

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 25th February 2016 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors D Dixon, J Forster, J Robson, A Pearson (Chair), A. Hird, K Spencer.
R Wright Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillors O Johnson County Councillor R Young.

1516/94 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

1516/95 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** The public participation policy was on display.

1516/96 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting 28th January 2016 were RESOLVED as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1516/97/1 The clerk attended the Smaller Councils Meeting at Murton on 12th Feb 2016. The main issue raised was the low attendance with only approx. 12% of the councils being represented.

1516/97/2 The clerk is booked into the Neighbourhood Plan Roadshow at Bowburn on 3rd March 2016. There are places available.

1516/97/3 The Dementia Friendly session trainers are not available until April at the earliest. A new set of dates needs to be agreed and then one confirmed with the trainers.

1516/97/4 The cheque for the new notice board was banked and before renewal of the policy the amount may need to be increased.

1516/97/5 The Parish Council was not successful in their bid for the Tesco grants. It was agreed that the work needed to be done at the war memorial. Grants and match funding are options to be investigated as well as the Persimmon money and some quotes for the work have to be obtained.

1516/97/6 The scarecrow trophy has been engraved and will be passed to the recipient.

1516/98 **AAP REPORT**

The Mid-Durham AAP road safety group met on 4th Feb 2016 at Langley Park.

- The visibility problems on the A692 were raised.
- A speed awareness programme is going to be rolled out and it covers different groups of road

1516/99 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported that the PACT meeting will no longer take place due to the low attendance. The plan is for the police representatives to visit coffee mornings and meetings which take place locally. The Chairman will pass on details of the following meetings:

St John Church – last Saturday

Grove Methodists – 1st Saturday

Village Hall – Thursdays

Councillors surgery – last Thursday.

1516/100 **POLICE AND PACT REPORT**

This item will be removed for the next agenda. The monthly neighbourhood protection monthly reports will be circulated to members.

1516/101 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

None.

1516/102 FINANCE

It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 25 February 2016

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1396	25 Feb 16	418.00	83.60	501.60	Ruth Wright	Defib Cabinet Avia 200 AED
1397	25 Feb 16	175.31	0.00	175.31	Ruth Wright	Mileage; postage; painter cartridge
Total		593.31	83.60	676.91		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Insurance claim for noticeboard (community a/c) added in Feb statement	1015.15
Business Money Manager Bank - interest	0.00
Total Income in month (£)	1015.15

LATEST BANK BALANCES

- a. HSBC Business Money Manager Account as at 11 Dec 15 £18,627.99
- b. HSBC Community Account as at 11 Feb 16 £3230.53

BALANCES	
Balance Brought Forward	21858.52
Add Income	0.00
Less Expenditure	676.91
Less o/s cheques	294.70
Balance Carried Forward	20886.91

1516/103 CORRESPONDENCE

Electronic Correspondence:

Weekly Planning Applications 1st Feb 2016

Mid Durham AAP Fund Raising event for St Johns on 27th Feb at Meadowfield Sports Centre

Mid Durham AAP 20 years of grant making across Durham and Darlington

Mid Durham AAP Road Safety Group notes

Mid Durham Chairman's Young Persons Medal

Mid Durham AAP Public Representative Vacancy

Mid Durham AAP DACC day care for the elderly

Armed Forces Day Funding

Community Resilience
Summer Activity Schemes 2016 and 2017
Health Services Community Engagement Drop In 11th Feb 2016
NHS North Durham CCG patient Congress 19th April 2016
NE Community Led Development Workshop 20th April
My NHS Membership
Durham Carers Support
Calling a Parish Meeting between
Financial Inclusion – credit unions
Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments
Local Council working Group Notes
Next Smaller Councils Forum on 12th Feb at Murton
Vacancy for a Gardener at Sedgfield
Northern Gas Networks Depot Open Day 18th March
Benefits of being in NALC
North East Combined Authority Transport Manifesto Consultation
CLDAC Planning Group
HMIC assessment of Police Effectiveness
NECA Poll and Council Tax Setting Meeting 24th Feb
County Durham Neighbourhood Plan Roadshow at Bowburn 3rd March
Lanchester Neighbourhood Planning Meeting 15th March @ 6.30pm – numbers required
Neighbourhood Protection Reports
Royal Garden Party – successful applicants
The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons 21st April 2016
Knitsley lane complaint about hgvs - DCC reply
New date required for dementia friendly session – April/May 2016

1516/104 PLANNING MATTERS

1516/104/1 DM/16/00187/FPA Mr D Blake, Whitehall Farm, Rowley, DH8 9AN, Agricultural Cattle Building, planning officer Louisa Ollivere. There were no objections to this application.

DM/16/00212/FPA Mrs J Douglas-Ross, 1A Walton Terrace, Castleside, DH8 9QJ, Change of Use for 1a Walton Terrace to Use of Front Room as a Barber Shop, planning officer Louisa Ollivere. The parish council supported the application and wished the business success but raised concerns about parking on a busy road.

A question was raised about the progress of planning application DM/15/02158/CLU for Allenford Quarry. The clerk will email Steve France the planning officer for an update and report at the next meeting.

1516/104/2 Neighbourhood Plan – the parish council has been invited to attend Lanchester neighbourhood planning meeting on Tuesday 15th March at 6.30pm. Four councillors will attend, Cllrs Pearson, Dixon, Forster and Spencer.

1516/105 CLERKS REPORT

1516/105/1 Village Resilience Plan – the clerk will circulate an article about Wolsingham village creating a plan with the help of DCC. Councillors will consider if Healeyfield should create a similar plan.

1516/105/2 NHS Membership – does the parish council want a representative to sign up for this? It was RESOLVED not to have a representative.

1516/106 NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that Cllr Hird will update his article on the parish wood. Cllr Forster has produced a Spring gardening article and will write one for the defibrillator. The child

exploitation article will be included. Cllr Robson will write an article on the Fly the Flag event and the Queens Beacon event. All articles must be with the designer by 12th March for printing prior to the Easter break. Distribution will take place in the first weeks of April.

1516/107 SUMMER SCHEME

It was RESOLVED that the parish council will give £250 per year for two years to the summer scheme.

1516/108 MEMBERS REPORT

1516/108/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – no residents attended. The Parish Council agreed to continue making the surgery sessions available.

1516/108/2 Queen's Birthday – The beacon to mark the Queens actual birthday should be lit on 21st April 2016. It was RESOLVED that a budget of £100 is available for this event. A meeting will be arranged to discuss events to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

1516/108/3 Defibrillator will be fitted to the village hall wall this weekend. Signage will be purchased and needs to be distributed around the village.

1516/108/4 Village Projects – An application is in for the poppy mosaic.

1516/108/5 Fly the Flag – Rev. Jackson has been in touch and has contacted the local school. Cllr Robson will attend on the day. Cllr Forster will attend and take photographs.

1516/108/6 Parish Wood Update – Simon Wilson ANOB attended the meeting. Simon outlined some of the changes which have happened with Countryside Stewardship grants and also his recommendations for the accepted plan. It was RESOLVED that the plan for the parish wood needed to be updated and this had to be done in consultation with the Forestry Commission. Simon will present the new plan to the parish council and then actions will be agreed for Oct 2016 – Feb 2017. The plan will be phased over a number of years and progress reviewed annually. It is the intention to involve the community in group tasks such as coppicing and also the local college is interested in getting students involved.

1516/108/7 Big Clean Up – Cllr Forster is still awaiting confirmation from DCC.

1516/109 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Due to holiday commitments it was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 23rd March 2016 at 7.00pm.

1516/110 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Clerks contract was RESOLVED as acceptable and signed.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.05 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council 21st March 2016