

**Minutes of the meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council  
held on Thursday, 28th July 2011, at 7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor D. Dixon (Chairman) and Councillors A.D. Addison, G. Anderson, H. Thomson, R. Thompson and Mrs M. Wotherspoon.

Also in Attendance: Miss L. Stephenson (Clerk), Councillors O. Johnson, C. Burton and one member of the public.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor W. Robson.

**1112/29      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

**1112/30      MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 30th June 2011 were approved as correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**1112/31      POLICE REPORT & PACT MEETING**

The Clerk reported on policing matters for the period 25th May – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. It was noted that a PACT meeting had taken place prior to the meeting.

**1112/32      NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS REPORT**

The Neighbourhood Warden was not in attendance and no report had been forwarded to the Clerk.

**1112/33      UPDATE ON CONSETT ACADEMY**

No update in respect of this matter provided. It was agreed that this should now be removed as a standing item on the agenda.

**1112/34      COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Councillors Johnson and Young reported on various matters relating to the County Council with particular reference to the following:-

- Review of business rates, consultation with government to take place.
- Boundary Review – proposals outline that Lanchester division will remain status quo. Consultation will end 1 August 2011.
- DCC to undertake a Community Buildings Review.
- Details provided of road resurfacing commencing 3/8/11.
- Details of issues reported to the Clean & Green team within the area.

**1112/35      AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Burton reported on issues raised at the last Parish Council's Committee and AAP meetings.

It was noted that the Parish Council were disappointed with the lack of work which had taken place on the gateways project. Councillor Burton agreed to raise this with Andy Coulthard, AAP and would report back to the next meeting.

Councillor Burton further advised of young people's projects which would be commencing in the area, which would also work alongside the key priorities of the Mid Durham Rural AAP.

Further details were provided of discussions which had taken place at the PCC, regarding the formation of a smaller group of Parish Councils which would work alongside the existing larger Committee. Further details would follow in due course.

**1112/36      BIKE TRACK - UPDATE**

Councillor Thompson updated the meeting on the site visit which a small number of Members had undertaken along with representatives of Mid Durham Rural AAP, Southern Green Design Consultants and Estates and Environmental Officers of DCC. It was noted at the meeting that due to the possible habitation of crested newts within the chosen bike track site, a full newt survey would have to be undertaken. This would not be possible until March 2012.

Andy Coulthard had indicated that it may be useful to revisit some of the previously proposed sites and investigate their suitability further.

Members agreed that it was important to protect any species which could potentially be in danger, and would await the outcome of the ecologist's survey.

It was further noted that concerns still remained regarding the use of any of the previously identified sites.

**1112/37      FINANCE**

**EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

<b>CHQ No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>
1099	28-July	250.00	0.00	250.00	Castleside Community Assoc.	Garden Chair
1100	28-July	33.99	0.00	33.99	D. Dixon	Whisky, D. Plumridge.
1101	28-July	50.00	0.00	50.00	Willowburn	S136

					Hospice	Donation
1102	28-July	235.00		235.00	Durham CC	Summer Newsletter
1103	28-July	406.00	71.05	477.05	Durham CC	Flower Tubs (2010)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>974.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1046.04</b>		<b>1046.04</b>

<b>INCOME RECEIVED 30/06 – 28/07</b>		
Bank Interest – Community Account		0.00
Bank Interest – Business Money Manager Account		0.00
<b>Total Income in month (£)</b>		<b>0.00</b>

<b>BALANCES</b>		
Balance B/F		19152.86
Less Expenditure as above		1046.04
<b>Balance C/F (£)</b>		<b>18106.82</b>

**1112/38      CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLVED:** that the following correspondence be received:-

- 1112/38/1      Letter from resident of Park Terrace regarding potential bike track.
- 1112/38/2      Pure Podiatry – Letter requesting display of posters.
- 1112/38/3      Mr John Gill – Letter regarding Parish Wood and Forestry Commission

**1112/39      DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**

There were no planning applications relating to Healeyfield Parish to report.

**1112/40      CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported the following matters for information / discussion:-

- New website – information was now uploaded and training had taken place. Web designers were still to complete the design aspect of the site and it was hoped that this would be completed by the end of the summer. A demonstration and training could be provided to any interested member once the site was 'live'.
- Quote received from local printer regarding potentially printing future newsletters. It was agreed that a trial should be given for the next edition.

**1112/41      MEMBER'S REPORTS**

Councillor Wotherspoon thanked everyone for their input into Castleside Carnival which took place at the beginning of July. It was reported that it had made a slight loss this year however the Partnership were looking at options for further fundraising events, to take place in the near future to assist with next years running costs.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the Village Hall and some of the difficulties that it was currently facing. Councillor Thompson raised a number of potential ways in which the Hall could encourage more support and bring in future funding. Options for including a full page article in the next issue of the Parish newsletter were considered and it was agreed that Councillor Thompson should attend the next Village Hall meeting to offer the support of the Parish Council.

**1011/42      ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The following further items of business were raised:-

- Fly tipping occurring at sub-station on Moorland View, to be reported to NEDL.
- Repairs required to a number of Parish seats, to be followed up.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011