

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 25 September at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

County Councillor O Johnson, Councillor Colin Burton, G Miller (Clerk), 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Robson and County Councillor R Young.

1415/51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted.

1415/52 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1415/53 CO-OPTION

Following an application and interview process it was RESOLVED that Mr Adrian Hird be duly elected to serve as co-opted Members of the Parish Council.

Councillor Hird signified his acceptance of office.

1415/54 WATERGATE ROAD

Mr Andrew Lloyd was in attendance to discuss his planning proposals due to be submitted for consideration by the County Council relating to land to the rear of Castleside Club and Watergate Road Castleside. Mr Lloyd advised that planning permission had previously been granted for a bungalow with access from Rowley Bank, his proposals were for 2 properties for his family to live in with access to the properties taken from Watergate Road via a private driveway. Mr Lloyd discussed various previous planning issues and constraints detailed below;

Feasibility of site – the site is land locked on all sides.

Drainage – Mr Lloyd has gained permission from a resident on Church Street to connect to their manhole.

Smelters Flue – The flue had been uncovered under guidance from local historians. DCC land quality surveyor was consulted and it was agreed should the flue be unearthed for the driveway it would be tested by a geotechnical surveyor and a mitigation strategy carried out.

Right of Light – Mr Lloyds proposal is further away from the church street properties than previous applications have been.

Site Access – Access is not big enough to be an adoptive road via Watergate Road therefore Mr Lloyd is proposing a private driveway via Watergate Road he stated in original substation deeds of 1965 the land is designated a driveway, the Highways Department are in favour of this proposal.

Mr Lloyd demonstrated an artist's impression of the proposals advising members that he hopes this development will set the precedent for future developments in the area but also mask the surrounding residents of this site from any future developments.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lloyd for his presentation and welcomed comments from members and the public.

Councillor Hird agreed with the access proposals from a highway perspective, Councillor Dixon queried whether a French drain could be installed to the rear of Church Street to prevent flooding in the event of a flash flood. In response to Mr Swaddles concerns Mr Lloyd advised he currently holds the title ownership for the land and access rights. Mr Swaddle raised concerns regarding the contamination of land and future risk to residents from unearthing the flue and the 'criminal damage' already caused by the demolition of the boundary wall. Ms Lawson queried the storage and collection of refuse bins. Mr Lloyd advised that he has taken on board all comments and concerns raised by residents. Members felt that the proposals were a stark contrast to the current neighbouring properties.

1415/55 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

1415/56 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

Councillor Burton advised that the Parish Councils committee had changed to bi-monthly meetings. Members thanked Colin for representing the Parish Council at the Parish Councils Committee.

1415/57 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

Councillors Addison and Archer reported on issues from the Local PACT meeting. Councillor Archer advised the parking and speeding issues on Church street had been raised and it was agreed a meeting would take place between the Parish Council and the traffic management team.

1415/58 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Johnson advised the County Council are currently researching child sexual exploitation, building up a robust risk database with a partnership approach. The consultation on children centres is ongoing until 23rd October 2014.

1415/59 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 25 September 2014

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1239	25 Sept	100.00	20.00	120.00	BDO	External Audit
1240	25 Sept	450.00	90.00	540.00	Batsons	Grasscutting
Total		550.00	110.00	660.00		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Community Account	0.00
Business Money Manager Bank Interest	0.00

Total Income in month (£)	0.00

BALANCES	
Balance B/F	21986.95
Add Income as above	0.00
Less Expenditure	660.00
Balance C/F	21326.95

1415/59/1 It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received. County Councillor Johnson informed the meeting that County Councillor Young and himself would donate money from their MIF for additional Christmas Lighting. Members thanked the County Councillors for their kind donation.

1415/59/2 It was RESOLVED to receive notification of conclusion of the external audit, no matters arising.

1415/60 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received;

1415/61 letter from A.D.N.Addison, Members thanked Councillor Addison for his kind donations to the Village Hall and Scouts made from his Chairman allowance 2013/14.

1415/61 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

RESOLVED: that the following planning application be received

DM/14/02689/FPA – Change of use to mixed use as private residential dwelling and a wedding venue The Old Vicarage Church Street Castleside.

1415/62 CLERKS REPORT

The clerk requested to attend the CDALC training session on budgets and precepts, it was RESOLVED the clerk to attend.

1415/63 MEMBER REPORT

1415/63/1 feedback from Councillor Surgery, Mr and Mrs Henderson attended the surgery with regards to the houses on Consett Road which have recently been sold. Mrs Henderson specified it was down to the hard work and persistence from County Councillor Ossie Johnson, Clare Storey from DCC and Mrs Henderson herself that helped the houses be sold, the Parish Council did not assist with this process. Mr Henderson requested the seat legs at the picnic site be removed, the grass strimming around parish seats and the grass verges in Castleside be cut back. Mr Henderson felt the Parish Council were not representing the community enough against the cuts imposed by the County Council. It was RESOLVED the Clerk to report the picnic area seat to the County Council for removal, Councillor Forster was to undertake a grasscutting course in the near future prior to

trimming the parish seats. Mr Henderson thanked the Parish Council for the assistance with the signage to the front of their houses.

Mrs Disberry raised concern to the volume of large wagons using the A692, Members advised as this is an A class road nothing could be done to prevent this use. Mrs Disberry further queried the trees beside the Smelters Arms, in her opinion the trees looked like they had been poisoned. RESOLVED the clerk to check if the trees are covered by a TPO.

Discussion took place regarding the use of the bus shelter adjacent to the Horse and Groom, the position of the shelter makes it difficult to see the road. It was RESOLVED Councillor Archer to discuss the misuse with PCSO.

1415/63/2 Castleside Village Shop, following discussion with residents throughout the village it was felt a community shop would not be used, it was RESOLVED not to pursue any viable options for this going ahead.

1415/63/3 Winter Flower Tubs it was RESOLVED to leave flower tubs out over the winter, the Clerk to order some winter plants for members to plant up.

1415/63/4 Christmas Tree Arrangements, the Clerk advised the Christmas Tree lights would be switched on November 30th at 4.30pm at St Johns Church.

1415/63/5 Remembrance Sunday, the Clerk advised the service would take place at 3pm on the 30th November at the War Cenotaph. Discussion took place regarding the organisation of the service it was RESOLVED Councillor Addison and Pearson would work together for future arrangements to enable all religious denominations to be involved.

1415/64 WW1 GRANT

Discussion took place regarding the submission of the WW1 grant, Members felt current proposals drawn up by the landscapers were too expensive. It was RESOLVED Councillor Archer to discuss with the Heritage Lottery Fund the requirements and possibility of gaining the required amount for the project to take place.

1415/65 PARISH WOOD

The Clerk circulated a briefing note from Simon Wilson at the ANOB following discussion it was RESOLVED the Clerk to clarify with the ANOB who would pay for the extraction and planting costs.

1415/66 NEWSLETTER

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

1415/67 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

No Councillor questions were submitted.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.20p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
30th October 2014