



Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 20th March at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors A D N Addison (Chair), D Dixon, J Forster, A Pearson, J Robson.

County Councillor O Johnson, Councillor Colin Burton, G Miller (Clerk), 2 members of the public, Chris Affleck (Durham Community Action).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor R Young.

1314/126 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J Forster declared a pecuniary interest in item 1314/139 and subsequently took no part in the discussion or voting on that item.

1314/127 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Public Participation policy was distributed for the benefit of the public present.

1314/128 DURHAM COMMUNITY ACTION PRESENTATION

The Chair welcomed Chris Affleck from the Durham Community Action team to the meeting. Chris gave a verbal presentation on the free membership scheme available for the NHS North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) which aims to involve members of the community in health decisions across North Durham.

Chris advised the Project is a joint venture between Durham Community Action and North Durham CCG, and set up in order to help consult and involve patients and the public in planning and provisions of healthcare services, the development and considerations of healthcare changes and also the decisions that may affect services.

The Team were happy to talk to individuals or groups to involve them in the project and welcomed participation from the wider community.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council becomes a member so that regular updates and information be received, Councillor Judith Robson agreed to be the representative from the Parish Council.

1314/129 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on the 27th February 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1314/130 AAP AND PARISH COUNCILS REPORT

Councillor Burton advised that he attends the monthly Parish Councils committee meeting, as the representative Councillor Burton would welcome any comments or issues to feed back to the committee on behalf of the Parish Council.

1314/131 PACT AND POLICE

Councillor Addison attended the PACT meeting no items of concern were raised relating to the parish area.

1314/132 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor O Johnson informed the meeting that the draft of the County Durham Plan had been received by the Cabinet, it will be adopted by full Council before submitting it to the Secretary of State, for examination by a planning inspector. It is anticipated the examination will commence in the summer 2014.

Councillor Johnson further advised the build has recently commenced on the new Consett Academy, and the planning application for a large residential site at Genesis Way Consett had been approved by the County planning committee. The Site will offer links to the Coast to Coast cycle path and has also received a lottery bid to enhance footpaths.

1314/133 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 20 March 2014

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1220	20 Mar	78.43	0.00	78.43	Gemma Miller	Admin Nov13-Mar14
TOTAL		78.43		78.43		

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

BALANCES		
Balance B/F		16481.96
Add Income as above		0.00
Less Expenditure		78.43
Balance C/F		16403.53

1314/133/1 RESOLVED: that the Finance report be noted and approved.

1314/134 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: that the following items of correspondence be received.

1314/134/1 Email from Mr R Thompson regarding newsletter content, request for information regarding resignations **RESOLVED:** members received the information and standby decision taken at the previous meeting ref 1314/121.

1314/134/2 Email regarding bulk purchase order for dog waste bags RESOLVED: Councillor Forster to check stock levels and inform clerk if any were required for the village hall.

1314/135 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Planning Application DM/14/00331/COL received Mrs L Hitchen Land to the rear of 45 Consett Road Castleside. Application for lawful development certificate in respect of change of use of land to domestic garden RESOLVED Members noted the application and did not wish to submit any comments.

1314/136 CLERKS REPORT

No Clerks report to consider.

1314/137 MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Forster informed the meeting that she is now carrying out the role as secretary for the Village Hall.

1314/138 FLOWER TUBS

Members discussed at length the display of flower tubs for summer 2014. It was RESOLVED to put more flower tubs out than the previous year and to approach businesses within the Parish for possible sponsorship, a small plaque/card would be displayed with the tubs in the recognition of their business. Members agreed to send their contacts of known businesses in the area to the clerk.

1314/139 NOTICEBOARD

The Clerk advised that Durham County Council highways department had granted permission for the installation of the notice board outside of 35 Consett Road Castleside, no planning permission was required.

2 quotes were obtained for the installation of the notice board, it was RESOLVED to award the contract to Mr Foster.

1314/140 PARISH SEATS

The Clerk had carried out a site visit with the highways inspector, who is trying to ascertain the ownership of the seats the Parish Council wish to take over to enable an agreement to be drawn up.

It was RESOLVED for Councillor Pearson to contact the Horse and Groom pub with regards to the 2 seats they may have in storage.

1314/141 TRAFFIC/SAFETY CASTLESIDE CROSSROADS A68

Councillor Robson and Mr M Ball raised great concern to the road traffic safety at the crossroads Castleside A68. The Safety bollards were yet to be replaced following 2 recent accidents. County Councillor Johnson advised members to feed this issue into the PACT meeting as a priority in the first instance, it was RESOLVED the clerk to report the safety bollards with DCC.

1314/142 COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Members discussed the possibility of holding a Councillor Surgery to provide residents with the opportunity to talk with Parish Councillors informally on issues or ideas on the area. It was RESOLVED to hold a surgery on a monthly basis prior to the Parish Council meeting 6.30pm in the Village Hall Castleside, Members would work on a rota basis with at least 2 members present at each surgery.

1314/143 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

No Councillor questions were submitted.

Conclusion of Meeting 8.40p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
24th April 2014