



Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 26th June at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

County Councillor O Johnson, County Councillor R Young, Councillor Colin Burton, G Miller (Clerk), 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were submitted.

1415/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D Dixon declared a pecuniary interest in item 1415/29/1 and subsequently took no part in the voting on that item.

1415/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1415/21 DOG CAMPAIGN

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Geoffrey Knight from DCC Civic Pride team. Mr Knight advised the dog campaign is well underway, visits have been carried out at Castleside School to promote the poster competition, the dog chipping event is taking place on the 5th July 11am and increased visibility of wardens will be patrolling the village over the coming month.

1415/22 TRAFFIC SAFETY A68

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Sergeant Morgan from Durham Police. Sergeant Morgan provided an update on the traffic incident statistics for the village. He informed the meeting no major accidents had been reported since 2010. He advised Members to encourage residents to report individual registration numbers of those vehicles speeding and to report it themselves also. He further advised the Parish Council to discuss the community speed watch initiative with the local P.C's and PCSO's. In response to members queries Sergeant Morgan advised research has shown implementing a one way street on Church Street could potentially increase speed as there will be no traffic head on to encourage motorists to slow down. In conclusion he added should the Parish Council or residents be able to identify individual offenders the speed awareness courses have seen extremely positive results.

1415/23 LAND OF OAK AND IRON

The Clerk distributed an update from Sue Mullinger DCC regarding the management plan for the parish wood. It stated the wood would fit into the woodlands project for the Land of Oak and Iron programme. It was RESOLVED to arrange a further meeting with Ms Mullinger, members of the Parish Council and Ray Thompson for further discussion.

1415/24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1415/24/1 the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record with the following amendment to item 1415/4;

It was felt the design was a stark contrast that would jar with its surroundings.

1415/24/2, Councillor Archer advised the reinstatement of the land at Wesley Terrace had not yet been carried out, Councillor Dixon advised he would discuss the parking issue with Mr Makepeace.

1415/25 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

It was RESOLVED that Councillor J Robson is hereby appointed as Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

1415/26 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

No AAP and Parish Council's update to report.

1415/27 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

Councillor Addison reported on issues from the Local PACT meeting. No major incidents were reported for the area.

1415/28 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Young provided an update on the notice of motion regarding the closure of Stanhope residential care home that was considered at the full Council meeting advising the motion was lost and the Care home will still be closed as agreed by the Cabinet. The County Planning Committee considered an application for the opencast site at Pittington this was refused against officer recommendation.

County Councillor Johnson advised the new academy build was on schedule. He further advised a new set of regulations for the composition of school governors was to be introduced in the near future.

1415/29 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 26 June 2014

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1232	29 May	74.89	0.00	74.89	Gemma Miller	Admin Mar14-June14
Total		74.89	0.00	74.89		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Community Account	0.00
Business Money Manager Bank Interest	3.42
Income for charges of Petition/Resignation items	1.20
Total Income in month (£)	4.62

BALANCES

Balance B/F	22891.37
Add Income as above	4.62
Less Expenditure	74.89
Balance C/F	22821.10

1415/29 RESOLVED: that the Finance report be noted and approved.

1514/29/1 Donation to Carnival, request received donations will be agreed at the end of the financial year.

1415/29/2 It was RESOLVED to provide the Chairman allowance of £50 to Councillor Addison for 2013/14.

1415/30 CORRESPONDENCE

1415/30/1 Lay bye Consett Road, Mr Henderson was in attendance to provide an update on the parking issues. County Councillor Johnson advised that the lay bye adjacent to the homes of Mr Henderson and his immediate neighbours was not for the exclusive use of residents. The Parish Councillors were sympathetic to the concerns of Mr Henderson and his neighbours especially as some are disabled or in poor health and need vehicular access to their homes. It was RESOLVED to send a letter of recommendation to residents advising them to attach a sign to the brick wall outside their property politely requesting that the lay bye be kept clear for use by residents

1415/30/2 County Planning training invite from DCC RESOLVED item received.

1415/31 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Notification was received from Durham County Council advising Lanchester Parish Council is to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. Members did not wish to submit any comments. RESOLVED item received.

1415/32 CLERKS REPORT

No updates to report.

1415/33 MEMBER REPORT

1415/33/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – no members of the public attended the Councillor Surgery.

1415/33/2 WW1 - Councillor Robson suggested applying for funding to plant a memorial garden in the centre of the village in commemoration of 100 years since WW1. It was RESOLVED the Clerk to make initial enquiries with the Heritage Lottery Fund to see if the project was eligible for funding.

1415/33/3 Grasscutting around the Parish – Councillor Forster requested to undertake a grass strimming course, the clerk advised David Plumridge was covered by the Parish Council public liability insurance as a volunteer to strim areas of grass within the Parish boundary. It was RESOLVED for Councillor Forster to attend the grass strimming course, details to be provided on the next agenda and to liaise with Mr Plumridge regarding the areas they would each cut.

1415/33/4 Appearance of Village – The Chair thanked Councillor Forster for collecting and distributing the flower tubs. Members discussed at length the appearance of the village. It

was RESOLVED the clerk to arrange for the verges to be cut throughout Rowley and Allensford bank after tenders had been sought, in line with the Parish Councils procurement policy. It was further RESOLVED to request residents to cut back the overhanging trees adjacent to 30-44 (even house numbers only) Consett Road due to highway and pedestrian safety concerns.

1415/33/5 Scarecrow competition – It was RESOLVED that Councillor Pearson would be the judge of the competition and the Clerk would purchase a trophy for first prize and rosettes for 2nd and 3rd place. The Winner to be announced at the Carnival.

Councillor Archer informed the meeting that a meeting had been arranged to discuss the possible dissolution of the Friends of the Village Hall committee or its retention but with changes to its constitution in order to clarify ambiguities.

1415/34 NEWSLETTER

Members proof read the Summer 2014 edition of newsletter, RESOLVED the Clerk to make changes as discussed and send to print.

1415/35 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

No Councillor questions were submitted.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.20p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
31st July 2014