- Teaching Assistants dispute has been settled with all T.A's having a term time contract with a compensation package over the next 3 years. DCC sort legal advice regarding the position and had no choice due to equality rights.
- Durham County Plan consultations are ongoing Cllr Liversidge reiterated that it was important for people to engage in the process.

12. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 26th July 2016 at 7.00 pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Police Report – 26th 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 C

June 16					Receipts			Payments							VAT		
Date	Details	Inv. No	Cheque No	Receipt	Payment	Precept	Football Fees	Interest	Central Services	Public Buildings	Horticulture	Utilities	Loans	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed
6.6.16	Npower street lights	I12.16	102623		239.16							239.16				11.14	
13.6.16	Vodafone	I13.16	102624		34.00				34.00							5.66	
13.6.16	D Cahill Plants	I14.16	102625		320.00						320.00						
	Wages	BACS			3186.33				3186.33		320.00						
	BACS fee	BACS			10.42				10.42								
22.6.16	T.Bell postage	I15.16	102626		15.36				15.36								
	Interest	BACS															

Appendix D

DM/16/01860/FPA	Mr Bill Hamilton	The Barn 5 Harehill Mews Haswell Plough Durham DH6 2BA	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing dwelling	Trimdon and Thornley Shadforth
DM/16/01787/FPA	Mr D Coleman	1 The Paddocks Haswell Plough Durham DH6 2BZ	Erection of detached house and detached double garage.	Trimdon and Thornley Haswell

*Exempt Item 28.6.16

Exclusion of Press and Public – Council members are invited to consider passing the following Resolution:

“That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the disclosure of the following items on the agenda as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A in the 1972 Act as indicated below.”

Issues concerning: Staffing

A discussion took place on staffing levels and grades