

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

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

Present

Cllrs C HOOD (Chair), O Gray, E Major, H Millburn, G Dunstone & W Ramsay

County Councillors: E Huntington & I Cochrane

In Attendance - 6 members of the public

121.18 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors K Welch & J Cook.

122.18 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.

123.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 31st October 2018

Matters Arising

(i) Brown on White sign for the Tom Simpson memorial

RESOLVED the Parish Council not apply for a brown on white sign for this site at this present time. FURTHER RESOLVED the current signboard be refurbished and a new sign be put in place at Haswell Plough at the top of Mazine Terrace.

(ii) Customer Services Apprenticeship – paperwork circulated

RESOLVED it be agreed a 12 month long customer services apprenticeship be offered by the Parish Council, working 27 hours a week, with their time divided between the various local group, at £4.70 an hour with day to day line management to be agreed.

(iii) To agree the location of the two Christmas trees

RESOLVED the two trees be located as they were last year, on the village green in Haswell and to the front of the green at Haswell Plough.

(iv) Planning a New Year's Eve Party

RESOLVED a party be organised for this year, a limit of 80 persons, ticket price of £5.00 per person, payable in advance in the Furnished, Haswell, 8pm – 1,00am.

(v) Street lights at The Paddock

RESOLVED it be agreed these lights be switched off.

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 record.

124.18 Police Briefing

P.C. Wilson & Edson gave an update to the meeting of reports made since the last meeting. PC Wilson hoped to be able to take up the offer of volunteers to carry out speed watch work in the village in the New Year. He asked if their details could be included in the next parish magazine and this was confirmed. **RESOLVED that the information given, be noted and the officers be thanked**

for their time and attendance at the meeting. The Chairman wished the Officers a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

125.18 Finance

(a) To approve the monthly accounts for October/November 2018

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

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| St Pauls Church | 18.00 | poppy wreath (paid) |
| Mencap | 473.83 | various (paid 10/11/18) |
| J Cook | 281.94 | Christmas lights |
| DCC | 54.16 | repair to Kubota |
| E Major | 245.43 | various – Christmas Giving (see receipts) |
| GI & NR Tate | 46.08 | diesel |
| K Tweddle | 19.39 | printer cartridges |
| Wicksteed | 18.54 | supply of parts for the play area |
| P Levitt | 40.10 | miscellaneous |

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

126.18 Planning

Details of a planning application submitted for The Gas fuelled capacity mechanism embedded generation plant to support the National Grid – resubmission on Land to the North of Hackworth Road, NW Industrial Estate, were given and it was reported this had been refused following a DCC planning sub committee meeting.

There was also an application for Land to the North of Harehill Mews, Haswell Plough, change of use for equestrian use and new stable block.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

127.18 Member's Reports

Councillor Dunstone reported on problems with re occurring fly tipping which had been reported to DCC.

Councillor Ramsay gave details on the purchase of the two Christmas trees for the parish and it was **RESOLVED Councillor Ramsay's offer to arrange for the two trees on behalf of the Parish Council, be gratefully accepted.**

Councillor Millburn reported on problems with dog mess on the parish council's playing and sports fields. A dog bin had been requested and it was agreed this be chased up. It was also agreed an item be included in the parish council newsletter on problems with dog fouling. Councillor Huntington also offered her support and assistance with this matter.

It was reported the Youth Club numbers were growing slowly with a good mix of ages attending.

The Chairman had several items to report on to the meeting as follows:-

Christmas Giving Event – preparation on 1st December and actual event on Saturday 8th December **any help and support for the Christmas giving and tree lighting event was requested;**

Christmas Tree Lighting 2018 – an update was given with everything in hand;

New notice boards – an update was given with this item and it was also discussed later in the meeting under the Clerk's report;

Parish Council lights 2018 this was discussed and a decision made as detailed in the later report as above;

Street lights – Paddock Farm **RESOLVED the lights be switched off;**

The Hazelwell Centre – an update from the Charity Commission was given and it was **RESOLVED a public meeting be held to allow residents to have their say on the matter;**

2019/20 Precept it was suggested the precept remain the same for 2019/20 however this be discussed further at the next meeting and be formally approved;

Apprentice Community Engagement Worker – the Chair gave further details on the proposal which had been agreed;

MUGA pitch, it was confirmed this facility belonged to the Hazelwell Centre. Members expressed their concerns at the safety and the visual eyesore it was providing a site for anti social behaviour to take place. **RESOLVED these concerns be relayed to the Hazelwell Centre.**

RESOLVED the information given, be noted and Members be thanked for their update reports.

128.18 County Councillor's Update Report

County Councillor Huntington reported on budget cuts at County Council level in children's services, and staff cuts. She reported she had received complaints at the size of the recent bonfire it was stressed this was not a parish council organised event, it had been organised by residents.

RESOLVED the information given, be noted.

County Councillor Cochrane reported he had also received reports about the bonfire. He encouraged anyone with feedback on the re location of county hall to submit comments asap as the period of consultation was due to close shortly. He praised everyone for the excellent Festival of Remembrance held on 10th November and especially congratulated Stuart Major (Junior) for his role in the event. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

129.18 Clerk's Progress Report

The update report from the Clerk was circulated for the consideration of Members. This included street lighting at The Paddock, the Festival of Remembrance held on 10th November 2018, the New Year's Eve Party, correspondence from the Hazelwell Centre, learning & development. It was **RESOLVED**

- (i) the action taken in arranging for the printing of a programme for the Remembrance Festival, be endorsed;**
- (ii) approval be given for the Parish Council to organise this years New Years Eve Event and pay for the disco and hire of toilets, tickets be priced at £5.00 in advance, a limit of 80 tickets, the Oddfellows provide the bar and be held in the Furni Shed, Haswell.**
- (iii) The action taken in arranging for the groundsman to attend an update on play area inspection course, be endorsed.**
- (iv) the noticeboard at the Hazelwell Centre be taken out and the ground re instated by the Parish Council, it to be re used if possible also the two planters at the Centre be removed.**
- (v) RESOLVED the Christmas lights at the Hazelwell Centre not be put up this year.**
- (vi) and the remainder of the information contained in the report, be noted.**

130.18 Public Participation

The County Councillors were asked what did the County Councillors fund. They asked who the MUGA belongs to. They asked for the identity of who/what organisation now runs the Hazelwell Centre. It was asked did the Hazelwell Centre hold a licence to sell alcohol and had the Parish Council asked to hold the New Years Eve event in the centre. An offer from a local farmer to assist the Parish Council as and when they needed to purchase a new tractor was noted.

The Chair thanked everyone on behalf of the Parish Council for their support during the year and he wished all a Happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

131.18 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED the next Parish Council Meeting be held at St Paul's Church Hall, Church View, Haswell, DH6 2DT (it be noted there was no meeting in December) the next meeting Wednesday 16th January 2019. **FURTHER RESOLVED** any urgent payments be made, subject to the prior approval of two Members, as per standing orders.