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

County Councillors O Johnson and R Young and Councillor C Burton, A Coulthard (DCC AAP).

G Miller (Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

1415/129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Archer declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 1415/140/2.
Councillor Dixon declared a personal interest in item 1415/140/2 and 1415/136/1.

1415/130 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public participation policy was on display.

1415/131 UPDATE FROM NICK SNOWDON DCC NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

Mr Snowdon was not in attendance to provide an update.

1415/132 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1415/132/1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.
1415/132/2 Matters arising from the previous meeting

The Clerk advised Durham County Council (DCC) were unable to pursue the request for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on Church Street as it would not be suitable being a main/distributor road linking the A68 with the C16 and beyond towards Muggleswick and the B6278.

The Clerk advised it would cost £8,804 per annum to include Longedge Lane in the winter maintenance programme, Members agreed this would be impossible for the Parish Council to sustain at the current time.

The Clerk advised that DCC Highways Dept were currently investigating providing some verge hardening to the grassed area in front of Maudville.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council would be eligible to apply for a Parish Paths Partnership Grant for the path identified adjacent to The Horse and Groom pub, it was RESOLVED Councillor Archer to obtain quotes from possible contractors to enable the application form to be submitted.

1415/133 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

Andy Coulthard was in attendance to provide an update from the AAP he informed members the AAP Board would like to reconvene the Road Safety Task Group to look at the gateway schemes and further discuss the role of speed visors within the AAP area as well as an update on the usage of Community Speedwatch throughout the AAP area. This will be done alongside partners from DCC Traffic and the police. Councillor Archer provided the recent Speedwatch figures and Mr Coulthard stated Healeyfield appeared to be the most active Parish Council he had attended with regards to the Speedwatch initiative. Mr Coulthard advised he would provide regular updates and information from the Road Safety Task Group.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED the Parish Council would register as a Dementia Friendly Community.

Mr Coulthard further informed members about the pilot scheme for the 'Delivering Differently Scheme' the County have been successful with and have obtained £90,000 of funding for clean and green services, this may require some collaboration between the Parish Councils Committee, Mr Coulthard to send the relevant information to the Clerk.

1415/134 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

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

- Burglars caught in Consett.
- Litter pick taking place with Councillor Hicks
- Warning notices served to riders coming in from outside the area
- Extra rural patrols still ongoing as part of OP RIPTIDE

Councillor Archer informed members of the uniform services family fun day taking place on Saturday 6th June.

1415/135 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Johnson advised the Medium Term Financial Plan is currently ongoing, budgets have been severely cut. The Council are looking at ways to deliver services differently to save money. Consett Academy are on schedule to open in September 2015. A consultation on Library services would be taking place in the near future.

Councillor Young advised that the Purdah period was due to begin, it was RESOLVED to amend an article in the Parish newsletter to adhere with purdah legislation.

1415/136 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 26 March 2015

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1258	26 March	50.00	0.00	50.00	A Pearson	Chairman Allowance
1259	26 March	200.00	0.00	200.00	Castleside Comm Ass	Carnival donation
1260	26 March	60.00	0.00	60.00	Co Durham school benevolent fund	Charitable donation

1361	26 March	30.00	6.00	36.00	DCC	Flower tubs Winter flowers
Total		340.00	6.00	346.00		

INCOME RECEIVED		
Community Account		0.00
Business Money Manager Bank Interest		3.07
DCC County Councillors for Christmas lightning		300.00
Total Income in month (£)		303.07

BALANCES		
Balance B/F		18386.56
Add Income as above		303.07
Less Expenditure		346.00
Balance C/F		18343.63

1415/136/1 It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received.

1415/137 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received;

1415/137/1 Email Mr Ball Parking signs Consett road RESOLVED refer to DCC Highways Department

1415/137/2 Road closure notification for Tour of the Reservoir Cycle event on 11 and 12th April

1415/137/3 Road closure notification Knitsley Lane from Monday 13th April for 2 weeks for improvement works

1415/137/4 Email Mrs Henderson RESOLVED clerk to send response

1415/137/5 Email Rev Jackson Christmas lighting RESOLVED Christmas lighting would be removed at the earliest opportunity

1415/137/6 Email changes to Welfare assistance scheme now carried out by DCC

1415/138 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

DM/15/00780/FPA - Mr Lattimer Erection of a replacement stable block and change of use of land to mixed-use (equine and agricultural use) - Land Opposite Woodlands Hall Knitsley

RESOLVED Members noted the application and did not wish to submit any comments.

1415/139 CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report.

1415/140 **MEMBERS REPORT**

1415/140/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery - no residents attended the surgery.

1415/140/2 Fence Drover Road – following discussion it was RESOLVED Councillor Robson inform the school to contact Councillor Dixon if they wish for the fence to be removed, Councillor Dixon offered to remove the fence free of charge but would require written authorisation from the School to do so.

1415/140/3 Flower Tubs - It was RESOLVED Councillor Forster would organise, arrange and manage the flower tubs for summer 2015. Members offered assistance to help with the planting of the tubs.

1415/141 **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter was proof read by all members and the clerk notified of any changes to make before going to print.

1415/142 **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

No Councillor questions were submitted.

Conclusion of Meeting 8.25p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
30th April 2015