



Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 6.30pm held at held St Pauls Church, Haswell

Present

CLLrs C Hood (Chair), G. Dunstone, O. Gray, E. Major, S Hartley & W. Ramsay

In Attendance - 8 members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parish Council Meeting.

30.18 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor H Milburn, K Welch, J Cook, County Councillors J Grant, E Huntington and I Cochrane.

31.18 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. Councillor Hood declared an interest in item 3 in the Clerk's Report relating to the Locals that Lunch Project.

32.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record, subject to it being shown that planning permission had not been granted for the Tuthill Quarry site.

The notes of the Events Working Party held on 14th March 2018, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were also approved and signed as a correct record, subject to Mr S Major being shown as in attendance.

33.18 Police Briefing

P.C Dean Wilson offered his apologies for not being able to attend and asked that any items be passed to him for attention, there were none offered at the meeting. **RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.**

34.18 Finance

- (a) **RESOLVED** the monthly accounts, as circulated, be approved and paid.
- (b) **Closing of Accounts & Internal Audit – progress reported**
- (c) **External Audit – Mazars LLP – due date 6th July 2018.**

35.18 Planning

There had been no details submitted by Durham County Council this month.

36.18 Opening Of Windsor Terrace Play Area

It had been agreed the play area be officially opened on Saturday 7 April 2018 at 1pm and invitations had been sent out, all were welcome. A final grant claim had now been submitted with the required paperwork. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

37.18 Member's Reports

The Chairman had the following items:-

- (i) Attendance by county councillors representing Haswell Plough at the parish council meetings – it was asked if the Ward could be represented at the meeting as it represented 12% of their electorate.
- (ii) Noticeboards – it was asked if noticeboards could be installed in the village. **RESOLVED prices be obtained and planning permission be applied for.**
- (iii) Apprenticeship – it was asked if arrangements could begin on an apprentice being employed by the Parish Council. **RESOLVED local training partnerships be approached to support the Parish Council in offering an apprenticeship.**
- (iv) Easter visit to Tweddle Farm, Crimdon **RESOLVED approval be given to a maximum of 30 children being offered a free visit to Tweddle Farm, they being accompanied by an adult, transport being provided by the Parish Council, (with a £5.00 charge for those outside the village), this £247.00 being funded from the Youth Forum budget allocation, (£500 total).**
- (v) Big Spring Clean an application had been made to this project for the equipment to take part in this initiative on 12 April 2018 10.30-11.30am. This being a trial to hopefully being extended to regular litter picks in the village by volunteers.
- (vi) Half Term Mayhem – **RESOLVED approval given to a full day for up to 30 children at Hardwick Park, at a cost of £310.00 which included transport.**
- (vii) Small Grant Applications – suggested policy to be used to administer small grants was circulated to each Member prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED this small grants application policy be adopted for immediate use by the Parish Council.**

Councillor Major reported on the Tots group running from the Church where 7 children had attended this week. There were no other reports offered or items given.

38.18 County Councillor's Update Report

There was no report or update this month.

39.18 Clerk's Progress Report

The update report from the Clerk was circulated for the consideration of Members.

RESOLVED approval be given to the renewal of the SLA with DCC for the update and support for the web site; approval be given to engage an internal auditor as detailed in the report. The request received to hold a charity dog show on parish council land, be refused.

40.18 Public Participation

Items raised included:-

- Improvements at The Oddfellows Arms

- Graffiti, litter, fly tipping, the condition of derelict buildings, and dog fouling increasing;
- Progress with the Parish Plan.

RESOLVED the information given be noted and any reports required be made to the Clean & Green Team. **FURTHER RESOLVED** a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to the Oddfellows Arms.

41.18 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED the next meeting be held at St Paul's Church Hall, Church View, Haswell, DH6 2DT on Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 6.30pm.