

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 6.30pm held in the meeting room, Lisa Dixon Centre, Haswell

Present:-

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

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

81.21 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Millburn.

82.21 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.

83.21 Code of Conduct

Members were circulated with an updated Code of Conduct adopted by DCC. **RESOLVED Haswell Parish Council adopt this Code of Conduct.**

84.21 The Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19th May2021, there were several amends to the minutes which were the dates of future meetings and the composition of the HR Sub Committee, and subject to these being amended it was agreed the minutes be agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

85.21 Finance

(a) To approve the monthly accounts payments for May/June 2021

The payments for May/June 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

zoom	standard monthly pro	14.39
amazon	battery for the pump	30.00
Ryman	Microphone and video kit	219.00
P Levitt	lance and straps	48.50
For approval to pay:-		
Arco	PPE	198.29
Tates	tractor fuel	64.32
K Tweddle	stationery & printer ink	45.04
Wave	water account	60.57
O Gray	various (see receipts)	210.72
Amazon	first aid kit	26.99
Arco	PPE	32.56

RESOLVED the action taken in making the payments as listed, totalling £950.38 be endorsed.

(b) To consider the bank reconciliation for May 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 as soon as the internal audit report had been considered by Council she would submit the paperwork to the Auditor. **RESOLVED the action as indicated be endorsed.**

86.21 Internal Audit Report & Assurance by Risk Area

Members were circulated with a copy of the report prepared by the Internal Auditor and assurance by Risk Area. There were no items brought to the Council's attention and it was **RESOLVED the report be accepted.**

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

The Clerk advised a reply had been received on this matter and she would circulate a copy to each Member. **RESOLVED further consideration be given to this item.**

88.21 Horticulture Plan for the Haswells

An update was given on progress with grounds maintenance and horticulture in the village. Members asked if priority could be given to the start of the installation of the Rainbow Bed at Haswell Plough. Members also considered a proposal put forward by the grounds staff in relation to trialling 4 test plots for wild flower planting and they were fully supportive and enthusiastic about this. **RESOLVED a further report be made with the costings of the wildflower planting.**

89.21 Planning

There were no planning details to report.

90.21 Police Report/Update

The Chair welcomed PC Dean Wilson & Rob Ramshaw to the meeting. The Police gave their verbal report explaining there had only been a handful of incidents reported to them and details were given to the meeting as follows:-

ASB Nuisance- 2

Windsor Terrace 17/06/2021 & local farm 29/05/21

ASB Environmental- 0

ASB Personal- 0

Burglary- 0

Criminal Damage- 3 X2 Kent Terrace 31/05/21 and 30/05/21 Theft and Handling- 0

Vehicle- 2 - **Faraday Terrace 12/06/21, Front Street 08/06/21**

Their next On-line Pact meeting will be held on our Seaham and Easington Police Facebook page on Saturday 17th July 2021 at 5pm to 6pm. It was stressed the public needed to make reports using the 101 service.

RESOLVED the information given, be noted and the Officer be thanked for their attendance at the meeting.

91.21 Report of the Events Meeting held on 26 May 2021

The report of the Events Meeting was noted and it was agreed the day at the Pit planned for the 10th July 2021 be postponed. The Clerk gave a verbal update on progress in planning the Carnival Event to be held on 21 August 2021. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

92.21 HR & Health & Safety Support

Details were provided of what support had been used and that a site visit was to be made on 22nd July 2021 by the Health & Safety Consultant. Members asked if they could see the programme for the visit. **RESOLVED this be sent to all and progress awaited.**

93.21 Member's Reports

Councillor Welch asked if there had been any progress in scheduling the cctv and signage for fly tipping in the village. Councillor Hood assured he was dealing with this matter however there was a significant backlog and a large pull on resources. She was pleased to report The Hive was open and available for booking and there would be a Classic Car Show held at the Lisa Dixon Centre in July 2021.

Councillor J Wainwright volunteered to support in a petition being started for the installation of a footpath between Haswell Plough and Shotton, with the help of County Councillor Hood in terms of protocols for petitions. She asked if there had been any progress with the burnt out building on Front Street. She asked if it would be possible for her to start to do a councillor surgery. She suggested with Durham making a bid as the City of Culture perhaps the parish council could get involved and support and perhaps have a Parish Plan. Councillor Hood suggested a company could be used to compile a parish plan and he would look into companies and prices and report back.

Councillor Major had no issues of concern to report.

Councillor Hartley also had no issues of concern to report on.

Councillor A Wainwright asked if any progress had been made with the request to paint the race course fencing. He reported on an incident the previous weekend next to the former Grey Horse and his concerns that additional works were needed.

Councillor Gray asked when the roadworks at Mazine terrace were to be carried out.

Councillor Ramsay said he had been asked for seats at Haswell Plough. He also asked about Mazine Terrace and the area and damaged wall at Gloucester Terrace. He also suggested there be smaller Christmas Trees put up in each estate. It was agreed an options report be made to the next meeting. **RESOLVED the information given be noted and action be taken as detailed.**

94.21 County Councillor's Update Report

County Councillor Varty said she was fascinated to be part of her first Haswell Parish Council meeting. She was interested in each item. She was finding her role as County Councillor a privilege and was looking forward to helping residents and constituents.

County Councillor Miller felt the meeting involved everyone taking part. He had recently visited Gloucester Terrace, and it was reported some of the re surfacing needed to be done again. He offered to have a look at seats in the area. He said he would work considering all ideas and was open to working together. He felt politics should be kept out of the meetings and he was committed to joining the meetings whenever he was able.

Councillor Cochrane commented on the demolition of garages to the East of Dent Close and he asked for any feedback. Members said as long as the work was carried out similar to other garage areas then they supported this, whilst requesting a fence be installed at the area. He reported on the Classic Car Show to be held on 7th July from 4pm onwards. He spoke about the lighting of the Christmas Trees and he would provide details of the contacts for Shotton who were involved with their Christmas tree.

Councillor Hood gave his report as follows:-

"Since my last attendance at the June 2021 Haswell Parish Council monthly meeting, I have been made the Chair of the Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Durham

County Council. My role is to lead the 21-person committee to scrutinise all county council work and obligations involving children and young people across the county. I am also currently a committee member on 5 other committees (Appeals and Complaints Committee, Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Corporate Parenting Panel, Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Highways Committee).

I am now also a school governor at Shotton Primary School, where many of the children from The Haswells attend. The governors of Shotton Primary at a recent meeting agreed to ask me if I would like to become a governor of the school. After a discussion with Headteacher, Mrs Heather Shaw, I was excited and agreed. I'm looking forward to working hard for the school and teachers, but most importantly, the parents and children.

Specific to The Haswells, I have:

- Reported all the issues raised at the previous Haswell Parish Council meeting, including the damaged bus stop (FS337857012), 70 Front Street (EN/2000189), Grey Horse Pub (EN/17/01195) and the Doctor's Surgery (EN/21/00574).
- Arranged for the grass on the inside of the Haswell Pit Memorial to be cut (completed Fri 25th June)
- Investigated the boulders / metal barriers on the Haswell Fp17 route. These were installed by Durham County Council in response to the high number of reports in relation to motorbikes, quads and cars. Haswell Fp17 is a footpath and is therefore only permitted for use by pedestrians. Cyclists and horse riders are not permitted to use a public footpath.
- Started investigations with officers into the building of a footpath from Haswell Plough to Shotton Colliery along the (Ref FS337848106)

Worked to extend DCC's Small Electrical Item Recycling programme to include Haswell. A collection point for Small Electrical items and batteries are now available at The Lisa Dixon Centre for residents to use.

On behalf of all three villages, I have also:

- Attended the June 2021 Full Council meeting of Durham County Council. This again took place at Spennymoor Leisure Centre due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Met with fellow chairs and vice chairs of the different overview and scrutiny committees at Durham County Council.
- Met with the lead officer of the Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee as well as Durham County Council's Principle Scrutiny Officer.
- Attended sessions regarding the council's Highways committee, specifically on areas covering Map Modification orders, Traffic Management and Village Greens & Open Spaces.
- Attended Planning committee training - a mandatory session for all new and existing councillors.
- Met with the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher from Our Lady of Lourdes RCVA Primary School in Shotton Colliery.
- Met with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors at South Hetton Primary School.
- Supported residents with areas of specific concern.
- Liaised on behalf of several social housing residents' issues regarding their properties.
- Attended training on the functions of Area Action Partnerships and Neighbourhood Budgets

- Met with Sam Croft and Jenny Walton, two of the new Youth Practitioners for County Durham. The Youth Practitioners work with young people aged 11–25 years, with a strong focus on personal, social, emotional, cultural and educational development.
- Carried out a community walkabout with representatives of Bernicia Housing, Believe Housing and Home Group.
- Attended training specific to the Durham Learning & Development portal
- Attended training regarding the Appeals committee at Durham County Council
- Attended training regarding the Public Rights of Way at Durham County Council
- Attended training regarding the Licensing committee at Durham, County Council
- Attended the first consultation session regarding the proposed Hawthorn Pit Solar Farm just north of South Hetton.
- Attended the first consultation session regarding the proposals by National Grid and the SEGL1 line which will finish at Hawthorn Pit, just north of South Hetton. (<https://www.nationalgrid.com/.../network-and.../seg1>)
- Arranged the collection points for old batteries and small electrical items at The Robin Todd Centre, South Hetton and Shotton Community Hub, Shotton Colliery.
- Spoke with Environmental Services regarding grass cutting cycles for the three villages.
- Liaised with East Durham Creates in regards to a potential project (more details to follow hopefully!....)

I have also reported many various issues regarding potholes, blocked drains and fly tipping across all three villages. Please get in touch with me at any time via the avenues below. I look forward to working with you all to continue to improve The Haswells and County Durham as a whole”.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

95.21 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:-

- **Fence behind the Grey Horse**
- **Live feed – sound quality still an issue.**

96.21 Date & Time of the Next Meeting

RESOLVED the next meeting would be 28th July 2021 at 6.30pm at the Lisa Dixon Centre.