

**Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council**  
**Held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.**

**PRESENT**

Councillors A D N Addison, D Dixon, A Pearson, H Thompson, R Thompson (Chair).

County Councillor O Johnson, Councillor C Burton, G Donaghy (Clerk), PC Susan Curnow and PCSO Mark Rodgers.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Anderson and M Wotherspoon, County Councillor R Young and A Coulthard AAP.

**1314/38      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were submitted.

**1314/39      MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**1314/40      AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Clerk provided details of the 'your voice your say' AAP event taking place at the Village Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> October it was RESOLVED the Chairman and Clerk to assist on the day.

**1314/41      COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

County Councillor Johnson advised the contract has been signed and work will commence on the new Consett Academy on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Consultation is on-going for proposals to introduce a charge for a garden waste bin of £20 per bin per annum to meet savings as identified in the medium term financial plan (MTEP).

The new street lighting policy has begun to be implemented across the County, lighting is to be switched off in some rural areas where it is safe to do so, installation of LED lighting is to be more energy efficient and enable it to be dimmed overnight.  
Councillor

O Johnson also encouraged the Parish Councillors to submit their comments on the County Durham Plan.

**1314/42      POLICE AND PACT REPORT**

PC Susan Curnow and PCSO Mark Rodgers provided an update on the Police and Pact report.

**1314/43      FINANCE****EXPENDITURE – Cheques presented for approval on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

<b>CHQ No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>
1191	26 Sept	200.00	0.00	200.00	The Castleside pship	Donation to carnival
1192	26 Sept	50.00	0.00	50.00	Raymond Thompson	Chairman Allowance
1193	26 Sept	50.00	0.00	50.00	Cath O'Hanlan	Newsletter
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>		

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

<b>BALANCES</b>	
Balance B/F	19401.47
Add Income as above	0.00
Less Expenditure	300.00
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>19101.47</b>

**1314/44      CORRESPONDENCE**

RESOLVED: that the following items of correspondence be received.

- 1314/44/1      Donation to St Johns Church RESOLVED to Donate £150 in recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the ecclesiastical parish this year.
- 1314/44/2      request from St Johns Church to switch on Christmas tree lights on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013 RESOLVED lights would be erected in time for this

**1314/45      DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**

No planning applications had been received.

- 1314/45/(i)      Members noted for information the minutes from the recent public meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013 regarding application CMA/1/89.

**1314/46      CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk contacted Lumsdon and Carroll regarding the condition of the road at Healeyfield Picnic Site, they were not prepared to revisit the area as the work was carried out some time ago. It was RESOLVED to report the spring water leak to the environment agency.

The County Councillors have requested signage be erected at Whitehall, Rowley Station and Hownsgill picnic areas to deter people from using the site for overnight use.

The Clerk advised that under the powers LGA 1972 s.133 and Local Government (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976, s. 19 the Parish Council would be able to provide the village hall with financial assistance for an administrative post if it was requested and accordingly agreed.

The Clerk advised that Npower had waived the administration charge for the recent outstanding invoice for the festive lighting but is awaiting a quote from Northern Electric Distributors to have the metre disconnected.

#### **1314/47      MEMBER REPORTS**

Councillor Dixon informed members that the Village Hall Committee is looking for new members and volunteers.

Councillor R Thompson provided an update on the Parish Wood, due to new policies in place the Forestry Commission was no longer able to pay for vehicular access for the extraction of timber unless it was used for wood fuel.

#### **1314/48      PARISH NOTICE BOARDS**

Discussion took place regarding the relocation of the Parish Notice board  
RESOLVED: to approach the Village Hall committee to request to site it outside the hall.

#### **1314/50      WINTER MAINTENANCE LONG EDGE LANE**

As requested by Councillor Dixon the Parish Council discussed the possibility of subsidising the winter maintenance route along Long Edge Lane it was RESOLVED: the clerk to request a quote from Neighbourhood Services.

#### **1314/51      PARISH SEATS**

Mr Dixon has formalised his offer to purchase a seat for the Parish Council. It was RESOLVED: the Clerk to investigate undertaking a programme of monitoring the condition of the Seats.

#### **1314/52      REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Remembrance Sunday service will take place at 3pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> November at the war memorial, Castleside. It was noted that the Parish Council do not coordinate the service, however their understanding was that all four churches whose ecclesiastical areas cover Castleside would be welcome to participate in the ceremony.

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**COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS – INFORMATION ONLY**

Councillor Pearson asked members opinions on the New Gateways on the entrance/exit to the village.

**Conclusion of Meeting 9p.m.**

Signed.....Chairman of the Council  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2013