

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 30 July 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). 3 members of the public, Andy Coulthard AAP Coordinator.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Burton.

1516/29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Archer declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 1516/37.

1516/30 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public participation policy was on display for the benefit of the public present.

1516/31 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting 25th June 2015 were agreed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes Councillor Pearson advised the quote for production of the newsletter from Wellfield School was a fixed price of £20 per issue.

1516/32 AAP & PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Andy Coulthard AAP coordinator, Andy provided an update on the village action plans advising lack of parking being a main concern. Councillor Dixon raised concern to lack of transport available to travel to the doctors surgery at Consett, it was RESOLVED Councillor Archer to investigate utilising the vehicles provided by the YMCA and Andy Coulthard to investigate the criteria for utilising the Link2 service provided by Durham County Council. Councillor Robson raised concern regarding the home to school transport for pupils who live at Castleside travelling to Consett Academy it was RESOLVED the Parish Council and the AAP to write letters of concern to the Academy. Mrs Madge expressed concern to the lighting columns which had been removed on the A692. Councillor Dixon stated more affordable housing was needed for the elderly. Andy Coulthard requested members completed the AAP priority questionnaire sheets. It was further RESOLVED the Parish Council register as dementia friendly organisation.

1516/33 POLICE AND PACT REPORT

Councillors Archer reported issues from the local PACT meeting, the PACT priority remained off road bikers. Councillor Archer advised that the police are piloting a multi-agency meeting to possibly replace PACT meetings in the future. It was RESOLVED to invite a police representative along to future Parish Council meetings.

1516/34 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Johnson advised there is a meeting taking place in August to discuss the future of the Phoenix Centre Moorside to date the management committee had not yet provided a viable business plan, no decision had yet been taken. Covert cameras were being used in fly tipping hot spot areas. Final County Council budget proposals would be released in September and consultations would be undertaken mainly via the AAP's.

1516/35 FINANCE

RESOLVED that the finance report be received;

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 30 July 2015

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1374	30 July	1814.00	362.80	2176.80	AJ Guthrie & son	Path improvement work
1375	30 July	15.71	3.14	18.85	P Archer	Gate Padlock
1376	30 July	23.90	0.00	23.90	G Miller	Rosettes
1377	30 July	54.00	0.00	54.00	CDALC	Cllr training
1378	30 July	192.40	0.00	192.40	Conway printing	Newsletters
1379	30 July	200.00	0.00	200.00	Durham County Council AAP	Summer Activites
Total		2300.01	365.94	2665.95		

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

BALANCES	
Balance B/F	24430.50
Add Income as above	0.00
Less Expenditure	2665.95
Balance C/F	21764.55

1516/36 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received;

1516/36/1 Parish Councils Committee agenda

1516/37 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

1516/37/1 - DM/15/02158/CLU Application for Lawful Development Certificate for an existing Use relating to the off-road motorcycle use of Castleside Quarry (also known as Derwent Quarry, Bessy's Bank) over an uninterrupted period of 10 years. Site of Former Derwent Quarry Allensford Bank Allensford

Following concerns raised throughout the Councillor surgery session and representations made from the public surrounding the application it was RESOLVED to take further advice from Durham County Council's planning department and convene a public meeting if necessary.

RESOLVED: that the following planning applications be received;

1516/37/2 - DM/15/02315/FPA Erection of two field shelters 22 Wesley Terrace Castleside Consett.

Councillor Archer (the applicant) advised the retrospective application had been submitted following notification he had received from Durham County Council for a breach of planning control. Councillor Archer further informed members on the detail and background of the erection of a ball stop netting to 22 Wesley Terrace which was also included in the breach of planning control notice. Councillor Archer declared an interest and took no part of the discussion therein.

1516/37/3 - DM/15/02015/FPA Conversion of existing garage to form additional living accommodation and erection of single storey rear extension Lyre Dene Longedge Lane Consett DH8 9HH

1516/37/4 - DM/15/02041/FPA Subdivision of single dwelling house into two dwelling houses and erection of replacement detached double garage 1 Maudville Castleside Consett DH8 9QG

1516/38 CLERKS REPORT

1516/38/1 The Clerk advised no request for an election was made to take place following the recent vacancy, it was RESOLVED the Parish Council would advertise the vacancy for a co-opted member in the next newsletter.

1516/38/2 Following shortlisting of the applicants it was RESOLVED the interviews for the Clerk position would take place on 6th August 2015.

1516/39 MEMBERS REPORT

1516/39/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – 3 Residents attended the surgery raising comments relating to the planning application at the Quarry site Allensford Bank, Members noted the concerns raised.

Councillor Robson advised she had been approached by a resident with concerns relating to a property on Church Street RESOLVED the Clerk to notify the neighbourhood warden.

It was also reported that cement footprints had been left following works at the graveyard RESOLVED the clerk to report to Durham County Council.

1516/39/2 Flower Tubs – Summer tubs were now on display throughout the village, Members thanked Councillor Forster for her hard work and assistance with the flower tubs.

1516/39/3 Email correspondence – following an exchange of emails which had been sent between members and a local resident the Chairman advised that in future members should ensure that all correspondence regarding complaints or parish issues should be passed to, and dealt with, via the Clerk. Councillor Archer requested that members provide retrospective support for the email he had sent which included a resident however, members were of the opinion that in this instance the correspondence should have been dealt with solely by the Clerk and subsequently refused to support his request, Councillor Dixon abstained from voting.

1516/39/4 Christmas Lighting – The £300 donated by County Councillors would be ringfenced towards the Christmas light switch on and associated costs.

1516/39/5 Parish Seats – The Chairman advised a quote had been received for the repairs of the public seats. It was RESOLVED the Chairman to contact SHED for a further quote. Discussion took place regarding the public seat outside of the industrial estate and top of the Parish Wood, it was RESOLVED Councillor Archer to investigate replacing the laths with timber.

1516/39/6 Defibrillator Village Hall- Councillor Forster informed the meeting of the British Heart Foundations initiative in purchasing a defibrillator for the village. Members required further information and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

1516/39/7 Chairmans Fundraiser – The Chairman advised he would like to hold a charity fundraising event, it was RESOLVED the Clerk investigate if any grants were available to assist with production costs.

1516/40 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Councillor Forster requested the gate on the Sandy path be included on the next agenda.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.25p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council 17th September 2015