

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

PRESENT

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

County Councillor O Johnson, Councillor C Burton, G Miller (Clerk) and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor R Young.

1314/53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors A Addison and A Pearson declared a prejudicial interest under item 1314/60/1 due to their position on the Castleside Scouts. They subsequently took no part in voting on that item.

1314/54 UPDATE PROVIDED BY THE OWNER OF THE QUARRY SITE

Andy Davison provided an update on the site advising that works had been carried out, gates had been installed and fly tipping was infrequent. Andy suggested he could make use of the adjacent land which had recently been to auction by DCC but not sold, with a view to providing a bike track if the Parish Council were also able to assist. He further queried whether the 30mph area could be extended past the entrance to the quarry. Members agreed this would be further discussed at a future meeting.

1314/55 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on the 26th September were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

HT passed on the apologies from the Owner of the Smelters Pub for none attendance, she further advised that residents and visitors were welcome to use the smelters pub car park.

1314/56 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR G ANDERSON

Councillor Geoff Anderson tendered his resignation to the Parish Council, It was with deep regret and sadness that the Parish Council accepted his resignation and with such thanked him dearly for all his hard work and dedication during his years in office.

1314/57 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair advised that the clerk, the vice chair and himself had attended the CDALC AGM and once again budget cuts were high on the agenda.

1314/57/1 GATEWAYS – Councillor Pearson asked the question what was the opinion of the new gateways to the entrance of the village. Members felt the

gateways could have been positioned/painted more effectively however did believe that to visitors entering the village they would have a positive impact. Councillor Wotherspoon advised she was unhappy with the road markings and had taken this up with the Highways department at DCC.

1314/58 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

Councillor Addison advised that the police hoped to restart the neighbourhood watch scheme in the village and requested information be put in the next edition of the newsletter.

1314/59 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Johnson provided an update, the Cabinet had recently agreed to go to consultation about the future of the 5 Council run residential care homes. The County Council is also currently working to develop a proposal to transfer the ownership of its council homes to 3 organisations that currently manage on their behalf.

1314/60 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE – Cheques presented for approval on 31st October 2013

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1194	31 Oct	70.00	0.00	70.00	Malcolm Lumley	Grass cutting
1195	31 Oct	197.50	0.00	197.50	Conway Printing	Printing of Newsletter
1196	31 Oct	50.00	0.00	50.00	Castleside Scouts	Delivery of newsletter
1197	31 Oct	150.00	0.00	150.00	St Johns Church	Charitable Donation
TOTAL		467.50		467.50		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Community Account	0.00
Business Money Manager Bank Interest	3.07
Durham County Council (Cllr MIF for 150 birthday Committee)	200.00
Durham County Council (Small Grants Fund for 150 birthday committee)	400.00
Total Income in month (£)	603.07

BALANCES	
Balance B/F	19980.02
Add Income as above	603.07
Less Expenditure	467.50
Balance C/F	20115.59

1314/60/1 It was RESOLVED to donate £50 to the scouts for the delivery of the leaflets for the public meeting held on 14th September 2013.

1314/61 **CORRESPONDENCE**

RESOLVED: that the following items of correspondence be received.

- 1314/61/1 Great North Air Ambulance –RESOLVED to donate £50
- 1314/61/2 Bishop Auckland Rugby club request for donation noted
- 1314/61/3 St Johns Church – RESOLVED to donate £30 to Lanchester Brass Band for switch on at Christmas lights
- 1314/61/4 Thankyou card from W Robson

1314/62 **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**

No planning applications had been received.

1314/63 **CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk advised on the response from Neighbourhood Services regarding Winter Maintenance at Long Edge Lane; the road does not meet criteria for priority 1 or 2 route. The nearby Gritters are at full capacity therefore it would not be possible even if the Parish were willing to pay the cost to offer this service.

The clerk advised the meeting on the disconnection charge received from the Northern Network distributors to disconnect the power supply that had formally been used for the Christmas lights, it was RESOLVED the clerk to seek further advice on the charges implemented.

1314/64 **MEMBER REPORTS**

No Member Reports.

1314/65 **PARISH WOOD POLICY REVIEW**

Councillor R Thompson circulated a report detailing the implications to the Parish Council following the implementation of the forestry Commission Management Plan. It was RESOLVED to postpone the works of the management plan, the management plan itself would remain in place and the felling licence (FLA) would also be unaffected but the present grant would be relinquished until the Parish Council are in a better position to carry out the monitoring and oversight of any works undertaken.

1314/66 **PARISH NOTICE BOARDS**

Councillor Dixon advised that the village hall have granted permission to site the notice board outside the hall however further discussion took place regarding the location. It was RESOLVED to site the notice board at 35a Consett Road as members felt this location was more central to the village with close proximity to the School.

1314/67 **PARISH SEATS**

It was RESOLVED that Mr Arthur Pearson would continue to repair and maintain the seats on behalf of the Parish Council with a view to it being reviewed in one year.

1314/68

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Service would be held at 3pm on the 10th November at the War Memorial Castleside.

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COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

No questions were submitted.

Conclusion of Meeting 9p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
28th November 2013