

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 30th June 2016 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors D Dixon, J Forster, J Robson, A Pearson (Chair), County Councillor R Young, R Wright Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Hird and Spencer. County Councillor O Johnson.

1617/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

1617/33 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The public participation policy was on display. No members of the public were present.

1617/34 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous Ordinary meeting held on 26th April 2016 were RESOLVED as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1617/34/1 The Lanchester website was developed by a local resident and the Clerk felt it was not possible to divulge further details. The parish council will now seek three quotes for development and maintenance of a new website and an item will be added to the next agenda.

1617/34/2 The new laptop is up and running. The old laptop is not charging again despite a new battery and will be taken to Dot com Systems for checking

1617/34/3 The registration with the Pension Regulator has been done.

1617/34/4 An invoice has been sent to the Village Hall Committee for half the cost of the defibrillator cabinet.

1617/35 AAP REPORT

Road safety meeting: The 'Look Out Promotion' has been conducted across the county using all forms of media. It has chosen local cases to highlight the fact accidents can happen here. The Wise Drive initiative targets Year 11 pupils however it is dependent on the head of school allowing the Police access to the pupils. Current highways projects ongoing at Langley Park, Langley Moor and Esh - trimming bushes, painting lines, parking. Speed visors – estimated at approx.. £10k per visor based on an 8 year life, £6,5k capital some of which should come from DCC . and £3.1k running cost which parish council pays. Estimated decommissioning costs are £1000 per visor. HFPC has 2 visors and the 3rd belongs to DCC.

There was an interesting discussion about the impact of raising the speed limit from 30 to 40 mph through villages and it statistically proven to make higher speeders slow down.

It was noted that Castleside is not even on the map showing road traffic hotspots in the Mid Durham AAP – this will be fed back to Andy Coulthard.

Parish Council Committee AGM - One of the main topics concerned fly tipping cameras. It has now been agreed with DCC that 4 will be purchased to cover the Mid Durham area. HFPC originally decided to opt out of contributing £256. I was asked if the PC would be interested in reconsidering since fly tipping is on the increase?

The village forum is not being run this year however it may happen next year. There is likely to be a meeting in November for all faith groups – more information later.

Concerns at DCC about code of conduct complaints so training will be organized.

County Durham Partnership working on the integrated needs assessment INA. A website is available to look at and any comments will be welcomed. Plan is to pull data together about communities to make it easier to complete grant applications etc.

1617/36 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman raised the issue of the BT telephone box which is still there and is growing increasingly dangerous. Clerk will chase DCC again to find out what is happening. The Queen's Birthday Tea in the village hall was very successful with over 70 residents attending. The entertainment was very good and enjoyed by everybody. The attendees thanked the Parish Council publically.

1617/37 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

CCLr Richie explained that the County plan is out for consultation and everybody is urged to give their views. An emergency cabinet meeting is being held to discuss the medium term financial plan in light of the potential future cuts which may occur after the decision to leave the EU.

1617/38 FINANCE

1617/38/1 It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received and accepted.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 30 June 2016

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1416	30 June 16	186.50	0.00	186.50	Conway Printing Servicesl	Posters & newsletter
1417	30 June 16	103.50	20.70	124.30	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Regional Roadshow 3 attendees
1418	30 June 16	131.11	0.00	131.11	Ruth Wright	Clerks expenses
1419	30 June 16	846.21	0.00	846.21	Ruth Wright	Salary Apr 16-Jun 16
Total		1267.32	20.70	1288.12		

INCOME RECEIVED		
Business Money Manager Bank - interest (already included)		3.68
- VAT repayment (already included)		958.40
		962.40

LATEST BANK BALANCES

- a. HSBC Business Money Manager Account as at 11 June 16 £23095.17
- b. HSBC Community Account as at 11 June 16 £3961.44

BALANCES		
Balance Brought Forward		27056.61
Add Income		
Less Expenditure		1288.12
Less o/s cheques		268.00
Balance Carried Forward		25500.49

1617/38/2 The new items on the asset register have been added to the insurance and the speed visors belong to the Parish Council so need to remain on the list. There will be a slight increase in premium next year.

1617/39 CORRESPONDENCE

Electronic Correspondence:

Mid Durham AAP board minutes

Mid Durham AAP board meeting 13th July Satley Village Hall

Mid-Durham AAP – road safety meeting

North Durham Commissioning Group Patient Congress –

Integrated Needs Assessment Consultation

Revised County Durham Plan

Right to Bid Decision

Smaller Councils Forum – 29th July at Horden Parish Council Offices

NALC Newsletter

NALC Next Council of the Week

CDALC Regional Event Finance Training – 8th September 2016 at Shotton Hall

Changes to Registered Traders Scheme

Neighbourhood Planning Campaign half way point

Planning Aid England – neighbourhood planning podcast

Environment Awards 2016

Fly the Flag Event - Monday 13th March 2017

SLCC Regional Roadshow 6th July at Hardwick Hall

Parish Wood

Speed Visors

Request for Councillors to take part in a review.

Request about burial records – directed resident to DCC

Complaint about noise of bikes in the Quarry – local resident

Smelters Arms emails

1617/39/1 Complaint from local resident concerning motorbike noise. The Parish Council has already asked DCC Planning for a timescale on the application and another request will be made for information. Residents should report the noise to the Neighbourhood Wardens or ring 101. The problem will be highlighted on the village facebook page and an article included in the newsletter.

1617/40 PLANNING MATTERS

1617/40/1 Planning Applications - none

1617/40/2 Neighbourhood Plan – no progress will be made until responses to the newsletter item are considered.

1617/41 CLERKS REPORT

1617/41/1 The next local CDALC meeting will be a training day for finance at Shotton Hall on 8th September 2016. The Clerk will be attending and any other members are welcome to attend.

1617/41/2 A Neighbourhood Planning Working Group is being held at Great Aycliffe Council Offices on 7th July 2016.

1617/42 NEWSLETTER

The timing of the next newsletter was discussed and it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council will hold a meeting in August and there will be no meeting in September to accommodate the production of the newsletter. After discussion it was agreed that the newsletter format and content needed to be refreshed and this will take place at the after the July meeting. A number of articles and authors were identified and these will be collated at the next meeting.

1617/43 PARISH WOOD

A presentation on the Land of Oak and Iron project was given by Peter Downes, the Access & Woodland Officer. It is a four year project and works in partnership with Durham Wildlife Trust and Tyne Rivers Trust among other organisations. There is a website which gives details of the aims of the project www.landofaokandiron.org.uk and there are also meeting dates and opportunities to volunteer. Peter is keen to use volunteers and local specialists to manage the Parish wood and ensure sustainability. It is the intention to use local companies for any contracts and also improve communications between local woodland owners so everybody knows what is happening.

1617/44 MEMBERS REPORT

1617/44/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – no residents attended.

1617/44/2 Fly the Flag Event 2017 – It was RESOLVED that this was a worthwhile event to continue in the village. A letter will be sent to St John’s Church to confirm their interest in participating and seeking permission to fly the flag again.

1617/44/3 Smelters Arms – members held a meeting with the developer Mr B Cartmell and his father to discuss the Smelters Arms car park and general complaints that had been received. The future of the project is undecided as they are working on other projects. The rubble is in fact expensive building materials. The developers will not consider renting or selling any of the land to the Parish Council. They intend to challenge the community asset status which DCC have granted for the car park. They are working with a tree officer and have discussed using a tree surgeon to remove specific boughs on some of the trees.

1617/44/4 The new seat for The Fleece will be ordered and Marmax are fitting it. The old seat will be removed and will not be re-sited due to the amount of work needed on it. The Chairman will make a donation to the parish council for the seat frame.

It was agreed that Cllr Hird’s idea of numbering the seats and flower tubs should be carried out. It was RESOLVED costings for the seat numbers should be obtained and agreed before placing an order.

1617/45 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS None.

1617/46 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS None.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.30 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council 28th July 2016