

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 23rd February 2017 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors A Hird, D Dixon, J Forster, J Robson, K Spencer, A Pearson (Chair).
R Wright - Clerk. County Councillor O Johnson.

1617/133 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** County Councillor R Young. Councillor P Marshall

1617/134 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Councillor Dixon - planning application mentioned in 1617/139.

1617/135 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** The public participation policy was on display.

1617/136 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous Ordinary meeting held on 26th January 2017 were RESOLVED as a true record.

Matters requiring update:

a. A letter has been written to the CEO of DCC requesting Longedge Lane be added to the gritting schedule.

b. A complaint about the condition of the path to Allansford park has been logged with DCC; FS-Case-12501671.

c. Three places have been booked for Election training on 1 March 2017 at 6pm in County Hall (Cllrs Spencer and Marshall and the Clerk).

1617/137 **AAP REPORT** – none.

1617/138 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman has held discussions about the Fly the Flag event and also the Christmas Light switch on with the Rev M Jackson. The Parish Council have been invited to the 150 anniversary celebrations of St Johns Church on 12th March 2017. Members RESOLVED to put a tribute in the next newsletter.

1617/139 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

There are two planning application which will appear on the list next week.

DM/17/00271/TPO concerning felling one tree and cutting back other at 26 Consett Road and

DM/17/00537/FPA erection of a cattle shed at Middleheads Farm, Rowley.

1617/140 **FINANCE**

1617/140/1 It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received and accepted.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 23rd February 2017

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
14	23 Feb 17	200.00	0.00	200.00	Castleside & District Community Association	Room hire 2016/17

Total		200.00	0.00	200.00		
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INCOME RECEIVED		
Business Money Manager Bank (interest already applied)		0.00
Community Account		0.00
		0.00

LATEST BANK BALANCES

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| a. HSBC Business Money Manager Account | as at 11 Dec 16 | £19060.18 |
| b. HSBC Community Account | as at 11 Feb 17 | £3319.06 |

BALANCES		
Balance Brought Forward		22379.24
Add Income		
Less Expenditure		200.00
Less o/s cheques		300.00
Balance Carried Forward		21879.24

1617/140/2 It was RESOLVED to leave the banking arrangement review until after the election.

1617/141 CORRESPONDENCE

Electronic Correspondence:

Proposals from Healeyfield Parish Council regarding War Memorial path in Castleside Churchyard

Armed Forces Day 24 June 2017

Armed Forces Covenant Local Grants

Section 106 Monies

Neighbourhood Planning Grants and update from NALC

Parish Polls

Next Smaller Councils Forum meeting

DCC - Outcome of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles consultation

Flytipping and CCTV

Durham Community News February 2017

Final chance to win an Apple iPad Mini! - NALC Tree Charter Survey

Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth - 13th March 2017

Charter and Charter Revision

War Memorials News - 21st February 2017

The Durham Ask – an opportunity to provide services locally

Making Woods Work Event – 7th March 2017

Community Markets

Elections May 2017 – Candidates briefing of the process Wed 1st march 2017 2pm & 4pm

(i) Local resident complaint about illegal snaring of birds. This has been reported to the Police and the main problem is proving intent which is very difficult. The advice given by the Police is to get photographic evidence and report it to the Police. The Clerk will write to the local resident.

1617/142 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) DM/17/00294/FPA No comment will be made on this application.

1617/143 CLERKS REPORT

- (1) The Clerk attended a workshop about applying for HLF for WWI projects. (Cllr Spencer was unable to attend). It provided a lot of useful information so the existing project for the poppy garden can be expanded and then a new application made.
- (2) The Clerk attended the Smaller Councils meeting at Shildon.
 - Presentation on purdah which starts from 23rd March until 4 May 2017.
 - Local Councils Working Group – consists of TC & PC & DCC representatives
 - DCC has made savings of £190 to date but a further £16M must be made in the next 3 years. By 2020 DCC must have saved £250M off budget. 2.5k jobs have already been lost from DCC. Some reserves are being used to keep some services going
 - Deliver things differently programme has ended. A report is being prepared.
 - County Durham Partnership is under review. Charter has been sent out to all PCs. The plan is to condense this document without losing the wide ranging topics covered.
 - Durham Ask project is ongoing where a TC/PC can ask DCC if they can provide a service currently being done by DCC.
 - There will be cuts in the AAPs but this has not been decided yet.
 - Councilor and Chairman training will be provided in June/July 2017.
 - A draft code of conduct has been prepared and is being discussed with Colette Longbottom, DCC monitoring officer. The plan is to get all TC/PC to sign up to it when it is ready.
- (3) The new website should be in place within the next couple of weeks. There have been some changes made and the main issue is the user manual which needs to be simplified from a developer's guide to a useable user's manual.
- (4) This pamphlet is going to be produced by the AAP the plan is to produce it and have it delivered to all residents within the AAP area.
- (5) Tom Cartmell has agreed to do the internal audit this year.

1617/144 ARMED FORCES DAY

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** not to hold an event because there is a large event in Consett already. Cllr Dixon will ask the village hall committee about having a flag pole either in the grounds or attached to the village hall.

1617/145 MEMBERS REPORT

- 1617/145/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – none.
- 1617/145/2 War Memorial – Two quotes have been obtained and Cllr Spencer is progressing the project with the Church.
- 1617/145/3 Shotley Bridge Hospital – still no date for the ward reopening.
- 1617/145/4 Flower Tubs – A new supplier has been found for the plants. Cllr Forster will resite and remove some of the follower tubs.
- 1617/145/5 Parish Wood – Peter Downes attended the meeting to give feedback on the volunteer day and future plans. The day was attended by 7 people including teenagers and also Cllr Hird. Work was done to thin out saplings and pile them up to make areas attractive to insects and wildlife. Rachael Sparks from the Forestry Commission has reviewed the management plan and has agreed that felling should be used to thin the wood rather than clear areas of woodland. Peter has agreed to look into getting a heavy horse man involved rather than the more invasive machinery. It was suggested that any larch being removed should be replaced with more larch because these make the best fence posts and are therefore valuable. Members **REOLVED** to go for the less invasive clearing initiative.
- 1617/145/6 Lead Miner – there has been no response from Highways about the siting of the statue. The funding form has to be completed by Wed 16th so that grant can be

approved. A contract is required from the supplier of the statue prior to any work being undertaken.

1627/145/8 WWI Memorial – the project for the poppy memorial needs to be revamped to be more inclusive of local groups in order to qualify for Heritage lottery funding. Members are to forward their ideas to the Clerk before the next meeting and a committee will be formed to structure the project.

1617/146 **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS** None.

1617/147 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS** – None.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.00 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council 23rd March 2017