

Minutes of the Meeting of Haswell Parish Council held on

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6.30pm held at St Pauls Church, Haswell

**Present**

Cllrs C HOOD (Chair), J Cook, O Gray, S Hartley, E Major, G Dunstone & W Ramsay

County Councillor: I Cochrane

In Attendance - 18 members of the public

**99.18 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors H Milburn, K Welch & County Councillor E Huntington.

**100.18 Code of Conduct**

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

**101.18 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of this meeting, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record.**

**102.18 Police Briefing**

P.C Dean Wilson offered his apologies to the meeting and the Chair referred to the progress report shown for all to consider. An issue was reported by a member of the public, which would be passed on to the Police. All present were encouraged to use the 101 reporting service. **RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.**

**103.18 Finance**

(a) To approve the monthly accounts

**RESOLVED the monthly accounts, as listed below be endorsed where already paid, and approved and paid as presented:-**

1.	Sweetie Treats	400.00	candyfloss, snow cone, popcorn
2.	P Levitt	40.50	fuel
3.	Floorfillers Ent	500.00	DJ & children's entertainer
4.	Pena Entertainment	220.00	disco and uplighting
5.	O Gray	22.28	sweets – prizes
6.	Nixon Hire	540.00	hire of toilets
7.	Fairbairn Marquees	2,136.00	hire of marquees, tables, chairs & lighting

8.	Phoenix Eye	621.00	marshalls at The Carnival
9.	Medics UK	515.00	medical cover
10.	Party Time Inflatables	229.00	Scarecrow presentation event
11.	CDALC	235.87	subscription
12.	DCC	33.60	repairs to vehicles
13.	G & T Tate	153.60	tractor fuel
14.	Wave	85.57	water charges
15.	K Tweddle	12.11	stationery
16.	Mazars	400.80	2017/18 Audit
17.	S Major	64.25	meat & buns (Scarecrow event)
18.	P Levitt	31.51	miscellaneous (fuel & gloves)

(b) Bank Reconciliations for July & August 2018, copies of which had been circulated, were accepted.

(c) Audit Report 2017/18

The Clerk advised the audit had now been concluded and the audit report received with the following matters drawn to the Parish Council's attention:-

-No financial risk review had been carried out during 2017/18 – the council needed to ensure it carried out a risk assessment for 2018/19. The Clerk confirmed this was carried out in May 2018 and assessed by the Internal Auditor and included in his report.

-Fixed assets was incorrect as the value of the new play area had not been added to the current assets. This would be done immediately and included in the figure of fixed assets held by the Parish Council. **RESOLVED the report be accepted and it be agreed the items raised be attended to as given above.**

(d) Small Grant Applications

(i) Alice House

Details of this second stage grant submission were given, all of the requested and required information had now been received. **RESOLVED an award of £200.00 be made to Alice House Hospice.**

(ii) East Durham Community Transport

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#### **104.18 Planning**

RESOLVED it be noted there had been an application for a gas fuelled capacity mechanism embedded generation plant to support the National Grid – resubmission by Enso Energy, land to the North of Hackworth Road, North West Industrial Estate.

An update was also given on the Tuthill Quarry site by Councillor Ramsay who reported the developer was trying to obtain access to the site from various other routes and they appeared

determined to mine the site. **RESOLVED the Clerk continue to scrutinise the weekly planning list for details relating to this application and any progress with it.**

### **105.18 Member's Reports**

Councillor Cook reported on taking part in the Durham Gala which she had found very moving and emotional she had also enjoyed the excellent scarecrow displays around the village. She had been dealing with an issue around grass cutting at Mazine Terrace with a local resident and had also been progressing getting a wall re built at East Villas.

Councillor Hartley echoed Councillor Cook's sentiments in that she had enjoyed the banner parade and the scarecrow competition. She reported the recent children's activities had been very well attended.

Councillor Dunstone reported he had organised another Car Mystery Hunt after the success of the first event.

Councillor Major reported the meeting of the East Durham Community Transport Forum had been well attended. She gave details of the changes in local bus times and the changes in the zones for the purchase of a day ticket. She asked if the Parish Council would consider the purchase of Vehicle Activated speed signs for the village and it was agreed prices be sought and this be considered further.

Councillor Ramsay gave a progress report on the quarry site.

Councillor Gray reported on the summer activities where the attendance had been marvellous and new volunteers had been much appreciated, she felt this was encouraging community spirit. She reported on the recent Dementia Walk where 63 people had taken part which she felt was also good for the village. She asked if it would be acceptable for a volunteer to go out and record and feedback to her where footpaths around the village were blocked or overgrown, everyone agreed this would be much appreciated. Councillor Gray also offered to carry out traffic monitoring in the village with volunteers.

The Chair outlined the calendar of events for the next few months, he asked for letters of thanks to be sent to Giant Steps Nursery, Haswell Mencap, Alene Ellsworth local resident, the Mayor of Peterlee and local farmer and resident Mr Cairns.

He gave details of progress with the apprenticeship and asked for progress with the application to install noticeboards in the parish. The County Council had not replied to the Parish Council following their request. Councillor Hood gave details of a risk assessment carried out by DCC on Haswell Beck dated 28 August 2018, and asked all present to give him/other Councillors details of any accidents that they were aware of at this site so that they could be passed on as currently they were none reported.

The Chair then gave a detailed presentation on the current situation with the registration of the Hazelwell Centre, Haswell with the Charities Commission. Following a unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED the Parish Council make enquiries and raise its concerns with the Charities Commission with regard to the serious non compliance of a charity, which left unchecked, could damage the public's trust and confidence in the Charities Commission as an effective regulator.**

### **106.18 County Councillor's Update Report**

County Councillor Cochrane reported he was to take part in an estate walkabout in Hutton Grove. He was dealing with a case in Faraday Terrace and also chasing up progress with the demolition of the former school building. He gave details of a Family History Course being run at County Hall for a three week period starting 1 October at a cost of £30.00 per person. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

### **107.18 Clerk's Progress Report**

The update report from the Clerk was circulated for the consideration of Members. This included Windsor Terrace play area, grant funding, the football fields, seats and floral displays, events, external audit, fencing around the former pit site, street lights financed by the Parish Council and the order made on public footpath No 20 Haswell Parish. **RESOLVED a price be obtained for the fencing at the former pit site, the Parish Council consider further at the next meeting the need for the street lights at The Paddock; and the remainder of the information contained in the report, be noted.**

#### **108.18 Public Participation**

A report was given about anti social behaviour in the village. This would be passed on to the Police for attention.

#### **109.18 Date of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED the next meeting be held at St Paul's Church Hall, Church View, Haswell, DH6 2DT on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at 6.30pm. FURTHER RESOLVED the meeting in January be re scheduled to the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 6.30pm.**