

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 6.30pm held at held St Pauls Church, Haswell

**Present**

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

County Councillors: I. Cochrane

In Attendance - 10 members of the public

**77.18 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor H Millburn, J Cook & W Ramsay.

**78.18 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 Major declared an interest in item 5(d) small grant application received from St Pauls Church.

**79.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of this meeting, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct.**

**80.18 Police Briefing**

The Chair welcomed P.C Dean Wilson to the meeting. PC Wilson reported on the various activities in the village and then asked those present for any issues that were causing them concern. He assured he would do his best to make future PACT meetings on an evening that would not clash with the Parish Council Meeting. **RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.**

**81.18 Finance**

(a) To approve the monthly accounts

**RESOLVED the monthly accounts, as listed below be approved and paid:-**

1.	Npower	233.46	street lights
2.	Cochrane's	150.00	coach – Hardwick Park trip
3.	DCC	948.72	HR Payroll SLA
		92.77	repairs to grass cutter
		160.00	fee for a full day outdoors – Hardwick
4.	Olwen Gray	171.20	summer bedding plants
5.	Haswell Catering	400.00	New Years Eve – catering

6. Tyne Fire & Safety Ltd 36.60 Fire extinguisher annual maint.

(b) Bank Reconciliation for May 2018, a copy of which had been circulated, was accepted.

(c) Risk Assessments – review of risk for the Parish Council

Members considered and reviewed risk as detailed in the internal auditors report, a copy of which had been previously circulated; they also reviewed the current Risk Assessment 2016/17, in place for the parish Council. Members considered the risks facing the council, both financial and operational, **RESOLVED the risk assessment be confirmed and it be noted the risks given in the internal auditor's report had been addressed.**

(d) Small Grant Application- St Pauls Church Details of this grant submission were given. **RESOLVED a full application be requested from the Church.**

### **82.18 Planning**

There were no details submitted by Durham County Council this month.

### **83.18 Member's Reports**

Councillor Major thanked a resident for their help and support in clearing glass and litter from the football field. It was asked that the Teams be contacted regarding clearing their litter.

Councillor Dunstone thanked the Parish Council for their grant towards the recent trip. He was also to organise a car treasure hunt which he gave details of and possible dates, he felt this was something extra for the parish to enjoy.

Councillor Gary gave details of an issue with a wall and fence in the village, which Councillor Cochrane offered to help with. Concern was expressed at the condition of properties in the village. The Parish Council stressed how hard they and residents were working to improve the villages and they were concerned at the potential health and safety hazard one property in particular was posing. It was suggested a visit be made to speak to the owner occupier.

Councillor Cook had offered her apologies however had given a report to the Chair. She understood the gold cup/trophy mentioned at the recent meeting was for a best garden and may be with the resident that had been awarded it. She reported street lights that were on 24 hours a day in Rosemount.

The Chair asked for progress with the noticeboards, which was given. **RESOLVED when permission was granted two noticeboards be ordered at a cost of £494.00 each from XL Displays and the locations were agreed as on the green in Haswell and to the front of the bull ring area in Haswell Plough.**

Progress was also requested with the football goals, it was suggested grant funding be investigated and should that not be successful a set be ordered at a cost of £495.00 each from Stadia Sports.

It was suggested all of the 33 seats belonging to the Parish Council be reconditioned and painted.

Volunteers to assist with the watering of the floral displays was requested.

### **84.18 County Councillor's Update Report**

County Councillor Cochrane offered his support in sourcing repairs with DCC to the Dent Close Play Area. He reported on consultation now out for the County Durham Plan and encouraged all to attend the local drop in sessions to be held. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

### **85.18 Clerk's Progress Report**

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

**RESOLVED** whist being very disappointed, the Parish Council agree to pay for the use of the village's banner for the Banner Parade on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Councillor O Gray asked for it to be recorded she was against this decision. **FURTHER RESOLVED** another price be obtained for the first aid cover at the Carnival, and the most suitable and cheapest provider be booked.

**86.18 Public Participation**

There was only one items raised which was the grass cutting at the Hazelwell Centre and situation was explained and accepted.

**87.18 Date of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED** the next meeting be held at St Paul's Church Hall, Church View, Haswell, DH6 2DT on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 6.30pm.