

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 27th June 2013 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors A D N Addison, G Anderson, D Dixon, A Pearson, H Thompson, R Thompson and M Wotherspoon.

G Donaghy (Clerk) County Councillor R Young, County Councillor O Johnson, Councillor C Burton and 2 members of the public, Vanessa PCSO and 2 neighbourhood wardens.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

1314/12 RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor G Anderson resigned from the position of chairman for the ensuring year.

1314/13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was RESOLVED that Councillor R Thompson be hereby appointed Chairman for the remaining municipal year ending May 2014.

1314/14 CHAIRMAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Chairman signified his acceptance of the office of Chairman.

Councillor R Thompson in the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors G Anderson, D Dixon and A Pearson declared a prejudicial interest under item 1314/21 due to their position on the 150th Birthday Committee. They subsequently took no part in voting on that item.

1314/13 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 16th May 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1314/14 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor H Thompson requested further discussion with regards to approaching the school with proposals on the bike track. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council could no longer go any further with this proposal. The AAP would be in attendance at the Castleside carnival on the 13th July which would provide residents an opportunity to express their opinions on the priorities for the village.

Councillor Burton provided an update in respect of recent issues being dealt with within the AAP and PCC as follows:-

- AGM was held last month, new Chairman elected for 2013/14

- AAP's will be visiting parish councils over the summer to discuss AAP priorities.

1314/15 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

Councillor G Anderson reported that there had been 39 Calls to the area throughout May and 29 Calls throughout June, the pact priority was speeding throughout the village. The 'farmwatch' scheme which had taken place was extremely successful with 225 volunteers taking part. The Parish Council thanked PCSO Grey for her hard work and commitment throughout the parish area.

The land owner of the quarry was in attendance to provide an update on the site. The site has recently been purchased and the Parish Council were informed work is on-going to clear the fly tipping, installation of a gate and fence, liaising with DCC's Environment Dept for citing of a possible CCTV camera and liaising with police to ensure correct use of the land is underway. Following lengthy discussion the Parish Council thanked the owner for the positive report and wished him success for the future with the quarry.

1314/16 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor O Johnson advised that many new Councillors had joined the Council at the May election and were undergoing training. Recent Government budget announcements are expected to have an impact upon DCC, possible job losses across all services.

1314/17 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 27th June 2013

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1181	27 June	559.36	0.00	559.36	Zurich municipal	Insurance
1182	27 June	1325.60	0.00	1325.60	Gemma Donaghy	Salary March-Sept 2013
1183	27 June	331.40	0.00	331.40	HMRC	Tax
1184	27 June	96.89	0.00	96.89	Gemma Donaghy	Admin
1185	27 June	50.00	0.00	50.00	Cath O'Hanlan	Newsletter
1186	27 June	50.00	0.00	50.00	Castleside Scouts	Delivery Newsletter
TOTAL		2413.25		2413.25		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Community Account	0.00
Business Money Manager Bank Interest	2.60
Castleside Community Association (sale of jubilee mugs)	36.50
Durham County Council	9125.00
HMRC Tax Refund	287.14

Total Income in month (£)	9451.24
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BALANCES	
Balance B/F	12942.03
Add Income as above	9451.24
Less Expenditure	2413.25
Balance C/F	19980.02

1314/17/1 it was RESOLVED that the finance report be received.

1314/18 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: that the following items of correspondence be received.

- 1314/18/1 letter from Willow Burn Hospice
- 1314/18/2 email from D.Plumridge –Future of Castleside Village Hall
RESOLVED to discuss further when additional information is available
- 1314/18/3 letter from Lanchester Parish Council – support Healeyfields request
to include Long Edge Lane in Winter Maintenance route RESOLVED
Clerk to send joint letter to DCC Neighbourhood Services

1314/19 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

RESOLVED: that the following planning application be received:-

1/2013/0246/DMFP – 1 & 2 Consett Road – Change of use of shop

RESOLVED: that the following applications be noted as approved by DCC

1/2012/0646 – Mount Pleasant Farm Rowley – change of use of land

CMA/1/76 - Erection of Wind Turbine, Middle Heads Farm Rowley subject to conditions

1314/20 MEMBER REPORTS

It was RESOLVED that the following reports were received

1314/20/1 – Councillor H Thompson provided an estimate of costing for the bee friendly planting.

1314/20/2 – Councillor H Thompson advised that Heritage Lottery funds may be available for WW1 Centenary remembrance events in 2014, Councillor H Thompson to outline proposals for possible ways of marking the occasion.

1314/21 150th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would underwrite the sum of £400 to enable the event to take place until the outcome of the AAP small grant was available.

County Councillors O Johnson and R Young agreed to make a donation to the event from their MIF.

1314/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following further items of business were raised:-

Grasscutting in Rowley – Emersons would be instructed to cut back a 2metre strip and also a 2 metre perimeter around the parish seats.

Parish Seats – various donations had been received in relation to repairs and renewal of seats.

Britain in bloom Competition – Councillor Pearson to table for discussion early 2014

Conclusion of Meeting 9.00 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
25th July 2013