

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 26 February 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).

G Miller (Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors O Johnson and R Young and Councillor C Burton.

1415/115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Archer declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 1415/124/4.

1415/116 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public participation policy was on display.

1415/117 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1415/117/1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record with the following amendments;

1415/102/1 RESOLVED the clerk to notify the landowner Mrs Lee.

1415/117/2 No matters arising relating to the previous minutes.

1415/118 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

Councillor Dixon informed the meeting that County Councillors Johnson and Young have allocated £5k from their AAP budgets towards the refurbishment of Castleside Village Hall toilets.

The Clerk advised Andy Coulthard AAP Coordinator had requested to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

1415/119 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

Councillors Addison and Archer reported issues from the local PACT meeting;

- Speedwatch, update figures to be included in Parish newsletter.
- Lack of street lightning between The Grove and Consett road.
- Local man spared jail for machete incident.
- Off road bikes an issue around Hownsgill.
- Safer Homes Grant Scheme to be included in Parish newsletter.

It was RESOLVED Councillor Archer to email the local PCSO requesting assistance from the HAGGRID scheme with planting at the cemetery entrance and the Clerk to invite the

local Neighbourhood Warden along to the next Parish meeting for an update on his roles and responsibilities for the area.

1415/120 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

A written update was circulated to all members from Councillor Johnson;

A management committee had been set up with the Community Association, DCC and The Academy with regards to the future of the Pheonix Centre Moorside, discussions and negotiations were ongoing as it is an independent entity.

The Council's Cabinet agreed a new approach to establishing 20mph limits and zones on 17 December 2014. The new approach will see part-time 20mph speed limits come into force on main roads near to 33 schools which have been identified as having the highest number of accidents involving children. As part of the policy the Council will also continue to consider the introduction of 20mph speed limit/zone schemes, in residential areas based on evidence of need, costs, available funding and public views. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk request DCC Traffic Department to consider introducing a 20mph speed reduction at Church Street Castleside.

1415/121 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 26 February 2015

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1256	26 Feb	24.00	0.00	24.00	A Cranney	Christmas Lunch County Cllrs
1257	26 Feb	73.11	0.00	73.11	G Miller	Administration Nov-March
Total		97.11	0.00	97.11		

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

BALANCES		
Balance B/F		18483.67
Add Income as above		0.00
Less Expenditure		97.11
Balance C/F		18386.56

1415/121/1 It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received.

1415/122 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received;

1415/122/1 Letter from Mr Gill.

1415/122/2 Thankyou letter From Heidi.

1415/122/3 Request to purchase fly tipping camera, Members agreed this would have little benefit to the area.

1415/122/4 Email from Steve Ragg at CDALC offer of HR training courses.

1415/122/5 Parish Path Grant the Clerk to investigate if the public path behind The Horse and Groom Pub would be eligible for a grant.

1415/122/6 Email from Streetlife a new social network site it was RESOLVED the Clerk to forward the information to all Members.

1415/122/7 Letter from Mrs Cox following lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED the Clerk to contact DCC to request some target hardening to the grassed area in front of Maudville for parking purposes and recommend the product Sure Green Grass reinforcement and notify Mrs Cox accordingly.

1415/122/8 Email from Mr Ball regarding parking signs at Consett Road it was RESOLVED the Clerk to inform Mr Ball the Parish Council had no input to the size/wording/colour or aesthetics of the sign.

1415/122/9 Email from Steve Ragg Councillor Pearson was unfortunately unsuccessful in the Royal Garden Party ballot.

1415/123 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

To applications to be considered.

1415/124 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk advised Members the deadline for newsletter articles was 12th March 2015. Items to be included were cutting of timber in the Parish Wood, article from Simon Wilson AONB regarding the unique features of the Parish woodland, notification of the 0% increase to the Parish Precept Council Tax.

1415/125 MEMBERS REPORT

1415/125/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery - no residents attended the surgery.

1415/125/2 Garages Moorland Crescent – Councillor Hird brought to Members attention on behalf of a resident the poor road conditions leading to the garages at the bottom of Moorland Crescent it was RESOLVED the Clerk to notify the Highways department.

1415/125/3 Quarry site – Councillor Hird brought to Members attention the poor condition of the footpath known locally as the ‘Sandy Path’ adjacent to the Quarry Site. It was RESOLVED the Clerk to write to the land owner Mr Davidson to request the land be reinstated.

1415/125/4 Fence Drover Road – The Clerk advised quotes had been received from Middleton Forge Ltd for removal and replacement of the fence, Councillor Dixon was to sought further quotes and feed back to the next meeting.

1415/125/5 Spring Clean/Litter pick - Councillor Foster informed Members the Spring Clean event was taking place on 21st March 10am to meet at the Village Hall Castleside, all

equipment would be provided free of charge. It was RESOLVED the Parish Council to cover the costs of any printing or advertising associated with the event. Councillor Robson to request the school notify all families via a text message and advertise on the community facebook page.

1415/125/6 Castleside Gateways – Councillor Pearson queried who was responsible for the maintenance of the fence and noted that the paint work was still outstanding. Members felt the gateways did have a positive impact upon the village however as demonstrated in recent Community Speedwatch operations speeding was still an issue, Members reiterated that they felt the style of the gateways at Lanchester had a more desired effect upon vehicles than those in Castleside.

Councillor Dixon informed Members that he is currently in discussion with the Planning department at DCC regarding the possibility of building older persons bungalows on the field to the back of Watergate Road, Members requested to be kept informed of any progress made.

1415/126 PARISH WOOD

Following a site visit to the Parish wood which took place on 14th February, Members discussed possible options for the woodland consultation event it was RESOLVED 3 options open to public consultation would be as follows;

- Minimal thinning of the woodland
- Thinning of the woodland and removal of the douglas fir, create a forest school area and improve the pathways.
- Carry out the full management plan as developed previously by the forestry commission.

The opportunity of a guided woodland walk would be offered to residents directly before the consultation event at 10am on the 16th May.

1415/127 GRASSCUTTING 2015

Members RESOLVED to carry out 2 cuts throughout 2015 at Rowley Castleside and Allensford Bank, grass verges would be cut back to the wall/border, the Clerk to obtain quotes for the grasscutting and feed back to the next meeting.

1415/128 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

No Councillor questions were submitted.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.00p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
26th March 2015