

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 6.30pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding), and Councillors D.Liversidge, J.Hall, C.Chiverton, N Mills (arrived 6.35), C.Kell, B.Kell (arrived 6.45)

County Councillors: E Huntington

In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), Barbara Lee, Nicola Thompson from Wardens

8 members of the public

106.16. Apologises.

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

107.16 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.

108.16 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 28th February 2017

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.

109.16 Police Briefing

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

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

110.16 Warden Update

The wardens advised that they only investigate flytipping incidents where evidence is available to trace those responsible. All other incidents are recorded through the Clean and Green team. They advised that the letters advising about parking on the grass verges at Pesspool Terrace were to be sent out shortly the delay was due to a problem with the multi-agency logo on the letterhead. They advised that Mazine Terrace has a problem with cars causing damage to the grassed areas and flytipping. The wardens reiterated that it is vital that all incidents were recorded so that a true picture of the problem areas could be captured and cameras could be deployed to catch offenders.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted.
- (ii) that the Clerk contact both the wardens and Clean and Green for a breakdown of incidents recorded.

111.16 Public Participation

The following issues were raised:

- An update was requested on what was happening to the Haswell to South Hetton footpath (no.17) which appears to be closed to the public. Cllr A Liversidge advised that he has raised this issue with the County Council's Footpath Officer and an investigation is in the process of being carried out. Cllr Liversidge advised that a public footpath cannot be closed without the appropriate process being followed.
- The Council were asked if they were in support of the proposal to open Tuthill Quarry. Cllr Liversidge advised that the Councillors were in the process of gathering evidence into the implications of this happening and that no decisions can be made until all of the facts are established. A discussion took place on the problems it could cause in the village particularly those regarding health and the increase on transport. Council advised that this was not going to the planning until May/June 17 and that the every effort would be made to ensure that the people were represented.
- The Council were advised that £6.7million had been made available for 195 affordable houses on brownfield sites in Co. Durham the first site identified is in Pityme Durham. They were asked if the Council were aware of this and any plans for the village. Cllr Liversidge advised that he was not aware of the scheme but would investigate.
- That the planning application for flats on the Front Street had not been submitted despite the fact that the Council were informed at the February meeting that this had happened. Concern was also raised about possible future proposals to build temporary caravan style accommodation in the village.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That Cllr Liversidge contacts the Footpath Officer for an update on the investigation
- (iii) That the Councillors continue to gather information and evidence on the Quarry proposal
- (iv) That Cllr Liversidge investigate the affordable housing scheme.

112.16 Clerks report / correspondence

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

- A full application to the LEADER project has been submitted for the additional funding for the new playground equipment. It is unlikely that this will be considered at April's meeting however it is hoped that a decision can be taken in May 17.
- Reply has been received from Street lighting regarding the removal of the street lights along the C60 between Haswell and Haswell Plough. A report has been submitted by Cllr Liversidge and all the points raised at January's meeting have been passed onto the department. They have confirmed no decisions will be taken until after the election in May 2017.
- The police have confirmed that they continuing to monitor the situation with regard to the damage happening in the village caused by the quad bikes this is an ongoing issue across the County.
- Letter is to be sent out by the wardens with regard to the damage caused.
- Community Safety team have installed a number of bollards to stop the traffic from cutting across the chicane which is a safety concern.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

113.16. Finance

To approve the monthly accounts. Appendix B. The Clerk gave an update on the LEADER fund application previously. Council has ringfenced reserves for the future improve of play equipment in the village, a discussion took place regarding using the money if the application was unsuccessful as other match funding may be lost if not used.

The Clerk advised that costs for the Warden Enforcement CCTV had been received this was £1280 + VAT. The Clerk will contact the Enforcement Manager to discuss the suitability and siting of the equipment this would need to be carried out in private due to nature of the operations. Following the theft of the Christmas lights the upgrade of CCTV equipment was discussed to protect the Councils' assets throughout the site. The Centre are to get costs for this upgrade.

RESOLVED

- (i) Members accepted and approved monthly accounts.
- (ii) Members unanimously approved the use of ringfenced reserved for the installation of play equipment if the LEADER fund was unsuccessful.
- (iii) Members unanimously approved in principle to upgrade the CCTV to cover Council assets, costs will be sought and brought back for approval.

114.16 Planning

Planning applications considered are attached at Appendix C.

RESOLVED

- (i) No objections were made to the applications.

115.16 Equality and Diversity Policy

The Clerk advised that review of the policy was necessary as this is needed as part of the application process for the LEADER funding. A discussion took place regarding the review of all Council Policies.

RESOLVED

- (i) Members unanimously agreed to the adoption of the policy.
- (ii) That all policies be reviewed and updated.

116.16 Members Reports.

Cllr C Kell advised that:

- St Paul's Church is 150 years old in July 2017 and a number of events will be taking place to celebrate the milestone.
- She had received a complaint from the chemist regarding an incident which took place the previous week regarding the use of his business premises to

project political images and statements. He advised that he was not political and that he would not have given permission if he was aware of the content.

- A fire had broken out on the walkway and access could not be obtained by the fire brigade due to a barrier. Access was gained over a field however the brigade stated that if the fire appliance had been grounded they would have charged the landowner for the recovery.

Cllr B Kell advised that the street lights from Haswell to Haswell Plough were coming on during the day rather than on an evening.

Cllr Hall advised that he had attended a meeting with the Environment Agency and DCC regarding the ongoing issue of flytipping. He advised everyone to be aware of rubbish being disguised as wrapped bails and being dumped into fields and in layby and on waste ground. This is organised crime and lorries are travelling from the south to carry out this illegal activity. He advised anyone with any information to contact the police with the registration numbers but not to approach the driver.

Cllr Chiverton suggested that DCC be contacted regarding the future demolition of the old school and a request be made for the rubble to be reused on the unadopted roads across the village.

RESOLVED

- (i) The information was duly noted.
- (ii) Cllr Liversidge would report the street light problem
- (iii) That DCC be contacted regarding the school demolition

117.16 County Councillors Update

Cllr Huntington advised that:

- DCC were piloting a programme on the transitional process of discharging patients from hospital into their own homes with the aid of rehabilitation. This is a new multi-agency approach and is unique to Durham at the moment.
- The Street light issue is on hold due to the purdah period at present.

Cllr Liversidge advised that:

- The T.A review is ongoing and weekly meetings are taking place with a group of representatives from the T.A's, Head teachers and officers
- The boundary commission have published their latest information on the website regarding proposed changes
- DCC have frozen Councillor expenses since 2008. Two pay rises have been rejected by Councillors. DCC is the 7th largest council but ranked 47th for the level of expenses.
- DCC are still supporting bus services which is unique as this is a service which has been cut by a number of other Councils.
- The government cuts continue and whilst this is scheduled until 2020 it is likely this will continue until 2025. DCC will use £12.5 million of reserves this year to support front line services. It is anticipated that the reserves will be used by 2020.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be noted.

118.16. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 25th April 2017 at 6.30 pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Haswell Parish report – 28/02/17 to 27/03/17 – Total number of calls to police – 50

ASB – 8

Personal – 1

Environmental – 0

Nuisance – 7

- Richmond Terrace – quad bike, called in following day so advice given, no suspect identified.
- Station Street – scrambler bikes, male named on log – Issued a Traffic warning notice.
- Dent Close – Youths drinking alcohol, Wardens attended, ASNT
- Mazine Terrace – off road motorbike, Area search no trace of bike.
- Alexandra Terrace – Youth nuisance with catapults, group caught by beat officers and warned.
- Howarth Terrace – off road motorbike, Area search no trace of bike.
- Haswell – Silver jeep on grassed area, Areas search no trace of Jeep.

Burglary – 2

- Sycamore Terrace – burglary other – Attempt at metal/pipe work, nothing taken – Currently an open investigation.
- Church View – burglary dwelling – Various items taken including phones, sat nav and speakers etc. – Currently an open investigation.

Criminal Damage – 2

- Howarth Terrace – Stones thrown at window causing a crack – Case closed, all enquiries complete, no suspect identified.
- Mencap, Burt Close – Attempt to remove decking, vehicle identified from CCTV – Open investigation, enquiries on going.

PACT Priority – Currently, Off Road bikes causing a nuisance in the area – From this there is currently patrols being conducted both as a deterrent and also to identify offenders in the area. Also there has been a Traffic Warning notice issued to a local youth who was named by a member of the public, if he is seen causing anti-social behaviour on that or another vehicle within the next year the vehicle can be seized. Please call 101 if issues are seen or if any information is known, such as identity of riders, where the bikes are stored or any addresses there are coming and going from.

Appendix C Planning March 17

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| DM/17/00708/FPA | Mr N McGee | 1 Rosemount Haswell Durham DH6 2AQ | Erection of two storey extension to side and first floor extension to rear | Shotton and South Hetton Haswell |
| DM/17/00594/OU T | Mrs D Greaves | Lorinda Cottage Front Street West Haswell Durham DH6 2DD | Erection of Two Storey 2/3Bed Houses with a similar density on site to that of the adjacent development | Shotton and South Hetton Haswell |
| DM/17/00684/FPA | Mrs S Lowther | Land Rear Of 14 Rutland Terrace Haswell Durham DH6 2ER | Change of use of public open space to domestic curtilage and erection of boundary fence | Trimdon and Thornley Haswell |