

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council
held on 28th February 2019 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.**

PRESENT

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

1819/115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - County Cllr J Considine.

1819/116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Dixon, Cllr Robson and Cllr Pearson agenda item 12.

1819/117 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none.

1819/118 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 31st January 2019 were **resolved** as a true record. Matters requiring update:

- a. The litter pick will be covered by the insurance company. However, if there is no pavement next to the road and it is only a grass bank then this will not be covered.
- b. The enquiry to planning enforcement about the bikes in the quarry received a response and any issues concerning the motorbikes on paths should be directed to the police.
- c. The website domain name has been changed to the correct spelling.
- d. The money has been received from the County Councillors and the stone troughs have been ordered.
- e. FS-Case-34398989 siting of a heritage trail information board is with DCC.
- f. An email has been sent to P Marshall requesting the return of the paper copy of the electoral register.
- g. The footpath (no. 12) has been destroyed by motorcycles using it and needs to be flagged up to planners again.

1819/119 AAP REPORT - none.

1819/120 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed the new parish clerk, Jonathan Coates, to the meeting. The newsletter has been circulated for corrections and is now being printed. There has been no information forthcoming from the Genesis Project about the cycle race in June so no flyer can go out with the newsletters unless something is received soon. Cllr Hird has the new delivery routes for the newsletters.

1819/121 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The council tax will rise by 2.99% with 2% for social care, plus 10% for policing. The main funding issue is with the children and young people's services and the County Council is asking permission to use some of the reserves to provide these services. The Run Durham event is being held over 2 days. The Velo in the North, cycle race, is made up of a 100 mile route for professional and a 50 mile route for amateur cyclists. Lumiere will be held again this year and the ten most popular exhibits are back.

Cllr Dixon asked if there is any progress on the old garages at Drover Terrace, CCllr Considine has spoken to environmental health about it. It was **resolved** to send a

letter to the Chief Environmental Health Officer from the parish council to try and speed the response up.

1819/122 FINANCE

1819/122/1 The financial report was **resolved** as a true record.

EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 28th February 2019

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Date
1596	28 Feb 19	240.00	48.00	288.00	A-Byte Computing Solutions	Annual hosting and security updates
1597	28 Feb 19	100.00	0.00	100.00	Castleside & District Comm Assc	Donation to carnival fund
1598	28 Feb 19	95.00	0.00	95.00	Castleside Primary School	Donation towards music teaching
1599	28 Feb 19	25.00	0.00	25.00	St John's Church	Donation to electricity for Xmas lights
1600	28 Feb 19	30.00	0.00	30.00	Consett Brass Band	Donation for attending events
Total		340.00	48.00	388.00		

INCOME RECEIVED		
Community Account		
Business Money Manager Bank	(grants for flower tubs already included)	5000.00
		5000.00

LATEST BANK BALANCES

HSBC Business Money Manager Account	as at 11 Feb 19	£18944.80
HSBC Community Account	as at 11 Jan 19	£5584.17

BALANCES		
Balance Brought Forward		24528.97
Add Income		
Less Expenditure		388.00
Less o/s cheques		
Balance Carried Forward		24140.97

1819/122/2 The VAT reclaim for 2018-19 is currently £1245.38. For information only.

1819/123 CORRESPONDENCE

A quote for grass cutting services has been received from RB Tree and Landscaping Service Ltd which had increased by approx. 8%. The parish council **resolved** to accept it since there had been no increase for 2 years and the amount of work requested had increased.

1819/124 PLANNING MATTERS

- (1) DM/19/00486/VOC – no comment.
- (2) DM/19/00468/FPA – no comment.

1819/125 CLERKS REPORT

The events calendar is on the website. An email will be sent to Rev. Jackson with the proposed date for the Christmas light switch on.
The 75th anniversary of VE Day is on 8th May 2020.

1819/126 DONATIONS

It was **resolved** to donate to the following:

1. the village carnival fund;
2. Consett Brass for playing at local parish council events;
3. St John's church to help with electricity costs for the Christmas lights
4. Castleside Primary School specifically to be used for teaching music and a request for feedback of how the money is spent will accompany the donation.

1819/127 WASKERLEY PICNIC AREA

Cllr Wallace proposed Smelt Mill car park; Rowley picnic area and Waskerley picnic area for wild flowers planting. It was **resolved** to put this application into the APP Environmental project for consideration.

It was **resolved** make a request for attention to the Whitehall picnic site since a number of dead animals have been dumped here in the past.

1819/128 VILLAGE WHITE GATES

It was **resolved** that the village white gates needed to be cleaned and painted. Cllr Wallace agreed to get three quotes for the work and these would be circulated to parish councillors and a decision made to get the work done.

1819/129 IT OPTIONS

It was agreed that purchasing Office 365 for members was not justified or financially viable. It was resolved that standardised councillor emails need to be created and a proposal was put forward by the clerk. However, it was agreed to wait until the new clerk had investigated other options.

1819/130 MEMBERS REPORT

1819/130/1 Feedback from Councillor Surgery – a request to light up the car park was investigated by Cllr Dixon. The village hall committee is speaking to Northumbrian Water who own the lights.

1819/130/2 Shotley Bridge Hospital – a report was circulated by Cllr Spencer prior to the meeting. Any comments and feedback have to be with Cllr Spencer by Wednesday 6th March as she will be attending another meeting about the hospital that evening.

1819/130/3 Parish Woods – weekly mud parties are being held on Saturday morning and these are very successful.

1819/130/4 Flower Tubs – the grant money has been received and the first three new troughs are on order.

1819/130/5 WWI Heritage Project –Cllr Forster reported that the HLF had given the project and extended deadline for completion. It was **resolved** that the design and printing of the leaflet and information board will be given to DDC.

1819/130/6 Consett Road – Cllr Robson suggested a people's path can be created by various groups, old and young painting stones which can then be fixed into the ground. The proposal needs more information on costs and the available options for fixing the stones and protecting them. Cllr Robson will prepare a proposal and bring it to the next meeting.

1819/131 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** – Shotley Bridge hospital; Parish benches; Remembrance 2019; Christmas Tree.

1819/132 **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS** - a new fish pass has been opened near Shotelyfield on the River Derwent. For information only.

1819/133 **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS** – discussed without the public present.

Conclusion of Meeting 8.40 p.m.

Signed.....Chairman of the Council