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Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 30 April 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 Councillors R Young, Nick Snowdon Neighbourhood Warden and 8 members of the public.

G Miller (Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hird and County Councillor Johnson and Councillor Burton.

1415/143 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Forster declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 1415/151.

1415/144 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public participation policy was on display. The Chair advised individuals would have 5 minutes to put forward their points and a maximum of 30 minutes throughout the whole meeting was available for public participation.

1415/145 The Chair announced agenda item 11 would be considered at this point in the meeting as Mr Davidson was in attendance.

Development Control DM/15/00402/FPA Site of former Derwent Quarry Allensford Bank Allensford proposal Change of use of disused quarry to motorcycle activity centre.

Mr Hudson spoke against the application and raised concern to the access from the A68, the increased noise and queried how the site would be policed outside of opening hours, Mr Hudson stated nearby residents were apprehensive about how it would affect their homes in particular those homes currently up for sale.

In response to concerns Mr Davidson advised he had submitted a further letter to the Planning Department stating the increased use would be throughout the summer months only possibly just on a weekend and occasionally on a Wednesday, the letter was not yet shown on the County Council website. He advised that he could not police the site 24/7. The adjacent field would be used for young children using electric bikes and would be flat, boring and unappealing to the adult riders. He further advised the site would be used for more skilled bikers around obstacles not for motorcross riding, and it would not be used for more than 30 bikes at any one time.

Councillor Robson suggested a public meeting be held however members of the committee felt it was not necessary for the Parish Council to hold a public meeting due to the time constraints of the consultation period and felt it would not be productive to do so as representatives for and against the application were in attendance at this meeting.

Councillor Archer informed the meeting the application was somewhat different to the initial pre application plans discussed with the applicant which the Parish Council previously

supported in January 2014 and the Parish Council were not aware or informed of any objections or complaints from residents at that point.

Councillor Archer raised concern to the scale of the application and felt it was too large he was also unaware of expansion into the adjacent field. Highway safety issues are a main concern as there is inadequate access from the A68 for the parking of 50 cars at the site. The Parish Council were not aware or informed by the applicant to the opening hours of 7 days a week and feel this is unacceptable.

For reasons outlined above Councillor Archer proposed an objection be submitted.

With a majority vote it was RESOLVED to object to the application, Councillors Addison and Forster abstained from voting and Councillor Dixon voted against the proposal.

Members wish to place on record their appreciation for the hard work carried out by the applicant with regards to the security and tidying up of the land within the quarry boundary which has seen the deterrence of fly tipping and hope the application can be revised to address concerns.

1415/146 UPDATE FROM NICK SNOWDON DCC NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

The Chair welcomed Nick Snowdon Neighbourhood Warden DCC to the meeting. Mr Snowdon advised his role is to deal with environmental problems to improve the local area, regular patrols are carried out which help to tackle low level anti-social behaviour. Neighbourhood wardens had recently been given greater powers and are able to issue fixed penalty notices for litter dropping and failing to clean up after your dog. Mr Snowden provided a number of leaflets which would be displayed on the noticeboards and included in the next issue of the Parish Council newsletter.

1415/147 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1415/147/1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

1415/147/2 Matters arising from the previous meeting

Councillor Robson advised the School would be providing Councillor Dixon with authorisation to remove the fence on Drover Road.

1415/148 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

The AAP annual meeting would be taking place throughout May 2015. Councillor Pearson informed members he had attended the special meeting of the Parish Councils Committee to discuss the neighbourhood warden service.

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1415/149 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

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

- Operation boomerang – charges have been made with offences relating to possession and supply illegal drugs.
- Litter pick 10am 27th May Tesco along A692
- Litter pick Castleside Primary School 1st May 9.15am

Councillor Archer advised the removal of street lighting from the Grove to Consett road was a main concern it was RESOLVED to send a letter of complaint to DCC.

1415/149/1 Wall entrance to Castlehills, it was RESOLVED Councillor Robson to provide the resident with the Neighbourhood Wardens contact details should the wall become damaged in the future.

1415/150 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Young advised that County Councillors were still in the purdah period. The County Plan had been refused by the planning inspector and work was underway to revise the aspects of concern. The County Council had been looking at corporate issues including sickness levels of County Council staff.

Councillor Archer reported clay had been left at the crash barrier on Allensford Bank it was RESOLVED the clerk to report for removal.

1415/151 FINANCE

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 30 April 2015

| CHQ No. | Date | Cost | VAT | Total (£) | Payee | Detail |
|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1362 | 30 April | 40.00 | 0.00 | 40.00 | M J Forster | Repair to Notice Board |
| 1363 | 30 April | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | Castleside Comm Ass | Room Hire |
| 1364 | 30 April | 24.00 | 0.00 | 24.00 | J Forster | Travelling Expenses |
| 1365 | 30 April | 521.21 | 0.00 | 521.21 | Zurich | Insurance |
| 1366 | 30 April | 20.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 | T Cartmell | Internal Audit |
| Total | | 805.21 | 0.00 | 805.21 | | |

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

| BALANCES | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Balance B/F | 18343.63 |
| Add Income as above | 0.00 |
| Less Expenditure | 805.21 |
| Balance C/F | 17538.42 |

1415/151/1 It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received.

1415/151/2 It was RESOLVED that the Financial Statement and Account for the financial year 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 be received.

1415/152 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received;

1415/152/1 Request from Clerk to attend Council tax base/LCTS grant training RESOLVED clerk to attend training.

1415/152/2 request from Mr Henderson for flower Tub to be placed on strip of grassed land on Consett road RESOLVED request declined at this current time.

1415/152/3 complaint relating to a property on Church Street RESOLVED reported to the neighbourhood warden for investigation

1415/152/4 Response received from the County Council Highway department regarding grassed verges at Maudville RESOLVED Clerk to reply to Mrs Cox.

1415/153 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

DM/15/01174/FPA Site Address: Hownsgill Farm DH8 9AA Proposal: relocation of approved access, internal track, hardstanding and substation/transformer in relation to wind turbine approved by planning permission CMA/1/81.

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

The Clerk reported she had been informed by the County Council planning department they had contact with a potential developer of the Smelters Site it was RESOLVED to send a letter to the land owner and outline the Parish Council's interests in the grassed area of the land on this site.

1415/154 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk advised 2 quotes had been received for Grasscutting 2015, following discussion it was RESOLVED to offer the contract to Richard Batson.

1415/155 MEMBERS REPORT

1415/155/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – resident concerns raised at the surgery were addressed under item 1415/145.

1415/155/2 Parish Paths grant application it was RESOLVED Councillor Archer to progress the application process and contact potential contractors.

1415/155/3 Land Consett Road – Members discussed the small strip of land on Consett Road as requested by Councillor Robson, the Clerk advised this land was DCC adopted highway. Councillor Archer to investigate installing a low maintenance product to tidy the area up, the possibility of artificial turf was discussed.

Councillor Archer further advised he had been informed the HAGGRID project are liaising with Castleside Primary school for the planting project at the entrance of the cemetery.

1415/156 MEMORIAL GARDEN (WW1 GRANT)

At the request of Councillor Archer the Memorial Garden was placed on the agenda, Members noted that they would like to proceed with the grant application it would be discussed at future meetings.

1415/157 PARISH WOOD

The Parish Council consultation event was taking place on May 16th 10am at the picnic site and 12noon at the Village Hall for the presentation.

1415/158 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

No Councillor questions were submitted.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.05p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council
28th May 2015