

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 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, L.Atkinson
County Councillors: P. Brookes
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), Barbara Lee, from Wardens
10 members of the public

119.16. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from the Police, Cllrs C.Kell, B.Kell (Personal reasons)

120.16 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.

121.16 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 28th March 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.

122.16 Police Briefing

The police briefing was given by the Clerk. Report attached as Appendix A. It was noted that a theft along the C60 was not included in the report.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

123.16 Warden Update

The wardens advised that there had been:

- 4 Antisocial behaviour
- 1 abandoned vehicle
- 2 stray dogs
- 1 untidy garden
- 1 warden investigation ongoing
- 1 advisory letter regarding dog fouling
- Flytipping at Mazine Terrace of 40 tyres

Advisory letters had been delivered to the occupiers at Pesspool regarding the ongoing damage caused due to parking on the grass.

The Chair informed the meeting that antisocial behaviour and criminal damage was on the increase as a fire had been set earlier today next to the football pitch. The Fire brigade attended and advised that it was deliberate and that this is a new game on social media where fires are set and posted online requesting others to do something similar.

He also advised that the MUGA pitch is out of use due to a fire and a large amount of criminal damage. The police are aware.

Cllr hall also advised that a number of fires had been set on Woodland Trust land.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted.

124.16 Public Participation

The following issues were raised:

- The Council were asked if they was any further information on the proposal to open Tuthill Quarry. Cllr Liversidge advised that he had personal lodged an objection. He advised everyone to do the same if they felt strongly about the application as the planners would take into consideration the number of individual proposals. He advised that this will not come to the County Planning Committee for a decision until September 2017 at the earliest.

A discussion took place regarding the health concerns due to the amount of dust as well as the noise and disruption to the village particularly those closest. It was noted that if the application did go ahead that it would be vital that the conditions were strictly monitored and enforced.

- The state of the old school building was again raised. It was noted that the windows had been boarded however it is in a dangerous state.

Cllr A Liversidge informed the meeting that he had been advised by the Cabinet Member responsible that the building will be demolished imminently.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

125.16 Clerks report / correspondence

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

- Freedom of Information letter from Haswell Community Party was replied to within time limit. The reply was circulated to Members for information
- A review of the Council's policies has been undertaken these will be discussed later in the meeting.
- The year end process had begun, meetings with the internal auditor have taken place to discuss the first part of the year end close down procedure.
- Ongoing review with the application process with LEADER funding, a large amount of time has gone into to finalising the bid. The outcome should be known by the end of May 17. It is hoped that the playground will be completed by the Summer of 2017.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

126.16. Finance

To approve the monthly accounts. Appendix B. The Clerk advised the meeting that the Internal Auditor was in the process of auditing the books. Once this was completed the Final Accounts and Governance Statements would be brought to the Council for approval. Once approved the 30 days statutory electors' period would begin. The information would then be passed to the External Auditor.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) Members accepted and approved monthly accounts.

127.16 Planning

Planning applications considered are attached at Appendix C.

RESOLVED

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

128.16 Policy Reviews.

The Clerk advised that the following policies were in need of review:

- i. Standing Orders
- ii. Financial Standing Orders
- iii. Complaints Policy
- iv. Training Policy
- v. Freedom of Information Policy
- vi. Reserves and Balances Policy
- vii. Member and Officer Protocol

Each policy was reviewed and discussed in turn. A vote was taken on the approval of each policy. All votes were unanimously in favour of the policies being adopted by the Council in their current format.

RESOLVED

- (i) Members unanimously agreed to the adoption of all the policies with immediate effect.

129.16 Members Reports.

Cllr D Liversidge noted that the amount of petty crime in the village was rising.

Cllr Hall advised that Inspector Foots had informed him that the horse fair would be taking place later in the year and he would advise of the details in due course.

Cllr Chiverton advised that this would be her last meeting as she was not standing for re-election as she had been involved in village life for over 40 years and it was time for her to step down. She thanked all Councillors for all their hard work. She thanked the Clerk for her work but in particular the Christmas lights improvements.

RESOLVED

- (i) The information was duly noted.

130.16 County Councillors Update

Cllr Brookes advised that:

- DCC had agreed on a motion with regard to ensure that the County was not disadvantaged due to the introduction of the Strategic Transformational Plans which effect health.
- DCC had also agreed a motion with regard to requesting the Government to stop the continued raid on the Miners Pension Scheme.
- He was the cycle champion and he was working with the Sustainability Officer on looking for funding to improve Cycleway Number 1 as it was badly damaged between South Hetton and Shotton.

Cllr Liversidge advised that:

- Ian Turnbull from British Cycling has expressed an interest in having an annual road cycling race which would include Haswell. This would be professionally ran and could be an excellent tourist attraction for the area along with the Tommy Simpson memorial.
- TA review is ongoing and it is anticipated that the outcome will be better than expected.

Cllr Liversidge thanked Clair for her hard work over the many years on the Council. He also thanked everyone for their continued attendance to the meetings and wished all candidates well for the forthcoming elections.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be noted.

131.16. Date and Time of the next meeting

The Clerk advised that the law states that following an election the new Council must sit within 14 days. The meeting will therefore take place on Tuesday 16th May @ 6.30pm. The Annual Meeting of the Parishioners will take place at 6pm on the 16th May 2017, the current Chair will deliver the annual report.

The first item of business at the first meeting of the new Council is the selection of a new Chair. The current Chair will remain Chair and open the meeting until a new Chair is selected.

The next meeting is Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 6.30 pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Haswell Parish report – 28/03/17 to 25/04/17 –

Total number of calls to police – 84

ASB – 3

Personal – 1

Environmental – 0

Nuisance – 2

- Front Street – Off Road Bikes – Area search no trace.
- Community Association/Windsor Terrace – Youths throwing stones at people playing football – youths moved on prior to police arrival, no names known.

Burglary - 0

Criminal Damage – 7

- Attlee Crescent – damage to tent, believed by youths – currently an open investigation.
- Community Association/Windsor Terrace – Astro turf, goal posts and flood lights damaged – open investigation.
- Lapwing Court – catapult stones off a window, no damage – Team aware for patrols – Investigation closed with all enquiries complete and no suspects identified.
- Community Association/Windsor Drive – Damage to fencing of Astro turf pitch - Investigation closed with all enquiries complete and no suspects identified.
- Faraday Terrace – unknown youth sets fire to conifer in front garden - Investigation closed with all enquiries complete and no suspects identified.
- Faraday Terrace – Grass churned up on dwelling, believed by quad bikes – open investigation.
- Howarth Terrace – Outside toilet pipe removed – Investigation closed with all enquiries complete and no suspect identified.

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. Local PCSO's have recently seized an off road bike in South Hetton following a call from a member of the public. Also we have recently had our Police Off Road bike team patrolling the area. 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 B

APRIL 2017					Receipts			Payments							VAT		
Date	Details	Inv /Rec No	Cheque No	Receipts	Payment	Precept	Football Fees	Int Rec	Central Services	Public Buildings	Hort	Utilities	Lease	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed
1.4.16	Precept		BACS	70970		70970											
	LCT Grant		BACS	10828		10828											
	Wages		BACS		Awaiting details												
	Vodaphone		DD		19.00				19.00							3.16	
				81798.00		81798.00			19.00							3.16	

Appendix C Planning April 17

DM/17/00936/FPA	Mr Jason Marshall	1 Coldwellburn Mews Haswell Durham DH6 2XS	Erection of detached house with triple garage with gym	Shotton and South Hetton Haswell
DM/17/01117/FPA	Mr Lee Peel	25 Pesspool Avenue Haswell Durham DH6 2DR	Single storey extension to rear	Shotton and South Hetton Haswell