

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 6.30pm held virtually and live on social media

Present:-

CLLrs C HOOD (Chair), E Major, O Gray, S Hartley, J Cook, K Welch, A Wainwright & W Ramsey
County Councillor I Cochrane

The Chair welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the current Parish Council, both Parish & County Councillors and members of the public watching on social media.

48.21 Apologies

No apologies for absence had been received.

49.21 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. None were received.

50.21 The Minutes of the Meeting Held on 31st March 2021

Matters Arising

HR & Health & Safety Support

At the last meeting it was resolved that in principle the price received from Firm B, Ellis Whittam, subject to clarification on services being provided and this be confirmed at the next meeting. It had now been confirmed their proposal includes them visiting our site for each year of the agreement as part of the fixed price offered. **RESOLVED a three year agreement for employment and health & safety support be entered into with Ellis Whittam at the price as detailed in the previous report.**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved subject to the alteration to include "It was agreed the Clerk progress a conversation with DCC as to would they be supportive of the installation of a fixed speed monitor in the Haswells and this be reported back to Council" and the minutes then be signed as a true and correct record.

51.21 Finance

(a) To approve the monthly accounts payments for March/April 2021

The payments for January/February 2021 submitted to Members, previously circulated, listed below some of which had already been approved for payment, in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.

Accounts Already Paid

W Ramsay	wheels for planters	1,225.00
For approval to pay:-		
GL & NR Tate	tractor fuel	62.40
Wilf Huusband	top soil	84.00
Horns Garden Centre	slate and sand	58.49
K Tweddle	pre planning advice & zoom	29.38
Arco	safety boots	104.28
Giants Steps Nursery	office rent	3,600.00

RESOLVED the action taken in making the payments as listed, totalling £5,233.15 be endorsed.

(b) To consider the bank reconciliation for March 2021

A copy of the bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED the reconciliation be accepted.**

(c) 2020/21 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) to be returned by 30 June 2021

The Clerk reported she was working on the accounts and would submit the paperwork on the next meeting for it to be sent to the Auditor by the due deadline of 30 June 2021. **RESOLVED progress be awaited.**

52.21 Hazelwell Centre Multi Use Games Area repairs and making good of all defects

The Clerk and Chair gave a brief verbal update with this matter. **RESOLVED a solicitor be engaged to serve the appropriate notice.**

53.21 Horticulture Plan for the Haswells

An update was given on progress with grounds maintenance and horticulture in the village. The location of the tyres was discussed at length and it was agreed the Chair would provide a map showing land ownership for Councillors to assist them with suggesting locations for the planters. **RESOLVED this course of action be agreed and locations be agreed I due course.**

54.21 Planning

There were no planning details to report.

55.21 Police Report/Update

The Clerk read out the update report for the meeting. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

56.21 Member's Reports

Councillor Hartley reported the land to the rear of Front Street was looking very untidy. The Clerk replied she would report this to DCC.

Councillor Wainwright reported many of the pavements around the village were deteriorating and suggested the groundstaff report where to the Clerk so that she could make a report to DCC. He reported there was damage to road surfacing from heavy plant moving around the area of Sycamore/Station Street. He suggested the groundstaff pull together a list of the race course fencing in the village to support the request to paint it to DCC. He spoke about planning for the Carnival and progress on the Public Space Protection Orders being applied to public/open green spaces in the villages.

Councillor Major asked if signs could be ordered for when the grounds staff were working on road verges. The Clerk replied she would source them asap.

Councillor Ramsey requested a litter bin for next to the bus stop/noticeboard at Haswell Plough. He also spoke about the re surfacing works in Haswell Plough.

Councillor Gray reported the race course fencing at the bottom of Church View needed replacing. She also reported pot holes in the streets of Church View/Phillips Close/Dent Close. She hoped the Parish Council could arrange a celebration/Carnival and she had made some enquiries for the provision of services for such an event. She thanked the children of Haswell Plough for litter picking

at the Play Area. She felt organised litter picks should be arranged. She suggested a fund raiser for works to the brick wall/sign at Haswell Plough. She asked on progress with the request to take on a piece of land at Haswell Plough. She thanked St Pauls Church for putting the Tots sessions on again. She said the mothers were so grateful for the sessions to allow their children to play together and interact. She said the church had been fantastic in how they had achieved this and she acknowledged Mr Stuart Major in his help with this. In closing she said it had been a pleasure to work with Councillor Cook and she wished her well.

Councillor Cook spoke about the road re surfacing in Mazine Terrace. She spoke about the need for a footpath from Haswell Plough to Shotton. She felt the Parish Council should continue to lobby for this much needed footpath. In closing she said how much she had loved being part of the Team, and how passionate and focussed the Parish Council are.

Councillor Welch asked for an update with cctv cameras for flytipping and that this was still happening at Pesspool Terrace. She gave an update on services re opening in the village which was exciting. She agreed wholeheartedly about the need for a foot path between Haswell Plough and Shotton.

The Chair, Councillor Hood, explained the next meeting would be in person. He wanted to keep the meetings accessible with the live streaming on social media, especially following the fantastic interest and response shown by residents and the public in the works of the Parish Council, however there were issues with wi fi at the Church. It was suggested perhaps the Nursery may be used to host the meeting and it was agreed the Clerk approach Giant Steps in this regard.

RESOLVED the information given be noted and action be taken as detailed.

57.21 County Councillor's Update Report

Councillor Cochrane reported there were to be works by Northumbria Water on Pesspool Lane 4-6 May with two way traffic lights in place. He had a productive meeting with the Chair and the Police that day. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

58.21 Public Participation

The Chair invited members of the public to address the Parish Council on items of concern or interest. The public raised the following items and the Chair where possible, gave immediate feedback/support:-

- The footpath at the bottom of Gloucester Terrace had been repaired however had been damaged again by the HGV parking there:
- Repairs to the MUGA pitch
- Wild flower planting on grass verges
- Pot holes at Pesspool Avenue;
- It was a good move to continue live streaming the meetings
- The link path between Haswell Plough and Shotton was much needed and had been promised when the village school had been closed
- Traffic calming measures should be installed on the entrance to the village from South Hetton
- The Parish Council had done a great job for its four year term, with a special mention of former Parish Councillor, George Dunstone

59.21 Date & Time of the Next Meeting

RESOLVED the next meeting would be 19th May 2021 with the Annual Electors meeting at 6.00pm and the Annual Meeting at 6.30pm with the meeting room to be confirmed.

Once again the Chair thanked everyone for their input, and their interest and for taking part in the work of the Parish Council. He thanked his fellow councillors and especially thanked Councillor Joanne Cook for her work with the parish council. He thanked the County Councillors for their support and thanked the groundstaff and the Clerk