

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 22nd February 2018 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors A Pearson (Chair), J Forster, J Robson, D Dixon, A Hird, P Marshall, K Spencer, R Wright – Clerk, County Councillor O Johnson and J Considine

1718/129 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - none

1718/130 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr Pearson is a resident in Consett Road therefore declares an interest in Agenda item 13.

1718/131 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – none.

1718/132 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 1st February 2018 were **resolved** as a true record.

Matters requiring update:

- a. DCC; FS-Case-238667881 – clearing and repairing the path to Allensford Park play area has been submitted. The online system indicates it is in progress. County Cllr Johnson has not found anything as yet.
- b. Bus Shelter – letter sent to the bus company and logged with DCC FS-25833698
- c. New defib cabinet bought and delivered – slightly different model due to price changes.
- d. The Remembrance day and donations items have been missed off the agenda by accident but will be there next meeting.
- e. The previous clerk does not want to act as a locum. Steve Ragg will forward a list of locum clerks who can be approached to cover meetings when the incumbent clerk is absent.

1718/133 **AAP REPORT**

There is a consultation about living streaming of parish council meetings.

The Children and Young People's group are drafting proposals for the summer activities programme.

In the AAP board meeting there was a request for fly tipping areas to be highlighted by pariah councils. Knitsley Lane and the picnic area at the lead mine were identified and will be passed to DCC.

1718/134 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman has nothing to report. On a personal note he passed on his thanks for the wedding gift from the councillors and clerk.

1718/135 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

A full council meeting has been held and the medium financial plan and budget for 2018/19 agreed. The main areas for cuts are the children and young people's services and social services. Elderly people's services must be provided although those with savings will be asked to contribute.

Mount Oswald will become the new history centre for Durham and this news has been received favourably across the County.

It was very pleasing to see the lead miner statue in place.

1718/136 **FINANCE**

1718/1316/1 It was **resolved** that the finance report be received and accepted with this addition.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 22nd February 2018

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Detail
1283	22 Feb 18	432.95	85.59	519.54	R Wright	Heated, locked defibrillator cabinet
Total		432.95	85.59	519.54		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Business Money Manager Bank	0.00
Community Account	0.00
	0.00

LATEST BANK BALANCES

- a. HSBC Business Money Manager Account as at 11 Feb 18 £18255.98
- b. HSBC Community Account as at 11 Feb 18 £7058.75

BALANCES	
Balance Brought Forward	25314.73
Add Income	0.00
Less Expenditure	519.54
Less o/s cheques	1009.44
Balance Carried Forward	23785.75

1718/137 CORRESPONDENCE

Electronic Correspondence:

AAP

Mid Durham AAP - Live streaming consultation
 Mid Durham AAP - Commonwealth Big Lunches

DCC

Castleside quarry

CDALC/NALC/SLCC

LCR opinion survey

Census Survey of Parish Councillors

Next CDALC Smaller Councils Forum Meeting

Chief Executive's Bulletin 6 - 9 February 2018

NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin 7 - 16 February 2018

Miscellaneous

Letterbox Productions - 'Jerusalem' by Jez Butterworth

Sedgefield Parish Hall: Furniture Available

War Memorials News - 20th February 2018

Request to hold a children's party in the parish wood

Paper Correspondence

Letter from local residents about the well near the entrance to Castleside Cemetery.

Letter from DCC Communications and marketing about using 'do it online'.

- (i) The parish council were happy for the children's party to be held in the woods but recommended the resident takes out third party liability insurance and does a risk assessment. They have also to ensure any rubbish is removed and the woods are left as they find them. Clerk will email local resident.

(ii) The letter regarding the well at the entrance to the cemetery was considered and this will be cleaned up during the litter pick and as and when required by the parish councillors. A letter will be sent to the local resident.

1718/138 PLANNING MATTERS

A drop in meeting is being held in the Village Hall on Monday 5th March to discuss the planning proposals to build houses in the field behind the Scout hut. Parish councillors were encouraged to attend in their capacity as local residents. Cllr Dixon would like to be informed of any planning applications which were in the Rowley area.

1718/139 CLERKS REPORT

1. Smaller Councils Meeting – Ron Hogg intends to add £12 on this year's council tax for policing and he has the option to do the same next year. Presentation on affordable housing and maintenance of community buildings. GDPR presentation by Andrew Langley of evolve group was very relevant and gave sample costings for administration depending on the route a council takes. Street lights must be tested every two years if any decorations are going to be hung on them.
2. Email from a local resident about the state of the pavement – contacted by the Clerk and told to log a complaint with DCC.
3. Beacon – Clerk will attend a meeting at Lanchester on the 6th March.
4. Litter Pick – not confirmed with insurance company yet.
5. Public consultation – not confirmed with insurance company yet.
6. GDPR – it was agreed to ask Andrew Langley of evolve group to come along and discuss options for the parish council.

1718/140 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A meeting will be held on 27th February at the Chairman's house to discuss what is happening on the 24th March and who is responsible for what.

1718/141 CONSETT ROAD PROPOSAL

A proposal put forward by Cllr Robson to fill in the muddy areas next to the newly planted area on Consett Road was well received by members. Before going ahead the Highways department will be consulted to ensure it causes no issues.

1718/142 MEMBERS REPORT

- 1718/142/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – none.
- 1718/142/2 War Memorial – no progress.
- 1718/142/3 Parish Wood – a meeting will be set up to discuss the new management plan and find out what grants can be applied for and what documents need to be in place.
- 1718/142/5 Lead Miner – completed and has been well received in the village. Thank you to County Councillors Johnson and Ritchie for the funding. Thanks to the Cllr Forster and the Clerk for their work.
- 1718/142/6 WWI Heritage Project – Cllr Robson has spoken to the Rv Jackson about a poppy memorial on the quad pod and this may go ahead. Cllr Spencer suggested an inscription for the wall at the Village Hall rather than names.
- 1718/142/7 Beacon for 2018 – A site visit will be held on Saturday 24th February at 2pm and Cllr Dixon will explain the proposed layout.
- 1718/142/9 Parish Seats – Cllr Marshall said there had been no progress due to the bad weather. Cllr Forster has identified which seats urgently need replacing and Cllr Dixon is getting quotes for the work to be done.
- 1718/142/10 Flower Tubs – the meeting to discuss options is still to be held.
- 1718/142/11 Shotley Bridge Hospital – the next meeting is on 6th March however Cllr Spencer said it looked certain that the hospital will close.

1718/143 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The following items were requested:

- (i) Christmas Lights
- (ii) Remembrance Sunday 2018
- (iii) Consett Road

1718/144 **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS** - it was agreed that the next Ordinary meeting will be held on the 22nd March due to many of the parish councillors having commitments on 29th March.

1718/145 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS** – none.

Conclusion of Meeting 8.30 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council 22nd March 2018