

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 24th April 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), 3 members of the public, Andy Coulthard AAP, Andy Davison and Sue Mullenger DCC

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

1314/144 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted.

1314/145 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1314/146 QUARRY AND WOODLANDS PROJECT

The Chair welcomed Andy Coulthard, Andy Davison and Sue Mullenger to the meeting. A briefing paper about the Land of Oak and Iron landscape partnership was distributed. An application has been submitted to improve and protect the land adjacent to the quarry site by the partnership, consultation will be taking place over the next year. Andy Davison provided an overview of the project he would like to run adjacent to the quarry which he hoped he could develop a junior bike track for young and beginner bikers. Discussion took place on both projects and Members supported the proposals currently tabled, members felt both projects would be beneficial to the area.

1314/147 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on the 20th March 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1314/148 AAP AND PARISH COUNCILS REPORT

Councillor Burton advised that he has stepped down as the Parish Councils representative and David Bell is to take over the position, he further advised he would still be attending and providing the updates for Healeyfield Parish Council. Members thanked Councillor Burton for his attendance.

1314/149 PACT AND POLICE

No Pact or Police meeting had taken place since the last Meeting.

1314/150 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

County Councillor O Johnson informed the meeting that Consett Academy build was well under way, Consett AFC were successfully up and running at their new site at Crookhall. Hitachi are moving forward with plans to build 500 carriages at their factory in Newton

Aycliffe, a total of 730 jobs will be created under the new contract. Consultation is currently underway to transfer the Council's housing stock to social housing. A committee has been set up to co-ordinate WW1 commemorative events.

1314/151 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 24 April 2014

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1221	24 April	211.37	0.00	211.37	CDALC	Subscription 2014/15
1222	24 April	157.54	31.50	189.04	Fattorini	Chain of Office
1223	24 April	20.00	0.00	20.00	T Cartmell	Internal Audit
1224	24 April	603.89	0.00	603.89	G Miller	Salary April-June
1225	24 April	151.11	0.00	151.11	HMRC	Tax
1226	24 April	200.00	0.00	200.00	Castleside Community Association	Room Hire
1227	24 April	211.70	31.50	211.70	Conway Printing	Newsletter/leaflet Printing
Total				1587.11		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Community Account	0.00
Business Money Manager Bank Interest	2.19
Total Income in month (£)	2.19

BALANCES	
Balance B/F	16403.53
Add Income as above	2.19
Less Expenditure	1587.11
Balance C/F	14818.61

1314/151/1 RESOLVED: that the Finance report be noted and approved.

1314/152 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was RESOLVED that the Financial Statement and Account for the financial year 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 be received.

1314/153 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: that the following items of correspondence be received.

1314/153/1 letter from Zurich Municipal RESOLVED: agreed to enter into a 3 year term agreement for insurance cover as it as better value for money.

1314/154/2 Email from Mr R Thompson RESOLVED: the Clerk advised Mr Thompson it was an issue to be addressed by Durham County Council FOI team.

1314/154 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Planning Application DM/14/00785/FPA proposed single storey rear extension at 12 Church Street Castleside. RESOLVED Members noted the application and did not wish to submit any comments.

Councillor Dixon requested if a representative could attend the next meeting to discuss his proposals for Watergate Farm, RESOLVED Members granted permission for the representative to attend the next meeting.

1314/155 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk advised that she had been informed from DCC that the replacement safety bollards at the crossroads had been ordered and works should be carried out within the coming weeks.

The Clerk advised the grass on Allensford Bank had been cut back, Members were still unhappy with the condition of the path and requested a meeting with the Clean and Green Team Leader. RESOLVED The Clerk to arrange a site visit.

1314/156 MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Forster requested the Parish purchase a dog bag dispenser it was RESOLVED to purchase the dispenser and install outside the Village Hall.

1314/156/1 No members of the public attended the Councillor Surgery. RESOLVED The Clerk to request a representative to attend future surgeries.

1314/157 FLOWER TUBS

Members discussed at length the display of flower tubs for summer 2014. It was RESOLVED to hold a special meeting to enable information on previous locations of flower tubs to be provided.

1314/158 TRAFFIC/SAFETY CASTLESIDE CROSSROADS A68

Discussion took place regarding the speeding and safety of the crossroads, adjoining roads and in particular the A68. RESOLVED The Clerk to request a meeting with Durham Police Traffic department.

1314/159 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

No Councillor questions were submitted.

Conclusion of Meeting 8.40p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
29th May 2014