

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 27 November at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

Sgt C Davis and PC S Curnow Durham Police, County Councillor Young and G Miller (Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor O Johnson.

1415/83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted.

1415/84 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1415/85 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1415/85/1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record with the following amendments;

1415/72 The PCSO advised he was going to ask patrols to be extra vigilant with regards to the misuse of the bus shelter on the A692 Consett Road.

1415/79 and the handrail repairs at the Lonnen seat.

1415/85/2 Matters arising

The police advised they will arrange for the bus shelter on Consett Road to be deep cleaned. It was RESOLVED the Clerk to notify Mrs Disberry.

Councillor Foster offered to collect the laths from Marmax for the repair work to the public seat.

PC Curnow confirmed the Haggrid Scheme may be able to assist installing the permanent flower bed at the edge of the village.

Following discussion between Councillor Robson and Castleside Primary School it was RESOLVED the Clerk to request the fence on Drover Road surrounding the School field is repaired or removed by the County Council.

The Clerk advised a response had been received from The Royal Mail regarding the mail collection times in the village which would be shared with Mrs Henderson.

1415/86 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

Mid Durham AAP are holding an open day event on 29th November, Councillors Forster and Pearson agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

1415/87 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

Sgt C Davis reported issues from the local PACT meeting;

- The handover of flower tubs had taken place from the HAGGRID project.
- A local speedwatch had taken place in the area.
- Criminal damage to thirteen windows had taken place at St Pius Church.
- Thefts had been reported from sheds and also insecure cars.
- The PACT priority was currently proxy buying of alcohol at the shop on Derby Drive and Deneburn, leading to antisocial behaviour.
- Work was ongoing with youths to sign up to ASB contracts and to identify funding for a youth shelter.

Sgt Davis further advised on the operation Snow Angels initiative which included the clearing of snow and delivery of food to elderly and vulnerable people throughout the bad weather. It was RESOLVED to include the Snow Angel information in the Parish newsletter.

1415/88 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Young informed members that work was ongoing with the Medium Term Financial Plan at the County Council. The Council had been focussing on the effects of welfare/benefits, child sexual exploitation and also looking at Co Durham's late night taxis and food outlets. Sgt Davis informed the meeting the police are also looking to raise awareness to prevent the supply of alcohol to young children.

In response to Councillor Archers query, County Councillor Young advised the County Council are still debating the 20mph speed restriction at present, no policy decisions have yet been taken with regards to the implementation.

1415/89 FINANCE

1415/89/1 NJC pay award agreement – the Clerk advised the National Joint Council have recently agreed a pay increase of 2.2% and a pro rota lump sum of £100. Members noted the increase in clerks wages.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 27 November 2014

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1244	27 Nov	108.00	0.00	108.00	Derwent Vinyls Ltd	Signage for Tubs
1245	27 Nov	30.00	0.00	30.00	Lanchester Brass Band	Travelling expenses
1246	27 Nov	1233.69	0.00	1233.69	Gemma Miller	Salary (Oct 14-March15)
1247	27 Nov	308.42	0.00	308.42	HMRC	Tax
1248	27 Nov	6.50	0.00	6.50	Gemma Miller	Engraving trophy
1249	27 Nov	12.00	2.99	14.99	Adrian Hird	Christmas tree lights
1250	27 Nov	17.50	0.00	17.50	Royal British Legion Poppy	Remembrance Wreath

					Appeal	
Total		1716.11	2.99	1719.10		

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

BALANCES	
Balance B/F	21226.60
Add Income as above	0.00
Less Expenditure	1719.10
Balance C/F	19507.50

1415/89/2 It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received.

1415/90 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received;

Email from R Thompson regarding the Parish Wood.

Letter from J Gill matters to be raised under item 1415/95 Parish Wood.

1415/91 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

RESOLVED: that the following planning applications be received

DM/14/03516/FPA - Mr A Harris 5 Wharnley Way Castleside extension to existing porch to front.

DM/14/03355/FPA – Mr J Featherstone 6 Wharnley Way Castleside erection of dormer to rear.

1415/92 CLERKS REPORT

No report to receive.

1415/93 MEMBERS REPORT

1415/93/1 feedback from Councillor Surgery, no residents attended the surgery.

1415/93/2 Christmas Tree - Councillor Hird provided 3 quotes for the installation of an electric point for festive lighting, it was RESOLVED to award the contract to Solar Electrical

subject to approval from St Johns Church, Councillor Hird to inform contractors of decision and contact Rev Jackson with the proposals.

The Clerk advised an administration cost had been received from Npower, as the electricity point previously used for festive lighting was still under ownership of the Parish Council it was RESOLVED to pay the charges and the Clerk to contact the Northern Power Grid to instruct them to terminate the connection, the Clerk advised that this would incur a charge of approximately £400.

1415/93/3 Village Green - Councillor Robson discussed the possibility of acquiring the grassed land adjacent to the Smelters Public House, it was RESOLVED the Chair and Vice Chair approach the new owners to ascertain their future intentions of the land.

1415/93/5 Volunteer Plant Tubs – The Chairman thanked Members and volunteers in particular the youths from the HAGGRID project for their work and assistance with the recently donated flower tubs.

1415/94 PARISH WOOD

Members considered the letter from Mr Gill it was RESOLVED to inform Mr Gill of the consultation event that would be taking place in the New Year. It was RESOLVED the clerk to contact Mr Wilson from the ANOB to confirm a date for the consultation event.

Following further discussion regarding signage to the wood it was RESOLVED Councillor Hird would approach a resident on Front Street to request to erect a Parish Wood sign on their land which would indicate an entrance to the wood. A further sign would also be required at the Smelt Mill entrance. It was RESOLVED to defer the discussion of installation of stepping stones within the wood until the management plan was carried out.

Members noted that the North Pennines AONB Partnership may have an AONB sign available for display within the Parish and Mr G Anderson may have in his possession the parish walks sign formally sited at the crossroads. It was RESOLVED the Clerk and Councillor Archer to investigate respectively this potential signage.

Following consultation with insurers it was RESOLVED biannual site visits would take place in the Parish Wood to comply with health and safety regulations. The first site visit would be following the Parish Wood consultation event.

1415/95 WW1 GRANT

Following discussion of the project it was RESOLVED to apply for the 'Our Heritage' Heritage Lottery fund which enables the Parish Council to apply for more than £10,000, Councillor Archer and Robson are to progress the application process.

1415/96 NEWSLETTER

The Clerk informed Members the Council have the power to publish information about the Council its services and the services provided in the Council's area.

It was RESOLVED the Clerk notify Chapel View Countryside Funeral Services that unfortunately it lies outside the Parish Council boundary, therefore would not be included within the newsletter.

Articles for the winter edition of the newsletter were discussed it was RESOLVED to circulate newsletters mid December.

1415/97 NOTICE BOARD

Councillor Forster volunteered to take down the bottom notice board for repairs to be carried out. Councillor Dixon would approach the residents of the adjacent properties with a view to moving the noticeboard to a new location.

1415/98 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

No Councillor questions were submitted.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.05p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
29th January 2015