

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Healeyfield Parish Council  
held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 7.00 p.m. Castleside Village Hall.**

**PRESENT**

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

**1819/92**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - County Cllr O Johnson.

**1819/93**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Cllr Dixon agenda item 14.

**1819/94**      **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – none.

**1819/95**      **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were **resolved** as a true record. Matters requiring update:

- a. DCC; FS-Case-23867881 – an update was provided by email from CCllr Considine. The path has been cleaned up but if repairs are required a separate request needs to be done. CCllr Considine was asked to look into the path being cleared between Wharnley Farm and Allensford.
- b. The Quarter 3 budget was reissued with the updates from December included and these will be presented in the finance report.
- c. New Christmas lights were purchased due to high winds destroying the existing lights. Approval was sought by the Chairman and the new lights have attracted praise from local parishes.

**1819/96**      **AAP REPORT**

The request for new village gates was turned down by the AAP as these come under Highways. The path around the quarry from the sandy path needs to be cleared so this has been passed to the AAP for consideration.

**1819/97**      **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed the new parish councillor to the meeting.

The Christmas light switch on was well attended and the presence of the children's choir made the event a real success.

Thank to Cllrs Forster, Robson and Spencer for securing the HLF for the WW1 heritage trail.

Thanks to everybody for their kind wishes on the birth of the Chairman's son.

**1819/98**      **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

The AAP funding for the village hall kitchen has been approved.

The County plan consultations are underway until 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Cllr Dixon requested an updated on the garages and Cllr Considine will find out if the environmental visit has taken place.

**1819/99**      **FINANCE**

1819/99/1      The financial report was **resolved** as a true record. The cheques which were paid out during December have been included for information

only. The quarter 3 budget has been reissued with the additional expenditure included.

**EXPENDITURE - Cheques presented for approval on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

CHQ No.	Date	Cost	VAT	Total (£)	Payee	Date
1591	10 Dec18	96.00	0.00	96.00	Wellfield School	Catering for poppy dance
1592	10 Dec18	379.99	76.00	455.99	Christmas Direct	New Christmas Lights
1593	31 Jan 19	934.57	0.00	934.57	R Wright	Salary Oct-Dec 18
1594	31 Jan 19	88.84	0.00	88.84	R Wright	Clerks expenses
1595	31 Jan 19	22.50	0.00	22.50	J Robson	Engraving an catering for poppy dance
<b>Total</b>		<b>1023.41</b>	<b>76.00</b>	<b>1023.41</b>		

<b>INCOME RECEIVED</b>		
Community Account		
Business Money Manager Bank	(already included)	10.71
		<b>10.71</b>

**LATEST BANK BALANCES**

HSBC Business Money Manager Account as at 11 Jan 19 £18944.80  
 HSBC Community Account as at 11 Jan 19 £1926.08

<b>BALANCES</b>	
Balance Brought Forward	20870.88
Add Income	
Less Expenditure	1023.41
Less o/s cheques	200.00
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>19647.47</b>

1819/99/2 The quarter 3 budget against actuals was **resolved** as correct.

**1819/100 CORRESPONDENCE**

The email concerning Durham's Year of Culture Steering Group and the updated calendar should be forwarded to them when it is completed for 2019.

**1819/101 PLANNING MATTERS**

Cllr Dixon told the parish council that he had put in suggestions for old people's bungalows to be built and also for allotments however permission was denied.

**1819/102 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk received a telephone call from a relative of a Castleside resident complaining about the parking of two transit vans belonging to a man who lives in Moorland View. Apparently he parks one on the pavement blocking it and people have to walk on the A68 and the other he leaves outside other people's houses. He does have a drive but does not

use it. His neighbours are in their 80's and find it hard to get out of their drive because they cannot see oncoming traffic. It was passed to the PCSO who is going to deal with it. The Chairman stated that there were quite a few parking issues within the village.

**1819/103      VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK**

There has been an application for the job. The Chairman know the candidate in his professional capacity only. It was **resolved** to invite the candidate for interview and which pay grade could to be offered if the candidate was successful.

**1819/104      PARISH COUNCIL WOODS COLLABORATION**

The local resident holding the parish wood parties for children attended the meeting and gave an overview through visual boards of the activities. It was agreed that some of the activities can be held during the Autumn festival and try and utilise the outside space. Further meetings will be arranged to discuss options.

The parish council suggested that since the village hall committee is responsible for the carnival it would be necessary to discuss any options with them.

The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the parish council for using the parish woods in such a positive way.

**1819106      QUARRY PATH**

Cllr Forster explained that the path around the quarry is churned up by the motorbikes which continue to use the quarry every weekend. The DCC enforcement team are responsible for stopping this happening and CCllr Considine will discuss this with them. It was **resolved** to report the problem to planning enforcement.

**1819/107      CRAG WOOD**

A local resident has bought the farm and part of it is Crag Wood. The landowner does not want to restrict access but wants to manage the land and plant a wild flower meadow. The public right of way will be diverted slightly and Nick Howell DCC and Land of Oak and Iron support this change.

**1819/108      NEWSLETTER**

It was **resolved** that no articles for lost animals can be included in the newsletter. An email will be sent to the Secretary of the village hall committee to book the date for a tea dance and the Autumn festival.

**1819/109      CONSETT - GENESIS TRUST PROJECT**

A representative of the trust attended the meeting and explained what would be happening on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. The cycle race was scheduled to go through the village and the road would be closed from 8am – 4pm. A clearway was required from Morrisons to the old vicarage in Castleside with no parking on the street during the closed period. There will be nearly 200 professional cyclists taking part and Eurosport will be televising the race. The trust organisers are seeking the support of the parish council in helping promote the event and the parking restrictions required for the event. It was **resolved** that details will be published in the newsletter and individual leaflets and parish councillors will help support the event.

**1819/110      UPDATE PARISH CALENDAR**

The dates for parish events were agreed and also the deadlines for the newsletters. The calendar will be updated and circulated to parish councillors as well as placed on the website.

**1819/112      UPDATE FROM PCSO**

The local PCSO could not attend and PCSO 7517 Ian McKenna gave the update on her behalf. There are a few issues across the area; cold callers who knock on doors selling a

variety of goods. These people should have a peddling certificate otherwise what they are doing is against the law.

A number of opportunistic thieves have stolen cars which have been left with their engines running to warm up outside the house.

Scam telephone calls which are supposedly police officers who are looking into counterfeit money. They want people to go to the bank and withdraw money and they will then call round to check the notes. These calls should be reported and not acted upon.

The Christmas drink driving campaign saw 4780 motorists stopped and tested; 253 were arrested for drug and drink charges.

**1819/112      MEMBERS REPORT**

1819/112/1      Feedback from Councillor Surgery – none.

1819/112/2      Shotley Bridge Hospital – nothing to report still in initial period of engagement.

1819/112/3      Parish Woods – Peter Downes has been in twice with volunteers. Cllrs Hird and Wallace will hold a discussion about the parish woods and Castlehills woods to find out any common ground for volunteering.

1819/112/4      Flower Tubs – awaiting funding now that the paperwork has been completed on the lead miner feedback. Thanks to Cllr Forster for completing the forms.

1819/112/5      WWI Heritage Project – a report was circulated by Cllr Forster on the project progress. The heritage trail will involve all the houses where the men lived whose names are on the war memorial. Prices for design and printing of leaflets are being investigated. A meeting has been arranged with DCC to discuss design and siting of the proposed information board. It was **resolved** that Wharnley Way was the best place for the board to be sited. Planning permission will be required from Highways and information detailing position, size and materials must be forwarded to the clerk to discuss with Highways.

1819/112/6      Consett Road – deferred until the next meeting.

**1819/112      AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** – Shotley Bridge hospital; Consett Road and IT.

**1819/113      COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS** -none.

**1819/114      CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS** – discussed without the public present.

**Conclusion of Meeting 9.20 p.m.**

Signed.....Chairman of the Council