

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 6.30pm held at St Pauls Church, Haswell

Present

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

County Councillor: I Cochrane

In Attendance – 9 members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23.19 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor K Welch, County Councillor Huntington.

24.19 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. There were none given.

25.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 27th February 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of this meeting, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a true and correct record, subject to the amendment relating to where the dead animal had been found, being made.

26.19 Police & Street Warden Briefing

Apologies had been received from the Police. A resident asked that his thanks be passed on for the recent portable speed monitoring that had been carried out in the village. It was asked that a report be passed on to the wardens about rubbish and trees being dumped and burnt.

27.19 Finance

(a) To approve the monthly accounts for March 2019

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

| <u>Paid to</u> | <u>amount £</u> | <u>service</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Party time inflatables | 150.00 | deposit The Carnival |
| K Tweddle | 25.49 | gift for Rev Brooker |
| Wave | 72.76 | water – rear of community centre |

(b) Bank Reconciliation for February 2019, a copy of which had been circulated, was accepted.

28.19 Planning

There were no planning details to report.

29.19 Member's Reports

Councillor Major asked that Rev. Brooker and the PCC's thanks be passed on to the groundsman Mr Levitt.

Councillor Grey reported on issues with rubbish being dumped and set fire to.

Councillor Millburn advised she had received a further letter from the MP on the Grey Horse.

Councillor Ramsay advised he was hoping to have prices for road widening works to the access to the parish fields, shortly.

The Chair advised that he and County Councillor Cochrane had met with Rachel Stockdale, (Durham Constabulary), to identify areas of concern and hopefully carry out some target hardening in the village with her. He was pleased to report the former school building had been escalated as a dangerous building and the DCC Assets Team were to attend to the dangerous tiles as reported at the last meeting. He reported on a drive by parents at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School to tackle the road safety issues being experienced whilst parents were dropping off children at the school. A questionnaire had been sent to the parents of children attending the school which had an average of 100 vehicles going into the school yard on a morning, with the size of the school intake almost doubling in recent years. In due course the group would be seeking support from the Parish Council with its efforts to improve the safety of the children at the school.

The Chair reported he had submitted an FOI request to DCC asking for a breakdown of monies spent in the villages; it was suggested a further request be submitted. This had prompted the meeting that had been arranged with the AAP representatives.

The Chair asked for support and approval for the Parish Council to part fund the following two trips as part of the holiday programmes:-

Friday 12th April, a trip to Adventure Valley, to fund it with a grant of £400.00;

Friday 13th May, a trip to the Beamish Museum, to fund it with a grant of £350.00.

This was agreed.

It was asked that the provision of a rubbish bin at the pic nic site at the former pit be requested once again. The Clerk assured she would do this.

RESOLVED the information given, be noted and approval be given to the part funding of the holiday programme by the Parish Council. Members were thanked for their efforts and their update reports.

30.19 County Councillor's Update Report

The Chairman and County Councillor Cochrane were to meet with the AAP to see what funding may be available to the Parish Council. He was also working with the school on the road safety issues.

31.19 Clerk's Progress Report

The update report from the Clerk was circulated for the consideration of Members. This included details of review of fees and charges, pitch allocation, closing of accounts and internal audit, renewal of SLA's and progress with the noticeboards and dog bins. **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) The review of fees and charges be noted and the fees for the next season be agreed as £200.00 for the 12 months, £25 for one off friendlies;**
- (ii) Field allocation be based on those that had played this year be given the first offer for the following season;**
- (iii) Approval be given to use RBS to close the annual accounts and Mr Wilbur be engaged to carry out the internal audit function/review on behalf of the Parish Council;**
- (iv) SLA's with DCC to provide a payroll service and web site support, be agreed;**
- (v) the information contained in the report, be noted.**

32.19 Public Participation

A resident once again suggested that if repairs were made to the footpath from the village to Shotton then perhaps children would walk/use their cycles to get to school which as a result may help reduce the number of vehicles in the school yard.

A report was made about unlicensed vehicles, quads and motorbikes, racing through the village causing a danger and noise and nuisance to all. She had made reports to the Police. The Clerk assured she would also make a report on her behalf. It was felt efforts should be made to try and prohibit access to open areas however it was accepted this would be quite a task. Details were given where fencing needed to be replaced to prevent access. The repeated dumping of rubbish was also reported.

33.19 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED the next Parish Council Meeting be held at St Paul's Church Hall, Church View, Haswell, DH6 2DT on Wednesday 24th April 2019.