

Minutes of Haswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 6.30pm in the Hazelwell Centre Haswell

Present.

Cllrs C Hood (Presiding), J.Cook, G.Dunstone, O.Gray, S.Hartley, E.Major, H. Milburn, B.Ramsay, K.Welch

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

In Attendance - T. Bell (Clerk), P.C Dean Wilson, Garry Parsonage Warden 16 members of the public

22.17. Apologies.

No apologies were received

23.17 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.

The following declarations of interest on this occasion:

Cllr Milburn, Cllr Welch, Cllr Ramsey – Grant Application - Members of Haswells resident Association

24.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2017 and Extra Ordinary meeting 5th June 2017

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of both these meetings, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

25.17 Police Briefing

P.C Wilson apologised for the short report as he had just compiled it, he advised that not all incidents are put on the report due to confidentiality. Appendix A.

Cllr Huntington advised that youths were causing problems at a bungalow in Howarth Terrace where a wall had been pulled down.

Cllr Cook advised that residents had reported a speeding black corsa in Mazine Terrace, a discussion took place with regards to speeding across the village. Speed Watch is to be carried out. P.C Wilson urged the public to report incidents.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

26.17 Warden Update

The warden advised that there had been a number of incidents in Haswell which have been dealt with in Church Lane and Hessewelle Crescent. Appendix B. He advised that flytipping is a problem across the County but information from members of the public can be vital in catching the culprits. This can be done anonymously as not everyone wants to give evidence. He urged the community to go on line at Durham County Council website and log the information on the "Do it Report it" tool.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

27.17 Public Participation

The following issues were raised:

- The road leading to Chapel Lane has just been repaired and has broken up and needs repairing again
- That anyone who had objected to the Tuthill Quarry planning application needs to declare the appropriate interest when making any discussing the issue or making a decision.
- The Old Recreation Ground – a discussion took place regarding the history of the land. Mr Cairns gave an overview of the purchase of the land. The Clerk advised that advice was being sought by the solicitor with regards the Council's liability as it is individual Councillors who are the trustees and not the Council. Previous Councillors Hall and C Kell advised that they wished to be removed from the Charity Commission information.
- The road at the chicane is breaking up and becoming dangerous for heavy lorries.
- That the public participation section of the meeting should be at the end of the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted
- (ii) that Cllr Cochrane reports the repairs to the road
- (iii) that an update will be given on the Old Recreation Ground in due course
- (iv) that Cllr Huntington reports the highways issues.

28.17 Clerks report / correspondence

- A letter was sent requesting a meeting with the Trustees of the Hazelwell Centre this will take place on Thursday 29th June @7pm with representatives from the Council.
- Order has been placed for play equipment no confirmed of installation date as yet
- Work ongoing with regard the processing the paperwork for the grants which have been awarded
- Contacted SAG re Haswells Carnival – a number of forms need to be completed to start the process
- Letter from resident requesting that the beck at the bottom of Windsor Terrace be tidied. Reply sent advising that the council does not own the land and that it has been passed to the County Council to deal with the flytipping etc. A discussion took place with regard to who the owner of the land is as it doesn't belong to DCC.
- Road closure on 2.7.17 at South View Ludworth diversion in place details will be on the website
- Dementia Awareness training 12.9.17 @ 9.30am at FRS HQ Belmont
- Information from CDALC stating that the TU are in the process of submitting a pay claim to the employers. Aim to delete the lower paypoints to come in line with the foundation living wage.
- CDALC considering the administration structure from April 2018 this has been discussed at the Council forums and then at the CDALC Executive Committee on 7th June. After detailed discussed the following was decided:

- No increase in subscription fees (currently 10p per elector) for 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- As the reserve balances held by the Association are currently the equivalent of nearly three years net costs of the Association, then reserve balances be used to meet the current deficit budget situation for a further two years.
- Reserve balances to be invested prudently to generate an income for the Association. This would assist with reducing any increase in future subscription payments.
- During 2019/2020 arrangements would be introduced to ensure the continuity of the service provided to member councils. This could involve the reduction of hours for the current post holder and the appointment of another part time officer working alongside the current post holder to gain experience of the role of the Executive Officer. This proposal is also to be considered by the Larger and Smaller Council Forum meetings being held on the 27 July and will then be considered at the AGM in October.
- Meeting with Cllr Cochrane to discuss the Neighbourhood budget which is available for projects. Funds can be spent on both capital and revenue. A possible project could be the metal fencing around the Pit Memorial at Mazine Terrace.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That Clerk submitted an application to the Land Registry regarding the ownership of the land at the bottom of Windsor Terrace.
- (iii) That a further discussion will take place regarding the Neighbourhood budget.

29.17. Finance

i. Monthly Accounts

To approve the monthly accounts. Appendix B

ii. Bank Mandate

The new bank mandates have been completed and forwarded to the bank Cllr Ramsey decided he did not wish to be a signatory. The bank has requested a credit check on all Councillors who are not signatories the appropriate documentation needs completing and returning to enable this to happen.

iii. Grant Applications

The Clerk advised that two applications had been received this month. The first is from Alice House Hospice who have completed the form and supplied the appropriate additional documentation. Members discussed the application and agreed that it was a worthwhile charity.

The second is from Haswell Residents Association who have not supplied the appropriate additional information as they are a new group and do not have a bank account. The Clerk advised that the Council are not able to give a donation to any individual and as the Association does not have a bank account in its name they are unable to receive a grant at this time.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That Members complete the credit check forms for the Clerk to return to the bank.

- (iii) That Alice House Hospice be a given £200
- (iv) That the Haswell Residents Association application be refused due to the conditions of grant not being met.

30.17 Planning

i. Monthly Planning applications.

The planning list was circulated. Appendix C. There were no objections.

ii. Update on Tuthill Quarry.

Cllr Huntington advised that a meeting had taken place with a number of Parish Council representatives and the Planning department to discuss the concerns with regard to reopening the quarry. The planners advised that there would be no material benefit brought to the villages by the quarry as there would be no employment or Section 106 monies. Concerns were raised about the number of lorries through the villages. Both the Highways and Environment departments are looking into the possible impacts of this application. It was noted that the only likely beneficiary would be central government who would receive the tax. Further meetings will continue to take place to discuss the application.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted
- (ii) There were no objections to the planning list.
- (iii) That further information would be brought to future meetings.

31.17 Future Further Developments

- i) A discussion took place regarding increasing the usage of both the football pitches and the bowling green. The price of the football pitch was raised by the Oddfellows football team as they are struggling to pay the price of the hire and the changing room charges from the Hazelwell Centre. A discussion took place regarding what other Councils charged. The Clerk advised that the fee is currently £200 per season which works out less than £10 per game therefore less than £1 per player per game. The bowling green has been advertised but as yet no one has hired it.
- ii) Social Media.
The Chair raised the possibility of live streaming the meeting on Facebook he advised that other are currently doing this. The Clerk advised caution as once these images are on social media there is no way to stop them being altered and used inappropriately on the web thereby bringing the council into disrepute. The meeting could be recorded and made available that way the Council would control the original.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted
- (ii) That the Clerk investigate the football hire charges with surrounding Councils.
- (iii) That the possibility of utilising social media be further investigated.

32.17 The Haswell Carnival

Cllr Gray gave an update on the large amount of attractions which have booked for the event on the 19th August. The cost is estimated at £2500. Work will continue to gather all the appropriate documentation needed i.e insurance documentation and formal quotes.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted
- (ii) That £2500 budget be set for the Carnival
- (iii) That all quotes, insurance and risk assessment documentation be forwarded to the Clerk for processing.

33.17 Durham Miners Gala

Cllr Hood advised that Haswell History Group have given permission for the Miners banner to be carried into Durham on Big Meeting Day. Confirmation is awaited from Durham Gala that the banner will be covered on their insurance. A discussion took place regarding putting on a coach for the event, booking a place on the bus and the route to be taken through the villages.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted
- (ii) That the coach be booked at the cost of £220
- (iii) All names to be given to Cllr Gray for a place on the bus
- (iv) That the route be publicised on the website and social media

34.17 The Old Recreation Ground

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting see minute 27.17.

35.17 Members Reports

Cllr O Gray advised that Mencap have applied for a grant from the AAP to support the Holiday Hungary initiative. This will provide a packed lunch every day to the children who attend. A wide variety of activities are also planned across the 6 weeks holidays, including the use of the bowling green every Tuesday. A timetable of events will be published in due course.

Cllr J Cook reported that the picnic area in Mazine Terrace does not have a bin and that the area is covered in rubbish.

Cllr K Welch advised that she is working on having the graffiti around the village removed.

Cll S Hartley advised that a Youth Forum for under 18's will take place on 5th July in the Lisa Dixon Centre @6pm.

Cllr G Dunstone queried who was responsible for cutting the trees in the open areas of the village as they are overhanging the roads. He was advised that these belong to DCC and they are responsible for maintenance.

Cllr H Milburn advised that she is linking in with DCC Children's Services to ensure that any children placed in the village home will be welcomed.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That Cllr Huntington reports the problem trees.

36.17 County Councillors Update

Cllr E Huntington informed the meeting that:

- She will continue working with the planners on the Tuthill Quarry application and have regular meetings
- Shotton schools have been rated Good by OFSTED
- T.A's are to be balloted regarding ending the dispute. 75% will be better off while 25% will lose out.
- Wardens have been given a National award regarding the flytipping initiatives

Cllr P Brookes informed the meeting that:

- DCC Annual meeting took place on the 24th May and Cllr Bill Kellett is the new Chair the Leader and Deputy remain the same.
- Following on from the Grenfell Tower disaster all building have been checked by Fire Safety to ensure no one is vulnerable
- A decision has been take to introduce a new Town council in Durham City

Cllr I Cochrane informed the meeting that:

- He is on a learning curve with regards to being a County Councillor
- He attended Armed Forces day
- He has support Mencap 10th Anniversary which was an excellent day and well organised
- Midwife services have been reintroduced in the Station Road Surgery in Shotton after a campaign from Councillors. Previously ladies had to travel to Peterlee.
- Classic Car show will take place at Mencap on the 4th July
- He has been working with DCC and the Charity Commission to ensure that his Councillors allowance is given directly to a number of local charities. The charities he has chosen are:
 - Alice House, St Benedicts and St Cuthberts Hospices
 - Great North Air Ambulance
 - Mencap
 - Shotton, South Hetton and Haswell Community Centres

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

37.17 Date and Time of the next meeting

The Hazelwell Centre, Windsor Terrace, Haswell Tuesday 25th July 2017 @ 6.30pm

Appendix A

30 Incidents reported in total between 5th June and 27th June 2017.

Hessewelle Crescent, vehicle and windows damaged to a property, ongoing investigation.
Van damaged in Hessewelle Crescent where a window was smashed, again ongoing investigation.

Windsor Terrace, sneak in burglary where a person has entered a house and taken cash.
Rutland Terrace, empty property broken into. Both ongoing investigations.

Damage to property/vehicle in Front Street, Haswell, ongoing investigation.
Attempt burglary/damage to the old care home on Sycamore terrace.

Road traffic collision where a vehicle has made off after causing damage to electrical cable.

Assault outside of Singh's newsagent, ongoing investigation.

Youth issues which are going unreported to police, believed local group of youths causing anti-social behaviour in Haswell.

Appendix B

case number	case type	incident date	status
195389	WARDEN_ABANDONED_VEHICLE	09/06/2017 20:57	Closed - Investigation complete
197179	WARDEN_ABANDONED_VEHICLE	03/06/2017 19:41	Closed - Investigation complete
200038	WARDEN_ABANDONED_VEHICLE	20/06/2017 12:54	Closed - Investigation complete
182868	WARDEN_UNTIDY_YARDS_GARDENS	14/06/2017 14:12	FPN - Untidy Yards and Gardens
191214	WARDEN_UNTIDY_YARDS_GARDENS	14/06/2017 18:47	CPW - Untidy Yards and Gardens

Appendix C

June 17					Receipts			Payments							VAT		
Date	Details	Inv. No	Cheque No	Receipt	Payment	SLA	Football Fees	Interest	Central Services	Public Buildings	Horticulture	Utilities	Loans	Section 137	Special Projects	VAT Input	VAT reclaimed
1.6.17	CDALC Annual Subscription Fee	16.17	102671		230.71				230.71								
1.6.17	Vodafone	17.17	DD		26.10				26.10							4.35	
5.6.17	T.Bell stationary	18.17	102672		27.66				27.66								
9.6.17	P.Levitt Petrol	19.17	102673		32.99						32.99					5.50	
19.6.17	Landscaping & Hort - Plants	110.17	102674		318.00						318.00						
20.6.17	NWG Water rates	111.17	102675		45.89							45.89					
	BACS fee		BACS														
	Wages		BACS		3476.28				3476.28								
26.6.17	DCC Partnership - SLA Recharge Highways operative		BACS	4220.00		4220.00											
27.6.17	Tyne&Fire Safety -Fire equip test	112.17	102676		36.00				36.00								
27.6.17	T.Bell 1st Qtr mileage	113.17	102677		311.85				311.85								
27.6.17	Alice Hospice grant donation	114.17	102678		150.00									150.00			
				4220.00	4655.48	4220.00			4108.60		350.99	45.89				9.85	

Appendix D

DM/17/01801/OUT	Mrs Doreen Greaves	Lorinda Cottage Front Street West Haswell Durham DH6 2DD	Demolition of existing dwelling and outline application for up to 5 dwellings with details of access included (All other matters reserved).	Shotton and South Hetton Haswell
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