

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
Held on 28th November 2018 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors A Pearson (Chair), J Forster, D Dixon, A Hird, K Spencer, R Wright (clerk) County Councillors O Johnson and J Considine.

1819/73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none.

1819/74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Dixon agenda item 14.

1819/75 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none.

1819/76 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 25th October 2018 were **resolved** as a true record. Matters requiring update:

a. DCC; FS-Case-23867881 – clearing and repairing the path to Allensford Park play area. Checked it online and it is open however cannot find out what is happening.

Details will be passed to C. Cllr Considine to investigate.

b. DCC; FS-Case_31754378 - request for memorial bench at the crossroads of A68 and A692. This request has been turned down.

1819/77 AAP REPORT

The parish council would like the erection and painting of new fences at the entrances to the village to be submitted to the Mid-Durham AAP environmental project for consideration.

1819/78 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman described November as a busy and successful month for the parish council. On the 4th November the unveiling of the poppy display with over 100 people attending outside the church. This was followed by a tea dance in the village hall with standing room only. On 11th November the parade and service at the War Memorial was well attended. The interdenominational service in St Johns at 4pm also attracted many people. The culmination of the Remembrance Day's events was the beacon and over 300 people made their way to the event site.

The Chairman thanked the parish councillors for all their hard work, the clerk, the three parish councils which had worked together on the beacons. There is a long list of those who helped; John Stafford and the other pipers; Bob Middleton; David Nash; Castleside Primary School choir; Cecil Milburn; the Scouts; Air Cadets and members of the community. Special thank to Cllr Forster and Michael for making the beacon; Cllr Dixon for holding the event on his land and Mark Dixon for helping erect and light the beacon. The Chairman apologies for anyone left off the list because so many people helped make the events so successful.

The Christmas tree switch on is on Thursday 29th November at 6pm with the school choir and Consett Brass.

1819/79 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The County Councillors have attended Remembrance events across the County and they have all been very successful and brought the communities together.

The council are currently waiting for Heritage Lottery funding for the work at St Oswald. The Northern Echo is also considering if it will site it's archive at St Oswald to make it more accessible to the public.

There is difficulty finding funding for schools with the 'formula for fair funding for schools' does not work in the north east. Many schools who have debt are going to become academies and then the county council will be responsible for their debts. The derelict garages at Drover Terrace have been assessed as delapidated but not dangerous. A service request has been raised with environmental health.

1819/80 FINANCE

1819/80/1 The financial report was **resolved** as a true record.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 28th October 2018

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Date
1580	28 Nov 18	25.00	0.00	25.00	TRBL	Poppy wreath
1581	28 Nov 18	70.00	14.00	84.00	Artistic Solutions Ltd	PA system
1582	28 Nov 18	281.50	0.00	281.50	Conway Printing Services	Newsletter; posters; service sheets
1583	28 Nov 18	90.00	0.00	90.00	cancelled	cancelled
1584	28 Nov 18	825.00	165.00	990.00	Total Resources Ltd	Traffic management
1585	28 Nov 18	90.00	0.00	90.00	K Spencer	Giant poppies
1586	28 Nov 18	50.00	0.00	50.00	Castleside Primary School	Donation for the choir
1587	28 Nov 18	150.00	0.00	150.00	1 st Castleside Scout Group	Donation for minibus and tent
1588	28 Nov 18	50.00	0.00	50.00	C Milburn	Music at tea dance
1589	28 Nov 18	75.00	0.00	75.00	St Johns Church	Donation to electricity for poppy display
Total		1706.50	179.00	1885.50		

INCOME RECEIVED	
Business Money Manager Bank	
Community Account	0.00
	0.00

LATEST BANK BALANCES

HSBC Business Money Manager Account	as at 11 Nov 18	£18934.09
HSBC Community Account	as at 11 Nov 18	£4087.57

BALANCES	
Balance Brought Forward	23021.66
Add Income	
Less Expenditure	1885.50
Less o/s cheques	110.00
Balance Carried Forward	21096.16

- 1819/80/2 The quarter 3 budget against actuals was **resolved** as correct.
- 1819/80/3 The draft budget was presented and after an amendment to the clerk's salary was **resolved** as the 2019/20 budget.
- 1819/80/4 The four year plan was discussed and it was **resolved** to increase the precept to cover the increase in the budget which would use the reserves.

1819/81 **CORRESPONDENCE** – none.

1819/82 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- (i) DM/18/ 03315/FPA – no comment.
- (ii) DM/18/03380/FPA – no comment.
- (iii) Cllr Hird was concerned that a building extension was being done without the appropriate permission. This will be raised with the planners.

1819/83 **CLERKS REPORT**

1. Remembrance Events – thank you letters have been written for Arthur & John the pipers; David the electrician; Bob the health and safety man.
2. HLF funding – spoken with Kate Duffy the grant officer. Cllr Forster has been speaking with her so this will be covered under the WW1 Heritage item.
3. The advert for parish clerk was circulated by Steve Ragg and was open for 2.5 weeks however there were no emails of interest or applications. It was decided that the position should be re-advertised locally and the Chairman would be the point of contact.

1819/84 **POST OFFICE CLOSURE**

This is currently under consultation and it was resolved that the Chairman will add comments on behalf of the parish council.

1819/85 **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

One application has been received and the applicant will be invited to an interview on Thursday 31st January 2019 at 6.30pm.

1819/86 **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING VENUE**

After discussion it was **resolved** to continue meetings in the village hall and the councillor surgeries will be held downstairs with parish councillors attending on a rota basis.

1819/87 **PARISH WOODS PARTIES**

The parish council are interested in hearing any ideas about working with the party organiser. It was agreed that the lady will be invited to the January meeting to discuss her ideas.

1819/88 **MEMBERS REPORT**

1819/88/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – there have been a number of comments about the state of the area at the Smelters Arms however there is nothing the parish council can do about it.

1819/88/2 Parish Wood –it was **resolved** that the parish council wanted to support the young foresters and Cllr Hird will be the key contact.

1819/88/4 WWI Heritage Project – after much discussion it was **resolved** that the memorial garden at the village hall will be removed from the plan. IT is unclear if this means all the grant will be lost Cllr Forster will speak to the grant manager. The parish council **resolved** to underwrite the cost of the heritage trail if all funding is lost.

It was **resolved** to give donations to Castleside Primary School; 1st Castleside Scout Group; St John's Church and Cecil Milburn for their part in the Remembrance events and this was part of the HLF funding.

1819/88/5 Parish Seats – will be considered in March.

1819/89 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** – Shotley Bridge hospital and Consett Road.

1819/90 **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS** -none.

1819/91 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS** – discussed without the public present.

Conclusion of Meeting 9.00 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council