

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 6.30pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Councillor Mr A. Liversidge (Presiding) at the beginning of the meeting he was succeeded by Cllr Hood who took the Chair once voted in position, Councillors J.Cook, G.Dunstone, O.Gray, S.Hartley, E.Major, H. Milburn, B.Ramsay, K.Welch
County Councillors: I Cochrane, E. Huntington (arrived at 6.50)
In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), Sgt Foots, Pc Wilson
24 members of the public

1.17. Appointment of Chairman for 2017/2018

Cllr Hood was nominated and seconded. No further nominations were received. A unanimous vote subsequently confirmed Cllr Hood to be appointed Chair for the ensuing year. Cllr Hood thanked Cllr Liversidge and the previous Parish Council members for their hardwork..

RESOLVED

- (i) that Councillor Hood be appointed as Chair of Haswell Parish Council for the ensuing year.

2.17 Appointment of Vice Chair for 2017/2018

The Chair sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair to Haswell Parish Council for 2017/18. Cllr Gray was nominated and seconded for the position. A unanimous vote subsequently confirmed Cllr Gray be appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Councillor Gray be appointed as Vice Chair of Haswell Parish Council for the ensuing year.

3.17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr P Brookes, Cllr Huntington and the Wardens.

4.17 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.

5.17 Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 25th April 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.

6.17 Appointments to Outside Bodies

Nominations were sort for East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils (EDAPTC). Up to three representatives are allowed to represent the Council at this meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Cllrs Hood, Gray and Major be elected to represent the council.

7.17 Police Briefing

Pc Wilson gave an update. Report attached as Appendix A. He reiterated that there have been a number of fires set in the village which have caused extensive damage. He asked that anyone who has any information to please contact the police in strict confidence. Sgt Foots advised the meeting that a horse fair will take place over the next May Bank Holiday weekend. The police have no power to stop this taking place as it occurs on a private field and there are no powers to stop horses on the highway. The route taken will be a different route to the event which usually happens in August this should have less of an impact in the village.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

8.17 Public Participation

There were no issues raised

9.17 Clerks report / correspondence

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

- Ongoing review with the application process with LEADER funding, a large amount of time has gone into finalising the bid. The bid has passed the quality control stage at the Department of Rural Payments and confirmation has been received that the bid has been successful. The last of the formal paperwork needs to be completed, meetings will be scheduled to complete this work. After working on funding bids for over three years, it is hoped that the playground will be completed by late Summer 2017.
- Demolition of the old school - an update has been received from DCC Estates Department who have confirmed that they are undertaking a bat survey on the property prior to any act being taken.
- All three play areas have been registered with DCC so that any owner not picking up after their dog can be fined. Signs will be erected on the play areas so enforcement officer can take place.
- A182, South Hetton to Easington Temporary Speed Restriction and Prohibition of Waiting Order in force from 24th May for 7 days for the Durham horse fair.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

10.17. Finance

i. Final Accounts 2016/17 – Internal Audit and Annual Governance Statement

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

(i) Final Accounts 2016/17 – Accounting Statements

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

(ii) New Bank Mandate

Members agreed that five Councillors would join the Clerk as new signatories on the bank account. The Clerk will arrange for the mandate to be signed and sent to the bank.

(iv) Monthly Accounts

To approve the updated April 2017 monthly accounts. No cheques have been signed for May 2017 due to the change in Council Members. Appendix C

RESOLVED

- (i) That Members accepted and approved the Internal Audit and Annual Governance Statement.
- (ii) That Members accepted and approved the Final Accounts.
- (iii) That Cllrs Hood, Gray, Milburn, Ramsay and Welch would become signatories on the account with the Clerk and that the previous signatories would be removed. The Clerk will arrange the appropriate paperwork is complete.
- (iv) That the monthly accounts be approved.

11.17 Planning

Planning applications considered are attached at Appendix D.

RESOLVED

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

12.17 Councillors' Allowance

Members considered the current allowance and agreed not to take any allowance.

RESOLVED

- (i) Members unanimously agreed not to take an allowance.

13.17 Members Reports.

Cllr Milburn advised that the inaugural meeting of the Residents Association will take place on Wednesday 24th May 2017 at 6.30pm in the Lisa Dixon Centre Haswell. This is a non political organisation and will discuss issues which concern residents. Approximately 40 residents have expressed an interest. All are welcome.

Cllr Ramsay advised that he had contacted the Boundary Commission and DCC regarding the issue of Haswell Plough and Haswell Village being separated for voting purposes. Haswell Plough has a different County Councillor to Haswell Village. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council strongly opposed these changes and wrote to DCC and the Boundary Commission stating that they should remain as one however, the change went ahead. Cllr Ramsey is to pursue having this issue reinvestigated.

Cllr Hartley stated she would be working on the youth in the village.

Cllr Gray advised that she was to join forces with Cllr Dunstone in the quest of tidying up the beck. This area has become a dumping ground and needs to be addressed. Cllr Welch was investigating having a link to the partnership board regarding GP Surgeries.

Cllr Cook stated she would be working on having the youth voice heard and would be working with Cllr Hartley on this forum.

RESOLVED

- (i) The information was duly noted.
- (ii) The Information on the Residents Association be advertised on the Council website.

14.17 County Councillors Update

Cllr Cochrane advised that he had been on a number of Councillor Induction courses and will be attending several more over the next week. He advised that this is a learning curve. He will be part of the Planning and Highways Committees.

Cllr Huntington advised that:

- she has been a County Councillor since 2008 but she still attends the induction courses as things are constantly changing and moving forward. She will be part of the Children's and Corporate Services Committees.
- Work is ongoing with regard to anti-social behaviour in Shotton and across the area. A number of fires have been set, an allotment fire killed a number of chickens and damage has been caused to 40 cars. Work is ongoing with the police, perpetrators and victims to try and stop reoffending by explaining the trauma and damage caused.
- Working with clients who have had their benefit stopped due to lost forms this is causing significant anxiety. Advice can be sought via welfare Support
- Work is ongoing giving out food parcels via the East Durham Trust and also the Salvation Army. 14 parcels have gone to families in Haswell.
- A complaint had been received from a residents regarding parking issues around Mencap. She hoped to meet all parties to discuss the issues and work out a solution.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be noted.

15.17. Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 6.30 pm in The Hazelwell Centre.

Appendix A

Haswell Parish report – 25/04/17 to 14/05/17 –

Total number of calls to police – 38

ASB – 3

Personal – 1

Environmental – 1

- Parkland Stud – Fire reported in field, believed by unknown youths.

Nuisance – 1

- Hessewelle Crescent – Parking issue – advice given, no offences

Burglary - 0

Criminal Damage – 3

- Richmond Terrace – Window smashed – Case closed with full enquiry complete and no suspect identified.
- Low Haswell Farm – Fire of three hay bales (unknown youths on off road bikes mentioned as possible suspects) - Case closed with full enquiry complete and no suspect identified.
- Sycamore Terrace – Window smashed - Case closed with full enquiry 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. There have been no calls in relation to off road bikes in this period aside from the Criminal damage log above which mentions possible suspects on off road bikes. 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 D

May 2017

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Haswell Estates

Land To The West Of Meadow
View
Chapel Lane
Haswell DH6 2ET

2no. 2 storey detached dwellings on
vacant land, each with garages and
parking.

Shotton and South Hetton

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Mr Pierre Sloan

Land Adjacent 7 Cherry
Drive
Haswell
DH6 2BG

Detached two storey dwelling
and detached garage

Shotton and South
Hetton
Haswell