

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 25th July 2018 at 6.30pm held at held St Pauls Church, Haswell

Present

Cllrs O Gray (Chair), J Cook, H Millburn, E Major & W Ramsay

County Councillor: I. Cochrane

In Attendance - 7 members of the public

88.18 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors C Hood, S Hartley, G Dunstone & K Welch.

89.18 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)(ii) small grant application, final stage, received from St Pauls Church.

90.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 27th June 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.

91.18 Police Briefing

The Chair welcomed P.C Dean Wilson to the meeting. PC Wilson reported on the various activities in the village and gave the crime statistics since the last meeting and then asked those present for any issues that were causing them concern. He encouraged all present to make reports to the Police via the 101 telephone line. **RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.**

92.18 Finance

(a) To approve the monthly accounts

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

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| 1. | Hazelwell Centre | 61.00 | use of the Banner, July & November 2018 |
| 2. | Cochrane's | 250.00 | hire of coach – Durham Big Meeting |
| 3. | DCC | 217.12 | repairs to vehicles |
| 4. | Northern Monkey Brass Band | | |
| | | 1,500.00 | Performance & parading – Gala 2018 |
| 5. | G & T Tate | 57.60 | tractor fuel |
| 6. | Wave | 87.21 | water charges |

- (b) Bank Reconciliation for June 2018, a copy of which had been circulated, was accepted.
- (c) 2019/20 Budget Planning- update of DCC's tax base – it was reported there would be a reduction in the LCTRS Grant of £537.76. **RESOLVED the information given be noted and this reduction of grant be taken into account when considering the budget for 2019/20.**

(d) Small Grant Applications

(i) Alice House

Details of this first stage grant submission were given. **RESOLVED a full application be requested from Alice House.**

(ii) St Pauls Church

RESOLVED an award of £200.00 be made to St Pauls Church.

(iii) East Durham Community Transport

Details of this first stage grant submission were given. **RESOLVED a full application be requested from East Durham Community Transport.**

93.18 Planning

There were no planning details submitted by Durham County Council this month. County Councillor Cochrane made reference again to the Durham County Council Local Plan which was still out for consultation.

94.18 Member's Reports

Councillor Major reported the holiday projects were going well with lots of residents along with their families attending them.

Councillor Cook asked if a rubbish bin could be requested at the former pit site. She also advised there had been speeding vehicles reported in the area. There had been an incident of fly tipping at Mazine terrace which had been attended to. She spoke on the Durham Gala and reported on the thanks and appreciation expressed by the residents, and in particular a former Parish Councillor, on seeing the Haswell Banner being part of the Parade. She was very proud to have been part of the Parade and take the banner into Durham to the Gala Event.

Councillor Ramsay advised he had received a telephone call from a local resident who was upset the fence at the old pit wheel had not yet been painted. Several volunteers and Councillors offered to carry out this task together.

Councillor Milburn reported she had received comments that this year's floral displays were not as good as in past years. It was advised that unfortunately many of the plants had been stolen from the planters. The Chair thanked everyone for their efforts in keeping the plants watered over the recent period of hot weather. Councillor Milburn reported on the problems experienced in getting a bag of rubbish that had been collected by a volunteer collected/disposed of. She reported a judge had been sourced for the cake competition at the Carnival.

Councillor Welch offered her apologies however had submitted a reported giving an update with her work with dementia friends and working towards Haswell being a dementia community. She asked for approval to publicise this work via social media and the council's web site and this was agreed.

The Chair, Councillor Gray agreed with Councillor Cook's sentiments about the Miners Gala and the Haswell Banner, she thanked Rev Brooker for her involvement and support. She once again thanked her colleagues and residents for their help watering the summer bedding plants. She reminded and invited everyone present to the Carnival to be held on 18 August and asked for Council approval to engage another singer for the evening entertainment at a cost of £200, which was agreed.

RESOLVED the information given in the reports, be noted. FURTHER RESOLVED a singer be booked for the Carnival, at a cost of £200.00 and the painting of the fence at the former pit site be carried out, if necessary as an improvement project.

95.18 County Councillor's Update Report

County Councillor Cochrane reported how impressed he was with the activities held and planned in the Haswells for the six weeks summer holidays. He asked for action with the Grey Horse to be left to take its course. He offered his help with revamping the Burt Close Play Area. He referred to the preferred options in the County Durham Plan. He spoke on a letter of objection he had received regarding the proposed relocation of County Hall. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

96.18 Clerk's Progress Report

The update report from the Clerk was circulated for the consideration of Members. This included progress with GDPR with the Clerk undertaking training, details of Members training sessions offered, football fields, an update with the Carnival, the use of the banner and finally the VAT return receipt. **RESOLVED Members wishing to take up the training advise the Clerk asap, and the remainder of the information contained in the report, be noted.**

97.18 Public Participation

It was asked what street lights were the parish paying for? This would be checked by the Clerk. Progress with the demolition of the old school site was requested. There was concern at the safety of the community and it was agreed the Parish Council write a letter of concern to DCC about the delay with its demolition.

The resident thanked everyone involved with the Parish Council and their work, he felt this was making a marked difference to the village. He said what a good job Mr Levitt the highways worker does.

Rev Brooker asked if the PCC could tie in with the scarecrow festival, joint working and link in with the church service that day, Sunday 16 September 2018. Agreed this be considered and discussed further with the Chair.

98.18 Date of Next Meeting

An informal planning meeting would be held to finalise the Carnival Event. **RESOLVED the next meeting be held at St Paul's Church Hall, Church View, Haswell, DH6 2DT on Wednesday 25th September 2018 at 6.30pm.**