

Minutes of a meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 28th April 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

1617/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

1617/2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The public participation policy was on display.

1617/3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting 21st March 2016 were RESOLVED as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1617/3/1 The Dementia Friendly session is booked for Monday 16th May starting at 6.30pm. It will take place downstairs to allow everybody access who wishes to attend. The session will be advertised on the village facebook page and the website. Please email or contact the Clerk if you wish to attend so a training pack can be booked.

1617/3/2 The Big Clean Up is booked for Saturday 14th May assembling at the village hall for 1000am. Nicola Parker, the McDonald, Consett community officer will be coming along to help. Everybody welcome to participate.

1617/3/3 The petition to allow parish councils to challenge local authority planning decisions has been rejected by the government and there will be no changes to the present system.

1617/3/4 SLCC Roadshow 6th July at Hardwick Hall, three places have been booked.

1617/4 AAP REPORT

A meeting was held to discuss the purchasing of fly tipping cameras by four parish councils within the Mid-Durham AAP area. This had been put on hold because of lack of resource to use the cameras after a department restructure. The DCC representative agreed to review the situation and come back with a decision. Healeyfield Parish Council made the decision not to buy a fly tipping camera however it has been noted that the instances of fly tipping around the village have increased recently.

1617/5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman received an email from a local resident expressing concern about the work being done at the Smelters Arms and the closing of the car park. The resident suggested registering the building as an asset of community value should be investigated. This topic will be discussed under agenda item 14(iv).

The Chairman explained that Mr Alf Addison, a former parish councillor, is in Shotely Bridge hospital and he would welcome any visitors.

1617/6 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Education White Paper stating that all schools, including primary schools, must become academies has caused a lot of unrest across county Durham. Statistics from Durham schools show that local authority schools have performed higher than existing academies

and free schools and only slightly behind private schools. DCC is looking at the local authority becoming a Trust to allow schools to stay the same.

The new CEO of DCC, Terry Collins, who was appointed from within the council, is in office. The Director of Children's Services is leaving and the County Treasurer is retiring so there is an opportunity for a senior management restructure where the CEO can pick his own team. No decisions have been made yet.

Work continues on the medium term financial plan and it is a fine balance between serving communities and not going bankrupt.

1617/7 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Section 1 of the statement was completed.

1617/8 FINANCE

1617/8/1 It was RESOLVED that the finance report be received and accepted.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on **28 April 2016**

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1402	28 April 16	100.00	0.00	100.00	Castleside Carnival Fund	Donation under LGA 1972 Sect 137
1403	28 April 16	30.00	0.00	30.00	St Johns Church	Donation under LGA 1972 Sect 137
1404	28 April 16	30.00	0.00	30.00	Consett Brass Band	Donation under LGA 1972 Sect 137
1405	28 April 16	100.00	0.00	100.00	Rowley Baptist Church	Donation under LGA 1972 Sect 137
1406	28 April 16	50.00	0.00	50.00	Adam Pearson	Allowance LGA 1972 ss15(5) and 34(5)
1407	28 April 16	539.62	0.00	539.62	Zurich Insurance	Insurance
1408	28 April 16	135.84	0.00	135.84	Ruth Wright	admin expenses
Total		985.46	0.00	985.46		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Business Money Manager Bank – Precept from DCC	9460.25
Total Income in month (£)	9460.25

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 Apr 16 | £588.22 |

BALANCES	
Balance Brought Forward	19219.46
Add Income	9460.25
Less Expenditure	985.46
Less o/s cheques	27.00
Balance Carried Forward	27667.25

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1617/8/2 The insurance needs to be checked to ensure cover for any liability for accidents involving the parish seats.

1617/8/3 It was pointed out that the donations would appear in 2016/17 accounts and it might be helpful to consider donations earlier in the year to ensure they are recorded in the appropriate financial year. This suggested was accepted and it was RESOLVED to present any donation requests in February.

1617/9 CORRESPONDENCE

Electronic Correspondence:

Weekly Planning Applications 4th April – agenda 11(i).

Mid Durham AAP New Brancepeth's Methodist Church weekly coffee afternoon

Spennymoor Town Mayors Charity Quiz 27th April

Withdrawal of County Plan

Fly Tipping Meeting 22nd April at Langley Moor – clerks report

Community led housing event 3rd March at Bowburn

DIS Extra 880 and Funding Grants Bulletin

Insurance renewal Zurich – agenda 9(ii)

North Durham Commissioning Group Patient Congress – Tuesday 19th April at Bowburn

April Drop In Focus Group 14th April Stanley

Adults wellbeing and health overview scrutiny committee 8th April

Bulletin on National Developments and Meetings

Dementia Friendly Session on 16th May 2016 at 6.30pm Castleside Village Hall

Cycle Race Routes 16-17th April

Misterwhat – link for website – clerks report

NALC newsletter

BACS Remittance Advice – precept from DCC

Durham Carers Information Drop In – 7th June at Spennymoor Liesure Centre 11.00 – 2.00

Durham County Carers - newsletter

Neighbourhood Protection Reports – February

Durham County News – events and information

Eleven Arches appeal for volunteers

Classic Vehicle Reliability Test 22nd May – road closures

Taxi Policy Review – Consultation Outcome

BT Telephone box and other village issues – local resident

Fly Tipping and Quarry application – local resident

Grass cutting tender – agenda 10(iii)

Response from DCC ref BT Telephone Box – agenda 10(i)

1617/9/1 A local resident emailed with three complaints concerning the village:

- The Bt telephone box needed removed. DCC have been informed and have passed it to BT. It was pointed out that the structure was dangerous and could fall down. DCC will send an update to the parish council.
- The green pole is the property of DCC and another camera may put there in the future. The parish council are not able to get it removed.
- The poor state of the garden and building at 2 Church Street, Castleside. It was RESOLVED that this would be reported to DCC and the empty housing officer.

1617/9/2 A local resident has asked if her family can place a bench somewhere in the parish in memory of her Mother, Aunt and cousin. She would like it to have a view of the

Derwent Valley as this is something special to her family. It was RESOLVED that the resident would be allowed to place a bench in the parish and the Chairman will discuss possible locations with her.

1617/9/3 A tender has been received for the grass cutting around the village and it is lower than the existing contractor's price. There were slight adjustments to the areas to be cut which need to be confirmed with the new contractor.

- A metre strip has to be left for the corn flowers at Dean Bridge House
- The grass under the trees needs to be cut at Maudeville

If the tender stay the same then it was RESOLVED to accept it.

1617/10 PLANNING MATTERS

1617/10/1 Planning Applications

DM/16/00986/OUT	Prospect Estates Ltd	Land To The Rear Of 1 To 8 Wesley Terrace Castleside Industrial Estate Castleside DH8 9QB	Outline application for residential development of up to 21 units, including Details of site access
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It was RESOLVED that no comment be made on this development.

1617/10/1/1 DM/15/02158/CLU for Allenford Quarry. The application is still valid and a decision is pending with no estimate of completion at the moment.

1617/10/1/2 Rowley Bank Cottage – there are several rules regarding height, projection in front of the building line and size which would need to be checked otherwise it is legal.

1617/10/1/3 55 Greenlawe no planning application is required to change a garage into a living are.

1617/10/2 Neighbourhood Plan

Stuart Carter Spacial Policy Team from DCC gave a presentation about what is involved in creating a neighbourhood plan. Thanks to Stuart for his informative presentation. It was agreed that this was a good overview and members would benefit from looking at existing plans to get a better understanding of what is required. It was agreed that the web link would be circulated to members. It was RESOLVED to wait until the parish council had reviewed other plans and assessed the amount of work before making a decision on moving forward.

1617/11 CLERKS REPORT

1617/11/1 New website for Healeyfield Parish Council. The Clerk will circulate links to Lanchester and Towlaw for members to consider as possible replacements. The possibility of creating a website using a free tool set such as the BT Community websites will be investigated. The Clerk will circulate the link to Stillington and Whitton website will also be circulated. Feedback will be discussed at the next meeting.

1617/11/2 The War memorial project needs to be considered again and it appears that the grants available are not for projects surrounding the war memorial. It was RESOLVED to ask Andy Guthrie to give a quote for the work required and then consider other funding options. The lettering also needs to be repainted on one side of the memorial. Quotes will be obtained from local suppliers.

1617/11/3 A fly tipping incident was reported to the clerk by a local resident. The resident was advised to contact DCC direct and the neighbourhood warden would be informed.

1617/11/4 The parish council considered whether to add the Misterwhat link to the website. There was concern about involving businesses advertising on the council website.

The website is also to be replaced so this matter will be reconsidered when a new site is available and it has been checked with DCC that the link can be added.

1617/12 NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is ready to print but there is one blank page which needs to be filled. It was RESOLVED that an item on fly tipping and dog fouling would be added. Cllr Spence will do an introductory article as she has recently joined the parish council. The front page will have the details of the joint event for the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations.

1617/13 MEMBERS REPORT

1617/13/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – no residents attended. The Parish Council agreed to continue making the surgery sessions available.

1617/13/2 Queen's Birthday a joint meeting of the Village Hall committee and the parish council was held and the date of Sunday 12th June from 3-5pm agreed. The sum of up to £200 was RESOLVED as the budget for the event.

1617/13/3 Big Clean Up will be held on Saturday 14th May with participants asked to assemble at the village hall for 1000am.

1617/14/4 The issue of the Smelters Arms and the car park was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit a Registration of a Community Asset to DCC.

1617/15 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS None.

1617/16 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS None.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.15 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council 26th May 2016