

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 5th June 2017 at 6.30pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Cllr Hood Chair, Cllrs G.Dunstone, O.Gray, S.Hartley, E.Major, H. Milburn, B.Ramsay, K.Welch

County Councillors: I Cochrane, E. Huntington, P.Brookes

In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), 7 members of the public

16.17. Apologises.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J.Cook – Work Commitments

17.17 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.

18.17 Public Participation

The following questions were asked:

- How much notice must be given regarding calling a meeting?
The Clerk advised that 3 clear days' notice was required by law.
- If the rumours regarding not supporting the Hazelwell Centre and withholding the agreed £15000 payment were true as this was part of the party manifesto? He added that the parishioners did not want the centre to close.
The Chair advised that the £15000 had been paid and that the Parish Council were meeting tonight to discuss having a meeting with the centre to discuss the future.
- Is it true that there is to be a carnival on 19th August without any consultation with the Hazelwell Centre?
The Chair advised again that this was one of the reasons that this meeting had been agreed to discuss and agree dates so that the arrangements could begin.
- Is there any update on Tuthill Quarry?
The Chair advised that this would be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Huntington advised that she was organising a meeting with the planners on 13th June @3.30 and would be inviting members of the Council to discuss their concerns and queries.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted
- (ii) That a number of Councillors will attend the meeting with the planners and an update would be brought back to the next Council meeting.

19.17 The Hazelwell Centre

The Chair advised that one of the purposes of this meeting was to discuss the arrangements with Centre. The Clerk advised the meeting that there is a long history of partnership working between the Centre and the Parish Council, including the Parish Council having exclusive use of an office as well as the outbuildings which are used by the Groundsman for his welfare facilities, storing essential equipment and chemicals. The Centre hosts the Christmas lights and pays for the electricity while the Parish have paid for new lights over the past years to build up a display for the village. The Clerk advised

that the precept and budget discussions took place in the November 16 and January 17 Parish Council meetings both of which were open to the public. The level of support to the centre was discussed as part of that budget setting process. The support is partly for the “rent” or exclusive use of the facilities as well as being a donation to support the running of the centre. There is no formal agreement between the Council and the Centre.

A discussion took place regarding the current position. The Council felt that the arrangements should be formalised for clarity.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Clerk write to the Trustees of the Hazelwell Centre requesting a meeting with representatives from the Council to discuss the current and future working arrangements.

20.17 The Haswells Carnival

A discussion took place regarding the most appropriate date to hold a carnival. Cllr Gray advised that Saturday 19th August would be the best date as she was able to organise a number of free activities and events for that day. The meeting was informed that the centre is not open in August as the volunteers are on holiday and that July or September would be better. The consensus was that the school holidays would be more appropriate for the event. Discussions took place regarding the type of activities which would be booked for the day. The Clerk advised that the insurance company would need to be informed once this was finalised, and the appropriate risk assessments would need to be undertaken. Cllr Brookes advised that the County Council Safety Advisory Group (SAG) should be informed and may be able to help.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That the date for the carnival be set as 19th August 2017
- (iii) That Cllr Gray compiles a list of activities and events which will take place at the carnival for the next meeting so that a budget and insurance arrangements can be agreed.
- (iv) That the Clerk contacts the SAG to discuss the proposed event.

21.17 Date and Time of the next meeting

The Hazelwell Centre, Windsor Terrace, Haswell Tuesday 27th June 2017 @ 6.30pm.