

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 28th February 2013 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

G Donaghy, County Councillor R Young, Andy Coulthard, Councillor C Burton and 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Lucy Stephenson, County Councillor O Johnson

1213/98 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

1213/99 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1213/100 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

The Chair announced the appointment of the new Clerk and Finance Officer Miss Gemma Donaghy.

1213/101 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

A Coulthard informed the members that no AAP meetings had taken place since the previous Parish Meeting due to the adverse weather.

A Coulthard provided an update on the Gateways project advising that it was not possible to use dry stone walling gateways as it is too near to the highway and would be a potential obstruction and hazard to drivers. S Stoker from DCC Highways dept was also in attendance to advise members on possible courses of action that could be taken. Discussion took place regarding the possible fencing/barriers and planting that could be used and it was agreed to implement white edge carriage lines to both entrances to narrow the road and avert overtaking and to install the white plastic fencing. Councillor H Thompson asked the members if some Bee Friendly planting could be considered as it was relatively cheap, friendly to the environment and could attract wildlife. A Coulthard requested to be informed if the planting goes ahead so it can be sited on the grass cutting schedule to avoid the area in question.

A Coulthard provided an update on the bike track, the land previously identified was part owned by the brewery and landlord of the pub and would not allow access, it was also thought that newts were habiting on the land. After some discussion members identified another piece of land to the rear of Castleside

Industrial estate, A Coulthard agreed to check ownership and planning permission of the land and bring back to Parish following the election.

1213/102 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor R Young advised that the application from Consett Green Spaces Group to preserve the Belle Vue site by registering it as a village green had been rejected, a planning application for the new academy to go ahead on the Belle Vue site is due for consideration at the planning committee the following Tuesday, it has been recommended for approval. DCC will not be increasing Council tax for 2013/14. Councillor R Young further advised that due to the upcoming County and Parish elections the purdah period commences on 18th March 2013.

1213/103 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

Councillor G Anderson reported that 24 calls had been made in the area since the last PACT meeting, no alcohol seizures or burglaries or criminal damage had been reported. 3 off road bikers had been issued with notices and if caught again in the next 12 months their motors will be confiscated. It had been reported that numerous cats had gone missing and also that some had been injured in snares, the police had identified this as a main priority for the area.

1213/104 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE – Cheques presented for approval on 28th February 2013

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1164	28 - Feb	17.50	0.00	17.50	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath
1165	28 - Feb	123.99	0.00	123.99	L Stephenson	Admin
1167	28 - Feb	264.94	0.00	264.94	L Stephenson	Add Duties
1168	28 - Feb	24.00	0.00	24.00	Castleside Comm. Assoc	Xmas Lunch
TOTAL		430.43	0.00	430.43		430.43

INCOME RECEIVED 31/01/13 – 28/0213	
Community Account	0.00
Business Money Manager Bank Interest	2.25
	2.15
Total Income in month (£)	4.40

BALANCES	
Balance B/F	14438.98
Add Income as above	4.40
	14443.38
Less Expenditure	430.43
Balance C/F	14012.95

Councillor Wotherspoon commented on the poor bank interest rates and it was agreed to investigate changing bank accounts in the future.

1213/105 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Anderson advised that a notice had been submitted for a wind turbine and views had to be submitted within 20 days from 22nd February.

1213/106 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

There were no matters to be reported under this item.

1213/107 MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor R Thompson advised that the grant has been approved for the Parish wood but the money has not yet been released. Councillor Wotherspoon suggested setting up a Parish wood sub committee and widening it to members of the public, G Donaghy is to explore the possibility of sub committee.

Councillor Wotherspoon announced that she has stepped down as school governor and if anybody is interested in taking on the position should contact the Head teacher Mrs Charlton.

1213/108 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The further following items of business were discussed:

- (i) 150th Birthday of Healeyfield – possible celebrations to mark the occasion, it was agreed to hold a public meeting on Monday 15th April 7pm to consult residents and provisional celebration date of 28th July 2013 was diaried.
- (ii) Agreed to discuss Easter Egg Hunt donation at the next meeting

Conclusion of Meeting 8.35 p.m.

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

