

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF **HASWELL PARISH COUNCIL** HELD ON
TUESDAY 25TH JULY AT 6.30PM HELD AT **THE HAZELWELL CENTRE**

Present

CLLrs C Hood (Presiding), J.Cook, G.Dunstone, O.Gray, 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, 16 members of the public

38.17. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Hartley (holiday) Barbara Lee from Wardens (holiday)

39.17 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:

- (i) Cllr I Cochrane declared a personal interest in Tuthill Quarry.
- (ii) Cllr O Gray declared a personal interest in the Football Fees

40.17 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27th 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.

41.17 Police Briefing

P.C Wilson gave a briefing. He acknowledged that the amount of incidents in the village were unacceptable.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted

42.17 Warden Update

There was no update.

43.17 Public Participation

The following questions and issues were raised:

- Mr Billings raised a question about the ongoing development at Chapel Lane. The Chair advised all information is available on line at Durham County Council website on the planning portal. The issue of the poor state of the roads and pavements were also raised.
- Mr Cairns stated that he was pleased at the good attendance for Durham Gala and the attendance of the Council meetings.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the information be duly noted.
- (ii) that the Chair supplies the relevant information to Mr Billings regarding the planning application.

44.17 Clerks report / correspondence

- Letters of thanks were sent to those organisations who assisted in the arranging the Durham Miners Gala
- Grants funding applications have been submitted and received from DCC Neighbourhood Budget totalling £37976
- Contacted SAG re Haswells Carnival to discuss the information needed to complete the relevant application and forms. The insurance company has been contacted regarding the cover needed.
- Letter of thanks has been received from Alice House Hospice thanking the council for its kind donation.
- Query has been sent to the land registry regarding the ownership of the land at the beck at the bottom of Windsor Terrace.
- DCC NEAT have advised that there are wanting to remove a scrub bed as it is in poor condition.
- The playground installation should be commencing on 31st July subject to the equipment being completed this week.
- The Clerk reminded all Councillors of the training session booked for the 26th July
- The Clerk advised that she had just received a letter from the Trustees of the Hazelwell Centre requesting a financial contribution of £4000 towards the upgrade of the CCTV and other essential repairs. Cllr. Hood said that this cannot be considered due to standing orders regarding correspondence. Cllr. Cook said that the council would need a greater breakdown to gain an understanding of the request.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That the Hazelwell Centre request be placed on the September agenda for discussion and a decision.

45.17. Finance

1. *Accounts*

To approve the monthly accounts. Appendix A

2. *Insurance for Carnival*

The quote is for £112 to cover the Council this is subject to those individuals having the appropriate liability insurance and risk assessments in place

3. *1st Quarter*

The information was circulated for information. Appendix B

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That the insurance cover be purchased to cover the event

46.17 Planning

1. *Monthly Planning applications.*

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

2. *Update on Tuthill Quarry.*

Cllr I Cochrane declared an interest and left the room.

The Clerk advised that an email had been received from the Planning Consultants acting for the applicant regarding the leaflets which had been circulated in the village by the Residents Association. This has been circulated to all Councillors for information.

The clerk has advised the Planning Consultants to arrange a public meeting with the Residents Association to discuss the concerns. The Chair advised that the Residents Association were having issues with continuing at present, the last meeting was cancelled. It was suggested that the Council try and arrange a public meeting with the planning consultant to discuss the application.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted
- (ii) There were no objections to the planning list.
- (iii) That the Clerk contacts the planning consultant to discuss arranging a public meeting.

47.17 The Hazelwell Centre

The Chair said that a meeting took place on 29th June 2017 between representatives of the Parish Council and the Trustees of the centre to discuss future partnership working. The Chair advised that this went well and that the council hoped that this was the start of a new partnership.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted

48.17 Football Fees 2017/2018 season

The Clerk has investigated football fees with a number of other Councils to compare the prices charges. Clerk advised that the fees have not increased over the past 4 years and that the adult fee were reduced from £350 to £200 the same as the youth teams to offset the money needed to pay for the changing facilities at the Hazelwell centre.

Cllr. Hood said that the football fees were cheap but when the cost of the changing rooms are added on, this actually makes the facility one of the most expensive in the area. A discussion took place regarding the level of fees and how help could be given to those football teams that may need it. It was suggested that a Small Grant Application could be submitted by those who felt they needed the help. These would be considered on an individual basis and in line with the Councils S137 Small Grant Policy.

RESOLVED

- (ii) That the information be duly noted
- (iii) That the fees be set at £200 for all team for the 2017/18 season and individual games remain at £20
- (iv) That teams submit a Small Grant Applications for consideration if they need assistance with the fees.

49.17 Sports Sub Committee

The Chair asked for a discussion to set up a Sports Sub Committee to see if there was a possibility that members could assist in taking queries and arrange booking for the sports pitches due to the fact several teams had said that they were not receiving any correspondence or a call back when contacting the parish office. He continued that many clubs had said they would be interested in booking the parish council facilities and that he was worried that the council could miss out on revenue. The Clerk advised that this a daily management function which is part of the role of the Clerk and Groundsmans. The Clerk advised that a committee can be established to discuss how to develop the sports facilities, it would need terms of reference to establish its remit. Cllr. Hood said that the suggestion was made to relieve the clerk and groundsman of the workload as the council were happy to assist, but could be discussed at a later date.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

50.17 Haswell Carnival Update

Cllr Gray advised that she had contacted tried to contact the clerk previous to the meeting to hand over the SAG file, however she received no reply from the clerk. Therefore, the file was handed over at the meeting. She continued that the preparations are well underway only one hygiene certificate is outstanding.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

51.17 The Old Recreation Ground

The Chair advised that he has spoken to the Charity Commission and requested a copy of the latest governing document in relation to The Old Recreation Ground Charity. This document confirmed that the Parish Council is the Trustee. The Clerk has forwarded a copy of this to the Solicitor so a professional opinion can be determined regarding the Council's liability. The Clerk advised that all Councillors' dates of birth are required for the Charity Commission registration process to become a trustee.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted
- (ii) That Councillors supply the Clerk with the details so the registration can be completed.

52.17 Review of Standing Orders

The Chair said that he would like a discussion within the group regarding the night in which Haswell Parish Council meetings took place. He continued that all the members of the council had said that a Wednesday night may be better than a Tuesday due to other commitments the members had. The Clerk advised that the Council had adopted the NALC model Standing Orders which were reviewed and approved in April 2017. As per Standing Orders no resolution can be rescinded within 6 months without a Motion. The Chair said that the council would therefore discuss the issue at the September meeting, as this was 6 months after the meeting dates were approved.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.
- (ii) That a discussion regarding the proposals be brought to the September meeting.

53.17 Durham Miners Gala 2018

This will take place on 14th July 2018. The Chair advised that he would like to investigate the availability of brass bands for the event as many bands were already being booked up for the 2018 event. He continued that approximate costs are between £1000 and £1500. He advised that by joining the Durham Miners Association a grant could be sought to offset the costs.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted
- (ii) That the Chair investigate the availability of brass bands with the view that the council make a decision on booking a band when the 2017/18 Precept is discussed
- (iii) That the Council join the Durham Miners Association and apply for the appropriate funding

54.17 Members Reports

Cllr Dunstone advised that there is a rat problem in George Street. Cllr Huntington advised that this is a national problem and there is a charge of £40 for DCC Extermination Service which covers 4 visits. Cllr Huntington said she would investigate this at County Hall to see if this could be arranged at county hall.

Cllr Dunstone also raised a query regarding the ownership of the Beck at the bottom of Windsor Terrace. The clerk advised that a search had been sent to the land registry and no reply has been received to date.

Cllr Ramsay advised that there is a problem with Mazine Terrace being used as a race track. This has been reported to the police and is now a PACT priority.

Cllr Milburn advised that Mencap had been successful in receiving funding for the holiday hunger programme. 15 children had turned out today for bowling buddies and it is hoped the programme will be a great success.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted
- (ii) That Cllr Huntington raise the issue of the rats with the Environmental Health

55.17 County Councillors Update

Cllr P Brookes informed the meeting that:

- Cllr Morris Nicolls had died. He was the longest standing County Councillor serving his community of Wheatley Hill since 1981 he will be sadly missed.
- T.A dispute continues as the pay deal has been rejected. Talks will continue with the union.
- Problem with the shortage of G.P's in the area this has been raised by Cllr Lucy Hovells who is the cabinet member for health.
- £44 million needs to be saved over the next 2 years. 2000 staff have been made redundant to date. These cuts are now affecting services.

Cllr E Huntington informed the meeting that:

- Health is a concern regionally due to the continued cuts in budget
- A meeting had taken place with carers regarding the cutting of benefits without warning which causes hardship. This has been raised with officers at the council and is now being addressed.
- Police are looking to reform how they address the drugs problems. Police and Crime Commissioner Ron Hogg is working in partnership to find a solution.
- Partnership working with the Fire brigade will continue with the appointment of a new Station Manager. Arson has been a big problem in Shotton the Mutual Gain partnership aim to tackle this issue.
- Universal Credit will be introduced to everyone from September 2017 this payment will be paid in arrears which could cause hardship to claimants. Cllr Huntington reminded Councillors that she prepared food parcels for those in need.

Cllr I Cochrane informed the meeting that:

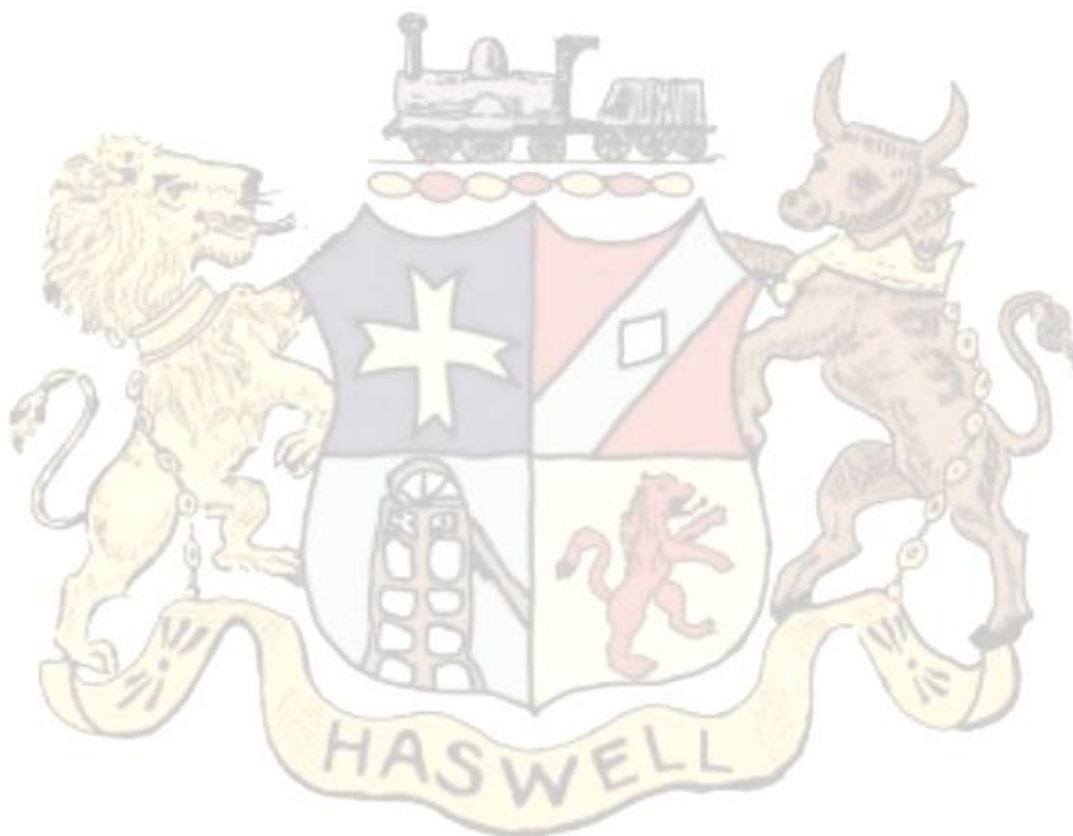
- County Councillors are now having to undergo a DBS check there is no clarification if this will be a Parish Council requirement.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the information be duly noted.

56.17 Date and Time of the next meeting

The Hazelwell Centre, Windsor Terrace, Haswell Tuesday 26th September 2017 @ 6.30pm



APPENDIX B

		Inv /Rec	Cheque				Football		Central	Public				Section
1.4.16	Precept		BACS	70970		70970								
	LCT Grant		BACS	10828										
	Wages		BACS		3476.28				3476.28					
	BACS fee		BACS		10.48									
25.4.17	Hazelwell Centre	12.17	102668		15000.00					15000.00				
	P.Levitt petrol cleaning supplies													
2.5.17	Vodaphone	15.17	DD		19.00				19.00					
	Wages		BACS		3476.28				3476.28					
	BACS fee		BACS		10.48									
	CDALC Annual Subscription													
1.6.17	Vodaphone	17.17	DD		26.10				26.10					
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			
	BACS fee		BACS		10.48									
	Wages		BACS		3476.28				3476.28					
	DCC Partnership - SLA Recharge													
	Tyne&Fire Safety -Fire equip test													
	T.Bell 1st Qtr mileage													
29.6.17	T.Bell postage	11.15.17	102579		15.60				15.60					
				86018	27184.52	86018			11509.76	15096.44	350.99	45.89		150.00

APPENDIX C

DM/17/02022/OUT	Mrs Brenda Williamson	Land To The East Of North Pesspool Farm Pesspool Lane Haswell DH6 2AH	Up to nine houses (outline, all matters reserved)	Shotton and South Hetton Hawell
DM/17/02362/FPA	Mr Alan Stockdale	Land To The North East Of 26 Kestrel Way Haswell DH6 2BF	Dormer bungalow and double garage and additional parking spaces	

