

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

PRESENT

Councillors P Archer, D Dixon, A Hird, J Forster, J Robson, A Pearson (Chair).
County Councillors O Johnson and R Young.

G Miller (Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Burton, Members passed on their get well wishes to Councillor Burton for his recent illness.

1516/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Pearson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 1516/27.

1516/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public participation policy was on display.

1516/16 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was RESOLVED that Councillor J Robson be hereby appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year ending May 2016.

1516/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting 30th April 2015 were agreed as a true record.

No matters arising from the minutes.

1516/18 MINUTES OF PARISH WOOD COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Wood Committee 15th June 2015 were agreed as a true record.

No matters arising from the minutes.

1516/19 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

1516/19/1 Members noted the request to contribute towards shared fly tipping cameras from the Parish Council's Committee and await further information following the Parish Council Committee meeting on 18th July 2015. It was noted by Members that the cameras would be less likely to be deployed in this area as currently there wasn't a major fly tipping problem.

1516/19/2 It was RESOLVED to contribute £200 towards the local Summer holiday family activities as requested by the AAP. The program would be advertised within the Parish Newsletter.

1516/20 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

Councillors Archer reported issues from the local PACT meeting, the PACT priority has changed to off road bikers. Councillor Archer informed members a warning had been issued by police to an off road biker caught on camera on the sandy lane footpath, Nick Snowdon Neighbourhood Warden was to investigate this incident to see if any further action could also be taken.

1516/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Young informed members he had received a telephone call from a resident who lives adjacent to the sandy path who was concerned about the improvement work the Parish Council had commissioned. The Clerk advised The Parish Paths Officer from Durham County Council was to make contact with the resident to discuss the concerns raised, it was also RESOLVED the Clerk to write a letter on behalf of the Parish Council.

County Councillor Johnson advised that the Chief Executive of Durham County Council had tendered his resignation in effect from January 2016, the County Council are awaiting the Chancellor of the Exchequer setting the budget on 8th July to finalise their Medium Term Financial Plans for the Council.

1516/22 FINANCE

It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 25 June 2015

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1371	25 June	83.27	0.00	83.27	G Miller	Admin
1372	25 June	1088.48	0.00	1088.48	G Miller	Salary April15-Sept 15
1373	25 June	512.22	0.00	512.22	HMRC	Tax /NI April15-Sept 15
Total		1683.97	0.00	1683.97		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Community Account	0.00
Business Money Manager Bank Interest	3.50
Durham County Council	9027.69
Total Income in month (£)	9031.19

BALANCES	
Balance B/F	17083.28
Add Income as above	9031.19
Less Expenditure	1683.97
Balance C/F	24430.50

The Clerk reported that the money funded by the County Councillors would need to be relinquished if it was not to be used for the outdoor electric point for Christmas lights. Pending discussions between Councillor Hird and St Johns Church this was to be included on the next agenda.

1516/23 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received;

1516/23/1 Telephone call Mr Lambert - planting daffodils and crocuses throughout the village.

1516/23/2 Reminder consultation to the draft of Durham County Council's rights of way improvement plan ends Friday 26th June.

1516/23/3 Emails from Lisa Sunley regarding the quarry planning application.

1516/23/4 Telephone call Mr Davidson regarding reinstating land adjacent to the quarry site, he has been advised by Durham County Council to await determination of his planning application before commencing any works.

1516/23/5 Insurance claim for Notice board it was RESOLVED Councillor Pearson obtain 2 quotes for insurers to replace the stolen noticeboard.

1516/23/6 Garage site Moorland Crescent informed by Durham County Council not likely to be repaired but will be inspected RESOLVED Councillor Hird to inform the resident.

1516/24 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

No applications to be considered.

1516/25 CLERKS REPORT

1516/25/1 The Chairman read out the resignation letter from the Clerk. The Clerk advised that the workload had increased and she could no longer commit the time required following discussion it was RESOLVED to increase the Clerks working hours to 7 hours per week with immediate effect. The position would be advertised accordingly.

1516/26/2 The Clerk presented the Honorary Freeman report to consider Mr Alf Addison as an Honorary Freeman of Healeyfield Parish it was RESOLVED to confer Mr Addison the title of Honorary Freeman for his longstanding service to the Parish Council in the opinion of the authority, Mr Addison had rendered eminent services to the Council's area and Parish Council.

1516/26 MEMBERS REPORT

1516/26/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – 1 Resident attended the surgery raising comments relating to the planning application at the Quarry site Allensford Bank, Members noted the concerns raised.

1516/26/2 Flower Tubs – Councillor Forster to collect flowers for tubs throughout the village and for planting at the gateways 1 additional large tub would also be purchased, Councillor Pearson to allocate the planting of the tubs.

1516/26/3 Grasscutting review – Councillor Pearson brought to Members attention areas of grass which had been missed by the contractor, he informed Members that the grass cut by the County Council had only been cut back to 1metre wide opposite Maudville. It was

RESOLVED to notify the contractor of the missed areas and ask for additional areas of land to be included Councillor Pearson to provide a map.

1516/26/4 Memorial Way Consett Road – Councillor Archer circulated a quote for installation of artificial grass, Members felt the quote was too expensive to proceed with such works. It was RESOLVED to approach the County Council to request if they could upgrade the land for planting and the Parish Council would maintain it in the future.

1516/26/5 Scarecrow Competition - it was RESOLVED to ask Mr Alf Addison to judge the competition. The Clerk to purchase the rosettes for the runners up prize. The winning announcement would be made at 4pm on Saturday 11th July.

1516/26/6 Parish Seats – Councillor Pearson undertook a review of the public seating many of which need repaired or maintenance work carried out it was RESOLVED Councillor Pearson to obtain quotes for the works, the laths on the seat outside the industrial estate would be replaced.

1516/26/7 Parish Path Grant – The path improvement work had been undertaken it was RESOLVED the Parish Council to recover the additional work costs and pay for the new padlock to be fitted to the gate. It was agreed that the police would be given a spare key for the padlock for access.

1516/27 NEWSLETTER

Councillor Pearson advised he had a quote from Wellfield School to undertake the production of the newsletter at a cost of £10 per hour.

Members proof read the newsletter and agreed any changes to be made.

1516/28 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

No Councillor questions were submitted.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.15p.m.

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