

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 21st March 2016 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor R Young.

1516/111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Dixon agenda items 10(ii) and 12. Cllr Pearson agenda item 12.

1516/112 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The public participation policy was on display.

1516/113 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting 25th February 2016 were RESOLVED as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1516/113/1 The Dementia Friendly session is still outstanding so a number of new dates were put forward; Monday 9th May; Thursday 12th May and Monday 16th May. These need to be checked and confirmed with the trainers.

1516/114 AAP REPORT

The priorities for the AAP's are based on voting by the public in their respective areas. In Mid Durham only 250 people have voted out of a population of approx. 31,100 and this is felt to be extremely low. The Mid-Durham AAP has requested that each parish councillor complete a voting form for the 2016/17 priorities. In addition each parish councillor has to try and get at least 5 other people to complete the voting form. The parish councillors RESOLVED to take the voting form and attempt to get more members of the public to vote for next financial year's priorities.

There is no concensus within the Mid Durham AAP PCC about selecting a website for 2017/18, some parishes are considering staying with the existing website while others have already sourced a new supplier. Further investigation is required with Lanchester and Tow Law.

1516/115 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the PCSO Rodgers intends to drop into the Lunch Club once a month. The PCSO stated that the main issues in the village are off road bikes and work is being done to address this.

The Chairman raised the issue of the BT telephone box at the crossroads which is unsafe and needs removing. It had been agreed in 2014 that the box was to be taken down and nothing has happened. Clerk to investigate with DCC and BT.

1516/116 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Consett Academy has been opened by the Duke of Gloucester. The Ofsted provisional result is good. The County school stats are all doing well across the board. However, there has

been a slight issue with the GCSEs which is mainly caused by the English results. A County school advisor has been appointed to help schools improve on the English results.

The DCC cabinet met with the County MPs to discuss northern devolution and the stumbling block is the appointment of a mayor across such a large, diverse region.

The DCC plan should be adopted by 2017 and work is ongoing to ensure it will pass through scrutiny successfully.

Budgets are being cut everywhere including frontline services. Anything over the statutory service will be cut.

1516/117 FINANCE

It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 21 March 2016

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1398	21 Mar 16	205	0.00	205.00	M & J Forster	Work around village
1399	21 Mar 16	1226.18	0.00	1226.18	Ruth Wright	Salary Sep 15 – Mar 16
1400	21 Mar 16	577.02	0.00	577.02	HMRC	Tax & NI
1401	21 Mar 16	27.00	0.00	27.00	CDALC CTP	Managing events training
Total		2035.20	0.00	2035.20		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Business Money Manager Bank - interest	3.25
Total Income in month (£)	3.25

LATEST BANK BALANCES

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| a. HSBC Business Money Manager Account | as at 11 Mar 16 | £18,631.24 |
| b. HSBC Community Account | as at 11 Mar 16 | £2258.92 |

BALANCES	
Balance Brought Forward	20890.16
Add Income	0.00
Less Expenditure	2035.20
Less o/s cheques	0.00
Balance Carried Forward	18854.96

1516/117/1 A request has been made to the bank to transfer £5000 from the Business Banking to the Community account.

1516/117/2 The SLCC will hold an annual roadshow in the North East on 6th July at Hardwick Hall it is open to clerks and councillors. There is an early bird rate (£69 + vat) and also discount for booking 3 people (one goes free). It was RESOLVED that a booking should be made for 3 people.

1516/118 CORRESPONDENCE

Electronic Correspondence:

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Weekly Planning Applications 14th March 2016 – agenda 11(i)

Mid Durham AAP Public Representative

Mid Durham AAP Take the NHS Budget Challenge – 19th April @ Bowburn

Mid Durham AAP – job opportunities and Chairman's medal

Mid Durham AAP save our youth services petition

Mid Durham AAP – Ron Hogg presentation & Youth Service presentation

Mid Durham AAP – safe Durham consultation

Mid Durham AAP – County Durham residents association free event 24th march @ Bowburn

March Drop In and Focus Personal Health Budgets and General Health Services – 15th

March at Castleside Village Hall

End of year Accounts and beyond

Future Audit Arrangements

Election of a Chairman

Important Notice about CDALC Support – clerks report

NALC Newsletter Feb 2016

CDALC Newsletter

Playground Inspection Training Course

Playdale Playgrounds 20% offer in March

Letter from your Chief Constable

Casino Night at Raddison Blu for Durham County Carers Support

Neighbourhood Protection Reports

The Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons 21st April 2016

New date required for dementia friendly session – April/May 2016 – matters arising

SLCC North East Roadshow – Hardwick Hall 6th July – agenda 8(ii)

CilCA mentoring Course

Managing Events CDALC training day 9th March Shotton Hall – clerks report

County Durham Neighbourhood Plan Roadshow – 3rd March Bowburn – clerks report

1516/118/1 Online petition – rights of parish council to appeal planning decisions
It was RESOLVED to sign this petition as individuals and as a parish council.

1516/118/2 Mosswood Treatment Works galvanised fence from Shotley Low Quarter Parish Council. The site is not located within the parish and although it can be seen there have been no complaints. It is a Northumberland Water Board facility and these tend to have a corporate image and it is unlikely that the fence can be changed. The parish council RESOLVED that they are not able to offer help on this matter.

1516/118/3 Dog fouling around the primary school – local resident. This problem has been reported to the local neighbourhood warden and he will undertake additional patrols. A note has been added to the village Facebook page and also into the Parish Newsletter. The problem with the grass verge being churned up by cars is something which cannot be changed since parking on the road would cause congestion and be potentially dangerous.

1516/118/4 New Yoga Class – local resident. This item has been added to the newsletter and will also be put onto the website.

1516/119 PLANNING MATTERS

1516/119/1 Planning Applications

DM/16/00710/FPA Mr S Birbeck, Heatherlea, Rowley Bank, Castleside, DH8 9QT, Change of use of a 3m wide strip of agricultural land to private garden. Planning Officer Steve France. There were no objections to this application.

DM/15/02158/CLU for Allenford Quarry. The clerk has emailed Steve France the planning officer and has no response. Another email will be sent and a telephone call made and an update given at the next meeting.

The parish council is concerned about a number of properties undergoing building work and no planning applications have come before them. Clerk to check with Planning and report back at the next meeting.

1516/119/2 Neighbourhood Plan – four parish councillors attended the Lanchester meeting. Stuart Carter from Spacial Planning, DCC has offered to come and give a presentation on the neighbourhood planning process. It was RESOLVED to invite Stuart to the meeting on 28th April if he was available.

1516/120 CLERKS REPORT

1516/120/1 Neighbourhood Planning Roadshow 3 Mar 2015 at Bowburn provided information to help start planning and also case studies. The slides from the presentations are available.

1516/120/2 Managing Events 9 Mar 2015 at Shotton Hall excellent presentations and a very useful days training. Slides from the speakers are available.

1516/120/3 Transparency funding for a new laptop has been secured.

1516/120/4 Steve Ragg has left for six weeks and administration support is being provided for emergencies only.

1516/121 DONATIONS

Letters have been received from:

Durham Cathedral

The Childrens Foundation

CAB, County Durham

It was felt that the money should stay within the parish supporting events and causes which are for local residents. It was RESOLVED that the following donations be made under LGA 1972 Sect 137:

Local carnival in Castleside	£100
St Johns Church for electricity for Christmas lights	£30
Consett Brass Band for Christmas light switch on	£30
Renovations of Rowley Methodist Church	£100

1516/122 MEMBERS REPORT

1516/122/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – no residents attended. The Parish Council agreed to continue making the surgery sessions available.

1516/122/2 Defibrillator power source work will be done next week. Signs have arrived and will be placed on site.

1516/122/2 Queen's Birthday – There is no suitable site for the beacon and it was agreed that the event can no longer go ahead and the £100 budget has been RESCINDED. A meeting will be held with the Village Hall Committee on 18th April at 7.00pm to discuss events to celebrate the Queen's birthday in June.

1516/122/2 Defibrillator will be fitted to the village hall wall this weekend. Signage will be purchased and needs to be distributed around the village.

1516/122/3 Big Clean Up – will be held on Saturday 16th April meeting at the Village Hall at 1000am. Poster advertising the event will be put up around the village and it will be added to the website. A letter will be sent to McDonalds in Consett asking if they will provide personnel to help on the day.

1516/123 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

DCC have cleaned the ditch on Longend Ridge and the salt bins filled. The Parish Council would like to thank DCC for all the work.

1516/110 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.00 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council 28th April 2016