

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2016 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D.Liversidge, N Mills, C.Kell, B.Kell, C. Chiverton,
County Councillors: A Liversidge E Huntington P Brookes
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), PC Dean Wilson PCSO Lisa Gutcher 6 members of the public,

66.16. Apologises.

Apologies were received and accepted from the Police, Cllrs J.Hall L.Atkinson

67.16 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.

68.16 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 25th October 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.

69.16 Police Briefing

The police briefing was given by the Clerk. Report attached as Appendix A.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

70.16 Warden Update

No attendance. Several emails have been sent trying to re-establish contact.

71.16 Public Participation

It was noted that the Christmas lights were well appreciated in the village and there is a great deal of anger regarding the theft of the penguins. The meeting were informed of a phone app for Haswell which is requesting personal details.

RESOLVED

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

72.16 Clerks report / correspondence

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

- Meeting has been postponed due to Sarah Marshall being on leave. Awaiting new meeting date.
- An application has been submitted to AAP Neighbourhood budget fund for £31,200 towards the playground at Windsor Terrace.
- Government are consulting on the possibility of capping the increase of the precept to 2% no feed back as yet
- Christmas Light switch took place on 17th November @ 6.45 the Salvation Army were in attendance.
- Theft of the Christmas lights took place on 20.11.16 two penguins were stolen. This has been reported to the police and insurance company. It has been posted on our website and on Facebook with over 4500 people seeing this post and over 60 sharing the post.
- Number of reports have been received by Facebook regarding flytipping and bonfires. These have been passed onto the relevant people.
- Next meeting of Shotton Airfield consultative committee is on 12th December @6.30pm
- Royal Garden party nominations for 2017 need to be passed to NALC by 20th January 2017.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That the Chair and Vice be nominated for the Royal Garden Party

73.16. Finance

To approve the monthly accounts. Appendix B.

Following the release of the Governments final financial settlement figure a further letter has been received from Durham County Council showing the full and final effects of (LCTS). Revised payment mechanisms introduced as a result of LCTS changes now mean the net budget figure will be paid in two ways:

- Localising of Council Tax Support Grant payment from DCC and
- Precept request (which will be net of the LCTSS payment)

There will be a reduction in grant received from DCC of £851.82. The Council will have to increase the amount of the Precept by this amount just to achieve a standstill position in terms of resource availability. Both the grant and precept payments will be paid simultaneously into the bank account. Lengthy discussions took place regarding the estimated costs needed to carry out all of the Council's functions before setting the Precept for 2017/2018.

RESOLVED

- (i) Members accepted and approved monthly accounts.
- (ii) That the Council approve the draft budget in principle a final decision will not be taken until the January meeting when the details have been finalised and the Clerk has prepared a final draft.

74.16 Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

75.16 Update on verge damage

Wardens have been emailed regarding the continued damage to the verges, grassed area caused by and the repeated shortcut across to the chicane which is a danger to the public and the continued illegal parking. No response has been received. Discussion took place regarding the installation of boulders to stop this happening. Cllr Chiverton was going to speak to those who are parking on the verges and causing the damage.

RESOLVED

- (i) Cllr Chiverton to approach those who are continuing to park on the verges and request that they stop.
- (ii) Clerk to report information to the wardens for action.

76.16 Update on the Recreational Field

The Clerk advised that we are still awaiting a reply from the Charity Commission, the Solicitor is chasing this up.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk contacts the Solicitor for an update.

77.16 Members Reports

Cllr C Kell asked if there has been any update on the pit memorial at Mazine Terrace. Cllr A Liversidge advised that he is awaiting an update on the action to be taken, he is also awaiting information on what is to happen to the old school building.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be noted.

78.16 County Councillors Update

Cllr E Huntington informed the meeting that:

- That gritting costs DCC £4.5 million per annum and that the service is well organised
- The number of children in care is 720 Ofsted are pleased with the standard in the County.
- Quadbikes continue to be a nuisance across the county causing damage to the grassed areas.
- A change of use for the buildings at Shotton Industrial Estate has been approved
- The ongoing dispute with the Teaching Assistants in Durham continues, new proposals have been discussed.
- Finance continues to be a concern with further cuts to come in the next Financial years
- Shotton Airfield investigation is still ongoing.

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that:

- 20 Syrian refugees have been homed in County Durham
- South Hetton Miner Memorial statute is to be unveiled on 3rd December at the Robin Todd centre
- Shelagh Pearce from the AAP is helping the Hazelwell Centre to look for funding for a Centre Manager

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be noted.

79.16. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7.00 pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Haswell Parish Council Meeting Tuesday Report from 25th October 2016

Burglary – 1

08/11/16, Front Street – Empty property has been broken into and copper piping has been taken. Investigation has been carried out and the property has been boarded up.

Thefts – 3

31/10/16 and 11/11/16, Mencap – A green scooter and a bicycle have been taken from the premises. CCTV recovered which shows footage of the suspects, on-going investigation.
20/11/16, Haswell and District Community Association – Two penguin Christmas lights have been taken and it is thought that the wires have been cut and the lights have been lifted over the fence. Unfortunately, CCTV does not show anything evidential and there is no scope for footprints. Police still need to speak to residents to enquire if they heard or saw anything, on-going investigation.

Criminal Damage – 1

06/11/16, Gloucester Terrace – Caller reporting that their wheelie bins have been taken over night and have been burnt on a bonfire. This has been crimed as arson, on-going investigation.

ASB Nuisance – 4

30/10/16, George Street – Reports of approximately 8 youths causing a nuisance outside of a vacant property. Police attended and the youths were asked to vacate the area.

15/11/16, Hazel Court – Caller reports an on-going issue whereby youths are causing ASB through being loud and walking over people's garden. Youths were spoken to by police and given suitable words of advice, names were also taken.

18/11/16, Hazel Court – Caller reporting that one youth had thrown a stone at her window. Police intend to increase patrols in the area to reduce ASB.

20/11/16, Burt Close - Caller reporting that person(s) on a quadbike have been doing skids up and down the estate. Unfortunately, the person had taken off on police arrival.

Action has been taken in relation to a Quad Bike being ridden on the village green where the rider has been dealt with in relation to traffic offences and the Quad has been disclaimed.

Next Pact Meeting: 2017 – To be arranged

Appendix B

November 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
11.11.16	Vodafone	I34.16	D.D		32.80				32.80							5.46	
13.11.16	Powergrid Wayleave			20.74		20.74											
29.11.16	P.Levitt Pertol Horticultural supplies	I35.16	102645		107.56						107.56						
29.11.16	Arco Workwear	I36.16	102646		176.72				176.72								
	Wages	BACS			3329.14				3329.14								
	BACS fee				10.42				10.42								
					3656.64	20.74			3549.08		107.56				0.00	0.00	