

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 31st January 2013 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors A D N Addison, G Anderson (Chair), D Dixon, W Robson, R Thompson and M Wotherspoon.

L Stephenson (Clerk), County Councillor O Johnson, Councillor C Burton and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H Thompson and County Councillor R Young.

1213/84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

1312/85 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1213/86 POLICE & PACT

The Chairman welcomed Vanessa Gray PCSO to the meeting who was now covering the Castleside area and had recently replaced PCSO Lisa Jackson.

Members then received the Police report for the period 29/11 – 31/01/13 which detailed matters and incidents which had been reported to the police relating to our area.

Further discussion took place regarding the quarry and it was noted that this issue had now been referred to management within Durham Constabulary.

1213/87 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors O Johnson and R Young proceeded to provide an update on activity within Durham County Council, in particular:

- Application for extension to Chapel at Green Burial site – approved.
- Update regarding recent weather conditions, slating routes and bin collections.

Councillor Thompson commented that the History Society forum had been full of comments of support for the DCC gritting and bin teams and the individual staff involved. Councillor Wotherspoon commented that she had found that the A68 had been kept very clear over the period of poor weather.

1213/88 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE

Councillor Burton advised that he had not been in attendance at the last meeting and therefore had no further reports to make. Details of discussion at the previous meetings would be available via the minutes of both the Board and PCC meetings.

The Clerk advised that A Coulthard would be in attendance at the next meeting to discuss the gateways project and bike track. It was also hoped that a representative from the Highways team would also be in attendance along with some of the young people who had been involved with the bike track project.

1213/89 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE – Cheques presented for approval on 31st January 2013

CHQ No	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1158	31 - Jan	126.34	0.00	126.34	R Thompson	Electrical equipment for tree lighting
1159	31 - Jan	375.00	75.00	450.00	Northern Tree Transplanters	Xmas Tree
1160	31 - Jan	350.00	0.00	350.00	M&J Forster	Supply of Xmas tree frame
1161	31 - Jan	100.00	0.00	100.00	St Johns Church	Donation – Xmas Tree
1162	31 - Jan	100.00	0.00	100.00	Castleside Community Association	Donation – Xmas Lunch
1163	31 - Jan	20.00	0.00	20.00	Angus House	Room Hire 06.12.12
TOTAL		1071.34	0.00	1146.34		1146.34

INCOME RECEIVED 6/12 – 31/01/13	
Community Account	0.00
Business Money	0.00
Total Income in month (£)	0.00

BALANCES	
Balance B/F	15585.32
Less expenditure	1146.34
Balance C/F	14438.98

1213/90 PRECEPT / BUDGET 2013/14

Members received a report of the Clerk which outlined in detail the budget and precept recommendations for 2013/14 including information which impacted upon the council in particular in relation to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS).

Members debated at length the options available to them and any areas of savings which could be identified for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the budget for 2013/14 shall be set at £9125.00
- (ii) That the precept request for 2013/14 shall be £8389
- (iii) In addition a grant of £736 will be awarded in 2013/14 from DCC.

1213/91 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no matters to report under this item.

1213/92 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

RESOLVED: That the following planning applications be received:

- (i) 1/2013/0019 24 Castlehills, Castleside, Consett
- (ii) 1/2012/0623 Land to the south of 3 West View, Castleside, Consett.

1213/93 MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor R Thompson provided an update with regard to the funding for the parish wood. It was noted that there had been some delays in the processing of the relevant paperwork however it was now hoped that this had now been completed.

Further discussion took place regarding the use of the Forestry Commission company logo on parish wood signs. Councillor Thompson reported that this was being looked into and further details would be reported at a future meeting.

1213/94 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk advised that information had been received regarding upcoming parish elections and how to engage with the community in seeking potential candidates. Details would be circulated to members following the meeting.

In addition agreement was sought regarding details relating to advertisement of the Clerks position. It was agreed that this shall take place at the end of the meeting following the exclusion of press and public.

1213/95 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The further following items of business were discussed:

- (i) Parish Newsletter – deadline for proof reading 28th February, deadline for articles to C O'Hanlon 21st February 2013.
- (ii) Footpath to Allensford – this had still not been cleared and the footpath was not in a safe state for pedestrians. Clerk to report to HAL.

1213/96 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the said act.

1213/97 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND FINANCE OFFICER

The Clerk circulated copies of the proposed job advert and description for member's comments. It was recommended that the advert be displayed on the two notice boards within the village and on the CDALC website from 1 February – 13 February 2013.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the job advert and description be approved.
- (ii) That the advert be displayed as outlined above from 1 – 13 February 2013
- (iii) That interviews shall take place on Thursday 21st February 2013.

Conclusion of Meeting 8.45 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
28 February 2013