

**Minutes of a meeting of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
held on 6th December 2012, at 7.00 p.m. Angus House, Castleside.**

PRESENT

Councillors A D N Addison, G Anderson, D Dixon, W Robson, H Thompson, R Thompson, M Wotherspoon.

L Stephenson (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors O Johnson and R Young.

1213/71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

1213/72 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the following meetings were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman:-

- (i) 25th October 2012
- (ii) 12th November 2012

**1213/73 AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP & PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Councillor Burton reported upon updates and discussions within the AAP and details were provided with regard current schemes.

The Clerk then provided an update in respect of the bike track and advised that due to constraints with land usage the original site proposed at the Horse and Groom was no longer a viable option. Therefore if the council wished to proceed with the project an alternative site would have to be secured.

Members agreed that before alternative sites were sought, the council should consult with the young people to ensure that there was a willingness to proceed with this project.

With regards to the completion of the gateways scheme the Clerk advised that an officer from the Highways team would be in attendance at a future meeting to discuss options for the completion of this project.

1213/74 POLICE & PACT MEETING

Councillor Anderson circulated copies of the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter and updated the meeting on discussions which had taken place at the PACT meeting held on 29th November 2012.

In addition it was reported that the police had been able to obtain some additional funding which would allow for the purchase of bicycle equipment for the use of the PCSO.

It was further noted that the new PACT priority was to be focused upon targeting dog fouling.

1213/75 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

In the absence of both County Councillors, there were no issues which had been brought to the attention of the Clerk.

1213/76 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE – Cheques presented for approval on 6th December 2012

CHQ No	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1154	6 - Dec	50.00	0.00	50.00	C O'Hanlon	News - Winter
1155	6 - Dec	123.10	0.00	123.10	L Stephenson	Add Duties 1/11/12 – 30/11/12
1156	6 - Dec	49.17	0.00	49.17	L Stephenson	Admin
1157	6 - Dec	281.20	0.00	281.20	Conway Printing	News - Winter
TOTAL		503.47	0.00	503.47		503.47

INCOME RECEIVED 25/10 – 06/12/12	
Community Account	0.00
Business Money (Donation County Councillors Xmas Tree)	1000.00
Total Income in month (£)	1000.00

BALANCES	
Balance B/F	15088.79
Add Income	1000.00
	16088.79
Less Expenditure	503.47
Balance C/F	15585.32

RESOLVED: That the following donations were also approved

- 1213/76/1 Donation to St John's Church in respect of Christmas Tree Lighting supply of electricity and use of grounds **£100.00**
- 1213/76/2 Donation to Castleside Community Association in respect of Christmas Lunch **£100.00**
- 1213/76/3 Donation to Angus House for meeting room hire **£20.00**

1213/77 DISPENSATIONS

RESOLVED: that dispensations be granted to allow the following members to approve the setting of a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

Councillors A D N Addison, G Anderson, D Dixon, W Robson, H Thompson, R Thompson, M Wotherspoon.

1213/78 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: that the following correspondence be received:

- (i) Durham County Council – Winter Salting Routes
- (i) Durham County Council – Keeping Warm, help for vulnerable residents.

1213/79 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

There Clerk advised that there had been no notification of planning applications relating to Healeyfield. It was further reported that there had not at this stage been any news regarding the wind turbine application for Middle Heads Farm, Rowley. Further details would be reported as and when received.

1213/80 MEMBER REPORTS

- (i) Councillor R Thompson commented that salt bins were desperately required on Rowley Bank, pavements during inclement weather were extremely dangerous and therefore suggested that the council put a request forward for a salt bin to be located on Rowley bank, it was further commented that similar problems existed on Drover Road and a bin should also be requested for this site.

He further went on to provide a report on the Parish Wood and advised that further work should be undertaken in the New Year to implement the second phase of the woodland management plan. In addition debate took place regarding the installation of stepping stones within the wood and installation of public footpath signs. Councillor Thompson agreed to take this forward and email the AONB regarding requirements for public footpath signage.

- (ii) Councillor H Thompson advised that she had recently attended her first School Governor's meetings and was pleased to report that things were going well at the school with pupil numbers increasing.

She further advised that she had been in close contact with the Headmistress at the school and had undertaken discussions regarding initiative that school children could become involved in within the wood. She advised that the Clerk should expect a letter in the New Year outlining their interest.

1213/81 CLERKS REPORT

Nothing further items to report.

1213/82 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Anderson reported the following item of business.

1213/83 RESIGNATION OF CLERK

Councillor Anderson reported the receipt of a letter of resignation from the Clerk with effect from 31st March 2013.

The Clerk advised that it was with regret that she was submitting her resignation, however due to changes in working commitments she was no longer able to fully carry out the duties of the Clerk.

Arrangements would be made as soon as possible to fill the vacancy.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk's resignation be received and arrangements to fill said vacancy be undertaken.

Conclusion of Meeting
8.45 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
31st January 2013