

**Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council**  
**Held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.**

**PRESENT**

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

County Councillor O Johnson, County Councillor R Young, Councillor Colin Burton, G Miller (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor J Robson.

**1415/1      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D Dixon declared a pecuniary and personal interest in item 1415/4 and subsequently took no part in the voting on that item.

**1415/2      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**1415/3      CO-OPTION**

Following application and interview process held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014, Mr Philip Archer was interviewed, members considered the candidate and it was RESOLVED that Mr P Archer be duly elected to serve as a co-opted member of the Parish Council.

Councillor Archer signified his acceptance and joined the meeting.

**1415/4      WATERGATE FARM PROPOSALS**

A representative from Saddler Brown Architecture was in attendance to notify members of the proposals for Watergate Farm. The initial design plans were distributed for members consideration, members were advised it was to be restored into a family dwelling. Proposals also included retaining the main access to the property, reflooding the spring whilst preserving the history and existing structure. To minimise the impact upon the land contrasting materials were to be used to enable it to sit within the AONB suitably.

Members supported the application in developing the ruin however felt the initial design did not fit in well with the existing area in keeping with the village. It was felt the design was a stark contrast that would jar with its surroundings and it would be difficult to gain public support with a design of this nature.

The Chair thanked the Saddler Brown Rep for his attendance and requested to be kept up to date on future proposals for this site.

**1415/5      AAP AND PARISH COUNCILS REPORT**

There was no update from the AAP and Parish Council's committee, the AAP are currently running your village/your say events across the Mid Durham AAP area.

**1415/6      PACT AND POLICE**

Councillor Addison advised no PACT meeting had taken place prior to Parish Meeting. RESOLVED the clerk to request confirmation of meeting dates from the PCSO.

**1415/7      COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

County Councillor Johnson advised the Consett academy build is well under way, the leisure and community use protocol is currently being produced and will be consulted on. Financial budgets were once again tight at the County Council and residents may see a reduction in services in the coming years.

Councillor Young advised that consultation is underway for DCC to cease the maintenance of Bowling clubs.

In response to Councillor Archer's queries, Councillor Johnson advised the percentage of redundancies for DCC was unknown at this current time.

In conclusion Councillor Johnson was delighted to inform the meeting that Durham County Council was awarded the LGC award of Council of the year.

**1415/8      FINANCE****EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 29 May 2014**

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1228	29 May	76.00	0.00	76.00	SLCC	Subscription 2014/15
1229	29 May	50.00	0.00	50.00	M & J Forster	Installation of noticeboard
1230	29 May	319.20	63.84	383.04	Marmax	Public Seat
1231	29 May	517.84	0.00	517.84	Zurich Municipal	Insurance 2014/15
Total		<b>963.04</b>	<b>63.84</b>	<b>1026.88</b>		

<b>INCOME RECEIVED</b>	
Community Account	0.00
Business Money Manager Bank Interest	0.00
DCC Precept	9068.14
A Addison (VAT from Chain)	31.50
<b>Total Income in month (£)</b>	<b>9099.64</b>

<b>BALANCES</b>	
Balance B/F	14818.61
Add Income as above	9099.64
Less Expenditure	1026.88
<b>Balance C/F</b>	<b>22891.37</b>

**1415/8/1** RESOLVED: that the Finance report be noted and approved.

**1415/9**            **CORRESPONDENCE**

RESOLVED: that the following items of correspondence be received.

1415/9/1 email from D Plummridge regarding volunteer strimming of verges

1415/9/2 email from the friends of Castleside Village Hall RESOLVED Councillor Archer to be the Parish representative.

1415/9/3 CDALC training event RESOLVED Councillor Archer and Robson to attend

1415/9/4 email from Mrs V Page RESOLVED information re poll clerks to be put in Newsletter

1415/9/5 information re Dog Campaign RESOLVED costings for the campaign were agreed to the sum of £260

1415/9/6 information re planter signs RESOLVED to await further quotes

1415/9/7 AAP public consultation event on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall

1415/9/8 invite to ANOB Partnership Annual Forum

**1415/10**           **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**

Planning Application CMA/1/89 Erection of Single Wind Turbine at High Knitsley Farm had been granted planning permission subject to conditions.

Planning Application DM/14/01219/FPA erection of first floor rear extension at 5 Maudville.

Members noted the above applications and did not wish to submit any comments.

**1415/11**           **CLERKS REPORT**

No Clerks report to consider.

**1415/12**           **MEMBER REPORTS**

Councillor Forster informed the meeting that the litter pick had been a success, however it was noted 2 days after Drover Road was once again littered with McDonalds containers, it was RESOLVED Councillor Forster to take pictures and send to McDonalds to see if they could help with this hotspot area of concern. Councillor Addison abstained from voting.

Councillor Archer raised concern about the grass verge at Wesley Terrace it was RESOLVED the clerk to contact The Northern Power Grid to request the land be reinstated following recent underground electrical work that was undertaken.

1415/12/1 No Members of the public attended the Councillor Surgery.

**1415/13**           **NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk advised the deadline for articles for the summer edition of the Newsletter was 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**1415/14**           **ACCESS TO THE LILACS**

In response to concerns raised by residents members discussed the access and egress to The Lilacs, Castleside. It was RESOLVED the clerk to send a polite request to exit the property in a safe manner.

**1415/18      COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

No Councillor questions were submitted.

**Conclusion of Meeting 9.00p.m.**

Signed.....Chairman of the Council  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2014