

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 6.30pm held at St Pauls Church, Haswell

Present

CLLrs C HOOD (Chair), O Gray, E Major, H Milburn, S Hartley, J Cook, K Welch, A Wainwright & W Ramsay

County Councillor: E Huntington & I Cochrane

In Attendance – 7 members of the public

13.20 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

14.20 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 the item relating to a grant for St Pauls Church.

15.20 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020

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.

16.20 Police & Street Warden Briefing

The Police had offered their apologies and the Clerk read out the report for the meeting. There were no further issues raised. **RESOLVED the report be noted.**

17.20 Finance

(a) To approve the monthly accounts

The payments for February 2020 were submitted to Members for approval.

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

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| Lloyds Ltd | 18,9860.00 | Kubota and assoc fittings |
| Rialtas | 145.20 | Alpha software annual support – single user |
| O Ramsay | 175.00 | mileage to collect the snow plough |
| | 153.89 | manufacture and fit brackets to the snow plough |

(b) Bank Reconciliation for January 2020, a copy of which had been circulated, was accepted.

(c) Small grant funding request – St Pauls Church, Locals Who Lunch & Costs towards the Parish Council Meetings

Consideration was given to these requests. **RESOLVED a grant of £1,550 be made towards the running costs of the locals that lunch and a grant/payment of £280.00 be made for the use of the meeting room at the church for the Parish Council Meetings.**

(d) To confirm the budget following the precept being agreed

RESOLVED the budget as circulated, be confirmed along with the use of an amount of £11,105 from the Council's reserves to balance the precept for 2020/21.

18.20 Consultation Events

Members considered the feedback offered during the consultation events held during February 2020 which included concern at the condition of Front Street, the bonfire site- planting wildflower seeds, Front Street/Station Street, the absence of the Police and Street Wardens in the village, Dent Close garage, request for an Easter Egg Hunt – family event, an offer to sponsor the Christmas Tree lights, issues at the former Grey Horse site, helping each other out and supporting neighbours in the village. All of the issues were noted and where possible action would be taken by the appropriate authority. Members of the public and councillors were thanked for their efforts and interest in the villages. **RESOLVED the feedback be noted and acted upon where possible.**

19.20 PLANNING

There were no planning details reported.

20.20 MEMBER'S REPORTS

The Meeting received updates and reports from all of the Local Members. Councillor Major thanked local residents for their quick action and intervention when the play area at Windsor Terrace was being vandalised. **RESOLVED a letter of the Parish Council's appreciation be sent to these residents.** Councillor Ramsay reported he had been approached again about the condition of the MUGA, (which was in the ownership of the Hazelwell Community Centre). He had also received complaints about the burnt out house on the front street. He had received complaints about the mis use of the car park at the memorial site, Councillor Cook spoke about this problem also. Several Members reported on the persistent fly tipping on the road between Haswell and Easington and about quad bikes riding around the villages causing danger for both pedestrians and motorists. Councillor Wainwright gave a comprehensive update on his efforts with Officers at DCC on the former Grey Horse, George Street building works and the burnt out house in front Street. The Chair also offered an update on the former Grey Horse site. Councillor Gray reported on fly tipping at Church Street. She said she had nearly been run down by an off road quad bike with no lights on it. She reported she had a brick from the former school and they several were being put to one side should others wish to take one as a momento. She reported there was still a significant uptake with the free dog bags being offered and asked for a further supply to be order. Members felt offering the dog bags free to dog owners in the village had made a definite impact on the amount of dog fouling being picked up. **RESOLVED the contents of the report be noted.**

21.20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE REPORT

The Meeting received update reports from the County Councillor present at the meeting. Councillor Huntington had offered to speak to DCC re cutting regimes if the Parish Council were to plant wild flowers on the Station field, to see if they could make sure they would not be cut down. She reported she had attended a lot of meetings in the month and she offered a summary of the main points of interest raised, this included the DCC budget meeting, life expectancy of women being linked to austerity, the Young People's Parliament and a large investment to be made available to all of the villages for improvements and she encouraged the Parish Council to have schemes/projects ready to make applications.

Councillor Cochrane advised the de fibrillator was to be installed at the Lisa Dixon Centre. The former school was currently being demolished and the slab was coming up and fencing had been arranged. He had carried out a recent walk about in the village with various partners.

22.20 CLERK'S MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

The update report from the Clerk had been circulated for the consideration of Members. This included the annual return to the Charity Commission, the dis sued bus shelter at Station Street to

be demolished and the site used for a memorial seat, the new noticeboard had been ordered, vandalism at the Windsor Street play area, details of the recent events working party recommendations, a six month progress report from Alice House and details of the recent purchase of horticulture equipment. Details were given of year end balances along with the use of reserves to balance the precept figure.

RESOLVED approval be given to action the ordering of the marquee, tables and chairs, staging, sound engineer, associated electrics. A programme for the day to be developed and agreed the emphasis still being a family event. FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given to engage support to achieve the year end and internal audit function for the council's accounts.

23.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair to invited members of the public present to address the Parish Council on items of concern or interest. It was reported it was to be the 150th Anniversary of St Pauls being the parish church and a service was to be held on Sunday 21st June 2020 at 4pm and all of the community were welcome. There had been a meeting with officers of DCC regarding upgrade works being carried out to the boardwalk area of the Haswell to Hart Walkway. Details were given of improvement works carried out, with the help of a local resident in terms of materials, in a ramp to the horticulture building. It was reported that if there were any reports of dumping of hazardous waste these should be made to the Environment Agency. The Chair thanked all for their input, interest and attendance.

24.20 DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Agreed the next Parish Council Meeting be held at St Paul's Church Hall, Church View, Haswell, DH6 2DT the next meeting would be on **Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 6.30pm**