**THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF**

**THE HEALEYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD THURSDAY 20th JUNE 2024**

**Present:** Cllr. A Pearson (Chair)

Cllr. J Robson, Cllr. K Spencer, Cllr. A Wallace and Cllr. A Hird

Mr. I Robson (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.07 p.m.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

None received

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

1. **Agree minutes of the previous meeting**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 30th May 2024 be accepted as true and correct record.

1. **Public Participation**

No members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Chair’s Report**

The Chair reported on the impressive attendance at the D-Day 80th Anniversary event held on Thursday 6th June 2024. It was reported that c.455 people were in attendance, possibly more as the count was taken after several people had already left. The chair wished to thank everyone who was involved in making the event a success, and positive feedback as been received from several attendees.

1. **County Councillor Report**

The County Councillors were not present.

1. **Correspondence**
   1. Resident – Condition of Drovers Dell Sandpit

It was **Resolved** to receive the correspondence and to note that the Clerk had directed the resident to the Village Hall.

* 1. Cllr. McGaun – Thank you letter regarding the D-Day Event held on 6th June 2024.

It was **Resolved** to receive the correspondence with thanks.

* 1. Piggy Blinders (Heather & Paul) – Thank you message regarding the D-Day Event held on 6th June 2024.

It was **Resolved** to receive the correspondence with thanks.

1. **Finance**
   1. Accounts for Payment – June

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It was **Resolved** to approve the accounts for payment for June 2024.

* 1. Responsible Financial Officers Report
* The RFO updated the council on the following items:

Bank Balances:

* + Current £ 1,114.66
  + Savings £ 28,082.85
  + Total **£ 29,197.51**
  + Less uncleared payments £ 3,823.87
  + Cash Balance **£ 25,373.64**

It was **Resolved** to receive the RFO report.

1. **Clerk’s Report**
   1. The clerk reported the following:

* Council Insurance renewed for the final year of a 3-year deal.
* Durham County Council Electoral Services have confirmed that no requests for an election were received and therefore the vacancy, created by Mr. W. Todd’s resignation, can be filled by co-option.
  1. Matter for Information

The following items were highlighted for information.

* 5.2 Dog Stile & 6 Parish Wood Fences – No response from the contractor.

It was **Resolved** to award the Dog Stile & Fencing work to another contractor.

It was **Resolved** to receive the Clerk’s report.

1. **Planning Applications**

None received.

1. **D-Day 80th Anniversary thanks & donations**

It was **Resolved** to send Thank You cards to those who made the event a success, and to send donations to Consett Brass and Castleside Scouts.

1. **Revised Financial Regulations**

It was **Resolved** to approve and adopt the revised Financial Regulations.

1. **Email & Website – gov.uk**

It was **Resolved** to proceed with the quotation from Activecouncils.co.uk and move to a gov.uk domain at the end of the current contract.

1. **Historical Framed Photographs storage**

It was **Resolved** to catalogue the photographs prior to determining the appropriate storage location.

1. **2024 Newsletter**

It was **Resolved** to target delivery of the Newsletter for September this year, and July in following years.

1. **Date of the next Ordinary Meeting**

It was **Resolved** that the date and time of the next meeting is **Thursday 25th July 2024**.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s.1(2). A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies.

1. **Confidential Items**

No items were discussed.

Meeting ended at 8.32 pm

Chair …………………………………………….. Date ………………………..