

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 6.30pm held at St Pauls Church, Haswell

**Present**

Cllrs C HOOD (Chair), O Gray, E Major, H Milburn, S Hartley & W Ramsay

County Councillors: E Huntington & I Cochrane

In Attendance – 8 members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their interest and attendance.

**57.19 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors K Welch & J Cook, (work commitments).

**58.19 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. Councillor Cochrane declared an interest in one of the payments being made to Kelvin Travel and Councillor Hood to the request for grant received from Mencap.

**59.19 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 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.**

**60.19 Police & Street Warden Briefing**

The Police were in attendance at the meeting and a copy of their report had been previously circulated. The Police had urgent business to attend to and asked to be excused. Their report was read out for the members of the public. The Chair introduced Dr Maggie Parker to the meeting. Dr Parker was the Speedwatch Co Ordinator in Shotton and had come to speak to the meeting and the public about the speed gun and associated equipment that had been purchased, funded by Cochrane's. She welcomed volunteers and asked if the parish council would help publicise the initiative. The Chair thanked Dr Parker for her address and gave the scheme the Parish Council's full support.

**61.19 Finance**

(a) To approve the monthly accounts for June 2019

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

<u>Paid to</u>	<u>amount £</u>	<u>service</u>
<b>1. Building &amp; Landscape Services</b>		
	<b>2,817.00</b>	<b>final payment – ramp playing fields</b>
<b>2. Cochrane's</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>coach Beamish</b>

3.	DCC	722.08	web support 19/20
		159.20	vehicle repairs
4.	GL&NR Tate	63.36	red diesel
5.	K Twedde	20.49	ink cartridges for printer
6.	Wave	60.84	water charges

(b) Bank Reconciliations for May 2019, a copy of which had been circulated, were accepted.

### 62.19 Planning

There were details of one application in the parish as follows:-

Housing Development on land to the west of St Pauls Church

**RESOLVED no comments be offered to DCC on the planning application.**

### 63.19 Member's Reports

Councillor Grey asked if improvements to the Dent Close Play Area could be considered such as a zip wire and a new swing. **RESOLVED a price be obtained and considered at the next meeting.**

She gave details of the recent serious road traffic accident in the village and she thanked County Councillor Cochrane for his help in making safe a tree that had been damaged as a result of the accident.

She asked if consideration could be given to an alternative use of the bowling green as there was no demand to use it as a bowling green and it was agreed this be part of a future long term project for the parish council to develop.

Councillor Grey asked if the Parish Council could provide dog poo bags free of charge for residents. **RESOLVED dog bags be provided free of charge for residents of the village.**

Councillor Ramsay expressed his concern on the condition of the ride on mower. This went onto discussions about the current SLA and service provided by DCC for the maintenance and repairs of the parish councils plant and tools. **RESOLVED the SLA not be renewed for 2019/20 and alternative arrangements be made to repair the parish council's plant and tools.**

The Chairman asked for approval to place the order for a PA system to be used at The Carnival and other village events. **RESOLVED the purchase of a PA at the cost of £289.00 be approved.** He was to contact the Clerk with further items outside the meeting.

### 64.19 County Councillor's Update Report

Councillor Cochrane gave an update with the demolition of the former primary school with an assurance from Officers at DCC that the building would be demolished by the Autumn of 2019 following bat surveys being carried out in July. He reported on metal thefts of manhole covers where cones had been put in place immediately as a safety precaution until they could be replaced.

He advised the paint and equipment would be made available for councillors and residents to paint the memorial garden fence which was planned for 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019. **RESOLVED the parish council provide food and soft drinks for the volunteers as a thankyou for their efforts and support.**

Councillor Huntington reported she had received 51 referrals since the last meeting and she had been extremely busy. She was pleased to see events such as The Miners Gala, Kinren and the Durham Run being organised. She reported on the charges for empty properties and the homeless implications as well as changed to the provision of urgent care out of hours in the County. She reported on the excellent work carried out by local school children as eco warriors and also that

work on the cycle path had been carried out. She reported on child poverty and the increase in the use of food banks, the obesity problems. At this point a resident asked what health initiatives were being brought into the Haswells. She also made reference to AAP Funding being provided to the Hazelwell Centre and support that had been offered by Councillor Huntington, which she had now withdrawn.

**RESOLVED the information given in the reports be noted and the County Councillor's be thanked for their efforts and their reports.**

#### **65.19 Clerk's Progress Report**

The update report from the Clerk was circulated for the consideration of Members. This included details of the external audit, summer activities for teens, the SLA for maintenance and repair of assets, the ride on mower, and grant award requests. **RESOLVED:-**

- (a) **A summer activity be organised for teens at a cost of £272.00;**
- (b) **Alice House be requested to submit a second stage application for consideration;**
- (c) **As agreed earlier in the meeting the SLA with DCC for the maintenance and repair of assets not be renewed for another year.**

#### **66.19 Public Participation**

It was reported there were overhanging trees on the footpath to the Oddfellows.

Consideration was given to land north of Dent Close, land at Station House/Street and land north of the former school building and it was agreed these sites be monitored and action be taken where possible.

#### **67.19 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.**