

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

PRESENT

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

1617/148 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none.

1617/149 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - none.

1617/150 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** The public participation policy was on display.

1617/151 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous Ordinary meeting held on 23rd February 2017 were RESOLVED as a true record.

Matters requiring update:

- a. DCC; FS-Case-12501671 complaint about the state of the footpath – the work is in the schedule and will be allocated to a team. A progress update will be given when it is allocated.
- b. The complaint about illegal bird snaring – the Clerk received a call from a local resident explaining about the dead birds being piled up and used to bait larger animals into the traps. The Clerk advised the resident to take photographs and inform the police.
- c. Longedge Lane – reply from the CEO of DCC saying it cannot be included in this year's gritting schedule but will be included in the review for next year.
- d. Lead Miner site – a request to investigate the new location opposite Moorland Crescent has been logged with the Highways dept.

1617/152 **AAP REPORT**

Mid Durham AAP PCC meeting at Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council

- seeking to develop village drop ins from end of May; dates to be arranged
- a presentation on counter terrorism was given at the AAP meeting; the speaker Graham Waterman will give the talk to other groups if requested
- residents of Durham City voted to create a parish council
- dog areas to be included in the list must be forwarded to DCC by 30th April 2017
- national funding for primary and secondary schools is being cut and differing impacts on schools
- proposal to close the DWP office in Bishop Auckland
- pharmacy review is ongoing by the government which potentially will lead to closures of chemist shops across Durham
- no consultation documents until after the elections

1617/153 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Parish Council enjoyed joining the celebrations of the anniversary of St John's Church with the congregation and Bishop of Durham in attendance.

The Fly the Flag event had a good turnout and some photographs have been taken and will appear on the website in due course. The flag was raised by Mrs Ann Scott who is the Group Scout Master.

1617/154 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

The County Councillors are now in the purdah phase before the elections and all the neighbourhood budgets have been spent. A man has been arrested for making death

threats against County councillors. There has been a complaint from local residents about the state of the Smelters Arms car park.

1617/155 FINANCE

1617/155/1 It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received and accepted.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 23rd March 2017

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1442	23 Mar 17	250.00	0.00	250.00	DCC	Summer play scheme
1443	23 Mar 17	270.20	0.00	270.20	Brandon & By PC	Fly tipping cameras
1444	23 Mar 17	11.00	0.00	11.00	CDALC	books
1444	23 Mar 17	81.00	0.00	81.00	CDALC	Election training
1444	23 Mar 17	27.00	0.00	27.00	CDALC	Annual returns training
1445	23 Mar 17	540.23	0.00	540.23	R Wright	Clerk salary Feb-Mar 17
1446	23 Mar 17	147.21	0.00	147.21	R Wright	Office goods & mileage
1447	23 Mar 17	50.00	0.00	50.00	A Pearson	Chairman's allowance
Total		21376.64	0.00	1376.64		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Business Money Manager Bank (interest already applied)	1.90
Community Account	0.00
	0.00

LATEST BANK BALANCES

- a. HSBC Business Money Manager Account as at 11 Mar 17 £19062.08
- b. HSBC Community Account as at 11 Mar 17 £3319.06

BALANCES	
Balance Brought Forward	22381.14
Add Income	
Less Expenditure	1376.64
Less o/s cheques	300.00
Balance Carried Forward	20504.50

1617/155/2 The final budget v spend was issued with explanations of overspend.

1617/156 CORRESPONDENCE

Electronic Correspondence:
 Mid Durham AAP - Public Rep Board member recruitment
 Mid Durham AAP - Agenda for Board meeting 8.3.17
 Mid Durham AAP - Counter Terrorism presentation info
 Mid Durham AAP - Masterplan in Durham County
 Village action plan 2013/16 and proposals for 2017/20

Castleside Village Action plan 2013/16
 Rural Funding Opportunities Bulletin
 Clinical Commissioning Group Events - March 2017
 Views and Experiences of Talking Therapy services - one week to go
 No Smoking Day - Wed 8th March
 Clinical Commissioning Group Events - March 2017
 Request To Promote DCMS Better Broadband Campaign In Your Areas
 New PSPO to be introduced on 1 June 2017
 Letter to Towns' & Parishes re Dog PSPO
 To All Councils with an Annual Turnover of less than £25,000 and subject to the
 Transparency Code
 Land of Oak & Iron Woodland Volunteering
 Land of Oak & Iron - local groups event
 Land of Oak and Iron Local Groups Forum
 Parish Wood - Management Plan Meeting
 Book your place today at NALC's Good Councillor Spring Conference!
 Councillor and Chairmanship Training
 Job advert/application form etc
 Environment awards looking for sponsors
 Durham Community News March 2017
 War Memorials News - 7th March 2017
 War Memorials News - 21st March 2017
 NE Neighbourhood Planning Event in Durham City
 DRAFT ORDER: NE/2717 - PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT MOORSIDE
 HOTEL, CONSETT ROAD, MOORSIDE, DH8 8EU
 Draft Order : NE/2717 : PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT Moorside Hotel,
 Consett Road, Moorside DH8 8EU, Byway no.47 CONSETT
 Local resident - Parish Council "Outline consent for erection of up to 14 dwellings DH8 9QQ"

(i) Local resident complaint about the entrance to a garage between 63 & 65 Moorland Crescent. It was RESOLVED to write to the Highways Department to ask for signage to identify the lane as requiring access 24 hours a day. Further issues concerning parking on local streets were identified namely Park Terrace and the junction of Consett Road and Drivers Road. Letters will be sent asking for consideration when parking and this will be reviewed at the next meeting.

(ii) The Dog PSPO information was passed to the Village Hall Committee.

1617/157 PLANNING MATTERS

(i) DM/17/00233/OUT It was RESOLVED to submit comments about the access and parking and also request a planning condition that for every tree cut down a new one will be planted somewhere on the site.

1617/158 BEACON FOR 2018

Cllr Dixon has agreed to lead on this project and investigate possible sites for a beacon and report back at the next meeting. It was RESOLVED that the donation given by Mr Alf Addison should be used to buy the beacon.

1617/159 CLERKS REPORT

1. No name and address supplied for Colin Carol reference internal audit next. Unfortunately, Mr Carol is not in a position to help with this task.
2. The new website is live and a redirect will put on the existing site when Lauren comes back on 3rd April.
3. Election posters will be put up in the notice boards and also displayed on the website.
4. Official notification that the HSBC in Consett closes in June.

5. A request to transfer £5000 from Business banking to community account has been made to ensure there is money for subscriptions and insurance.
6. The Clerk has requested the slides from the HLF training and is still waiting for them.

1617/160 RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The Risk Assessment needs to be reviewed prior to completing the Annual Governance Return so the item will be added to the next agenda.

1617/161 NEWSLETTER

It was RESOLVED that a request by the local primary school to regularly submit articles to the newsletter should go ahead from the next edition. It was RESOLVED to print and distribute the Spring newsletter albeit a little late. The future of the newsletter will be left until after the elections on 4th May 2017. Cllr Marshall wants it minuted that he disagrees with the newsletter being distributed because there has been no plan agreed for the way forward.

1617/162 MEMBERS REPORT

1617/162/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – A local resident attended the surgery and complained about the mess in the Smelters car park. He has witnessed vehicles coming in a dumping what appears to be rubbish from other sites including an old mattress and bath. He has reported it to DCC planning enforcement however he is still waiting for a call back. It was RESOLVED to write to the planning enforcement team about the problem.

1617/162/2 War Memorial – It was RESOLVED to wait until the June Faculty before submitting the plan for repairing the lettering and the groundworks.

1617/162/3 Consett Road – two quotes have been obtained by Cllr Robson for the work and one other contractor failed to lodge a quote. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the quotation for clearing and planting.

1617/162/4 Parish Wood – Peter Downes would like to arrange a meeting with the parish councillors and the Forestry Commission to plan a way forward on the work that needs done in the parish woods. Cllr Hird will co-ordinate the meeting dates.

1617/162/5 Lead Miner – The County Councillors believed the funding had been approved and would confirm to the Clerk. It was RESOLVED that a specification should be given to the Sculptor before the work is commissioned. This will be agreed at the next meeting.

1617/162/6 WWI Memorial – It was RESOLVED that the ideas submitted to the Clerk should be discussed and a project formulated before presenting it to the Parish Council. Cllrs Robson, Forster and Spencer agreed to work on a project outline.

1617 /162/7 Asset of Community Value – the concerns about the state of the Smelters Arms car park were raised and the relations between the Parish Council and the developers. At this time, a plan cannot be put in place for potentially purchasing the land because it is not for sale.

1617/163 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS None.

1617/164 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

It was RESOLVED that the minutes which had been questioned were a true and correct record and did not contain any contradictions.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.25 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council 27th April 2017