

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

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

80.16. Apologises.

Apologies were received and accepted from the Police

81.16 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.

82.16 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 29th November 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.

83.16 Police Briefing

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

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

84.16 Warden Update

James Simmons gave an update regarding the wardens move to Chiltern was has had an impact on attending meetings due to the fact that the shift finishes at 8pm and they have to be back at the base for then. He advised that other Council have started meetings early to accommodate for attendance. A long discussion took place with regard to the ongoing problems with regard to fly tipping in the village and how these incidents are reported, recorded and how feedback is received. James advised that two CCTV cameras had been stolen from a known hot stop in the village. The Council had not been given this information. Cllr Brookes stated that DCC reporting system does not give the right information back to customers with regard to actual outcomes and that it appears that communication is very poor across the service.

James stated that one black bag of rubbish does not class as flytipping and it would not be recorded as such therefore it would not be investigated by the wardens. Any flytipping picked up by the Clean and green team is not recorded so it does not show as a hot stop.

RESOLVED

- (ii) that Cllrs Liversidge and Brookes speak directly to Oliver Sheratt the head of the service to discuss the overall service performance.
- (iii) That the meeting be moved to 6.30pm to accommodate the wardens.

85.16 Public Participation

Mr Cairns noted that work had finally started on the old Renco building. The meeting were reminded that a charge was put on the site to recoup the money spent on cleaning up the land.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

86.16 Clerks report / correspondence

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

- Hamper was delivered to Mr Carr by Cllrs Liversidge.
- An application has been submitted to AAP Neighbourhood budget fund for £31,200 towards the playground at Windsor Terrace this was successful.
- Application for funding has been submitted to the LEADER fund for the remaining funding for the playground a decision is due on the 7th February 2017. If successful a full application will need to be submitted to secure the funding.
- Government have confirmed that there will be no capping this year on the increase to the precept at 2% however they have not ruled this option out.
- The insurance company have paid out the full amount for the theft of the penguins. Prices will be sort for alternatives.
- Website work continues and the consultation documents have been uploaded for comment this has also been put on Facebook and has been shared several hundreds of times.
- New auditors have been appointed for the 2017/18 audit, our new auditor will be Mazars.
- Application has been submitted for the Royal Garden Party.
- Application packs for the forthcoming election will be made available from the County Council in March they need to be returned in person by the individual.
- Mr Martin intends to be at the next meeting to discuss the new plan for George Street.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

87.16. Finance

To approve the monthly accounts. Appendix B.

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. The Clerk circulated to Members the new estimated costs needed to carry out all of the Council's functions as agreed in the November's meeting before setting the Precept for 2017/18. Appendix C

RESOLVED

- (i) Members accepted and approved monthly accounts.
- (ii) That the Council approve the Precept and the request be sent to DCC.

88.16 Planning

Planning applications considered are attached at Appendix D. There were no objections.

89.16 Proposal to remove street lights

DCC are consulting with regard to the removal of 12 street lights along the C60 between Haswell and Haswell Plough. Cllr Liversidge advised that he had submitted a detailed report setting out the rationale for the lights to remain. A discussion took place with regards to this proposal. Cllr Hall stated that the risk assessment supplied was flawed and that there were a number of major inaccuracies which were highlighted and subsequently emailed to DCC Appendix E. The Clerk advised that she had requested a financial breakdown of the costs to remove the lights and install the proposed safety measures. This will be made available for the next meeting. Councillors expressed their disappointment at the County's proposals to remove yet another amenity from the village.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk forward the comments raised and attached in Appendix E to DCC officers for consideration.

90.16 Members Reports.

Cllr Mills reported that Tuthill Quarry maybe opening again. It was reported that a planning application will be made in the next couple of weeks to reopen the quarry. A presentation maybe given at a future Council meeting as funding maybe available to the village.

Cllr Hall reported that the lights on the Surestart building are too bright and are a hazard to motorists. He also advised that 9 street lights are off along the C60.

Cllr Kell asked if any progress had been made regarding the miner memorial at Mazine Terrace. Cllr Liversidge advised that he is working on this issue.

RESOLVED

- (i) The information was duly noted.
- (ii) That the street light be reported to DCC.

91.16 County Councillors Update

Cllr Brookes advised that:

- Budget setting is ongoing and it is intended to raise the Council Tax by 3.99%. 2% is ringfenced for Social Care and the remaining 1.99% is for general expenditure. He noted that Surrey County Council are going to hold a referendum to raise the Council Tax by 15% to help fund social care provision.
- The issue regarding the Teaching Assistants is still ongoing and is hoped to be resolved by September.
- A new 216 bus service now runs through the village every hour.
- The national cycle track route 1 which runs through the village is in a terrible state and is in need of repair.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be noted.
- (ii) That the new bus service will be advertised on the Council website and posted on Facebook.

92.16. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 28th February 2017 **at 6.30 pm in The Hazelwell Centre.**

Appendix A

Tuesday 24th January 2017

Report from 29th November 2016

Burglary – 1

24/12/16, Front Street – Caller reporting that someone has entered his property and stolen a motorbike. Door was forced open using a shovel and so CSI attended and seized item as evidence. On going investigation.

Thefts – 2

07/01/17, Chapel Lane – Lead taken from the chimney and the roof of address.

Unfortunately, no CCTV in the area and no scope for CSI.

17/01/17, The Gables Hotel – Fence panels taken from the rear of the property. Possible suspect will be spoken to, on-going investigation.

Criminal Damage – 4

05/12/16, North View – Downstairs window of property was smashed. Unfortunately, no CCTV in the area and house to house carried out with a negative result.

11/12/16, Windsor Terrace – Caller reporting that their sitting room window has been smashed. Local neighbourhood team are aware and have increased patrols in the area since in order to provide reassurance and act as a deterrence.

08/01/17, The Gables Hotel – Caller reported that damage had been caused to their fence outside of the property. Target hardening provided to caller and advice given with regards to the horses that are kept on their land. Patrols have also been increased in the area.

16/01/17, Dent Close – Reports of a window being smashed in the property. Due to the incident date this is an-going investigation.

ASB Nuisance – 1

31/12/16, Kent Terrace – Caller reporting that youths had knocked on resident's door and then ran off towards Gloucester Terrace. Caller requested that youths were not spoken to on this occasion but suitable advice and reassurance were provided. Local neighbourhood team are aware.

ASB Environmental – 2

02/01/17, Windsor Terrace – Reports of a red Passat speeding around Haswell area along with two off-road bikes.

14/01/17, Chapel Lane – Caller reporting four quad bikes with children on nearby field. Officers attended and spoke to appropriate adult who had allowed his son to drive on the field. They were asked to move on and agreed.

Additional Information:

Local neighbourhood policing team have received reports of off-road bikes and speeding vehicles in and around the area of South Hetton and Haswell. This has been relayed back to our traffic team and so they have agreed to monitor the situation whenever practicable.

Appendix B

December 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
11.12.16	Vodafone	137.16	D.D		32.80				32.80							5.46	
12.12.16	TSL Hort supplies	138.16	102647		751.87						751.87					125.31	
20.12.16	T.Bell Hamper Vetran	139.16	102648		87.68				87.68								
20.12.16	T.Bell postage	140.16	102649		7.68				7.68								
6.12.16	Members Initiative funding Cllr Brookes Haswell plough	BACS		353.32		353.32											
	Wages	BACS			3329.14				3329.14								
	BACS fee				10.42				10.42								
					4219.59	353.32		4.46	3467.72		751.87					130.77	

January 2017					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
3.1.17	Insurance payout re Stolen penguins			1500.00		1500.00											
4.1.17	D.Cahill Plants	141.16	102650		290.00						290.00						
4.1.17	Northumbrian Water	142.16	102651		143.23							143.23					
24.1.17	Zurch Insurance	143.16	102652		2059.13				2059.13							187.20	
	Wages	BACS			3329.14				3329.14								
	BACS fee				10.42				10.42								
					5831.92	1500.00			5398.69		290.00	143.23				187.20	

Appendix D
 Planning January 2017

DM/16/03889/FPA	JG Forster & Partners	Land To The South West Of Low Haswell Farm Haswell DH6 2AA	Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling for the permanent onsite presence of a full time member of the farm business to ensure the welfare of animals.	Shotton and South Hetton Haswell	Jennifer Jennings Delegated
DM/17/00022/FPA	Mr James Dolan	Greenacres Farm Salters Lane Haswell Durham DH6 2AW	Stable block conversion to 3 bedroom bungalow	Shotton and South Hetton Haswell	Jennifer Jennings Delegated
DM/17/00047/FPA	Mr D Butters	Greenacres Farm Salters Lane Haswell Durham DH6 2AW	Proposed first floor extension and two storey rear extension	Shotton and South Hetton Haswell	Jennifer Jennings Delegated

Appendix E

It was discussed at the meeting last night and the following issues were raised by councillors and members of the public:

The risk assessment which was carried out is flawed -

Numerous answers have been ticked as no or n/a when clearly the answer is yes and the additional information contradicts the information on the risk assessment i.e - are there any side road the assessment has ticked no when there are side roads coming on the the road?

It say no parking is on the road this is not true there are no yellow lines therefore there is parking on the road

There is also a history of escaped cattle/ animals on the road

It states that that no signs or road marking are needed then the other information states these will be installed? Why would this be if they are not needed

The original document on DCC website states that the lights will only be removed when it is safe to do so and that they will not be removed where there are speed restrictions - This is the designated school walking route and the road does have a speed restriction. This is the only route into the village to access any amenities such as a shop, doctor or chemist to remove the lights would impact on the services available in Haswell Plough as it would not be safe to walk along the road in the dark.

It also states that extensive consultation will be carried out - the parish has had one letter in January 2016 advising of the removal we raised our objection and didnt hear anything until the end of 2016 where the risk assessment was emailed with the original letter - this is not consultation. We have had no other contact - Officers have not asked to come to the meeting and explain or discuss the proposals where they can be questioned

It has been estimated using the costs published by DCC that to replace the lights would be under £3000 - it is stated that it costs approx £200 per light?

I look forward to receiving the detailed breakdown of all of the costs of removal and the costs of the proposed additional safety measures so we can discuss this important issue at February's meeting. It maybe beneficial for an officer to attend and explain the rationale regarding this proposal?