

HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th February 2014 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

137. **Present:** Councillors R J Penny, F A Speak, J S Douglas, DRM Rodgerson
Mrs M Senior (Clerk)
138. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs D M Watkins and County Cllr Colin Horncastle.
139. **Declarations of Interest** – None
140. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 13th January 2014, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record,
141. **Matters Arising**
- a) **Memorial** – Minute 122a refers. The memorial will be erected in due course.
 - b) **Water Leaks** – Minute 122b refers. The water leaks were under control and the drains were now flowing although it was noted that water and effluent was still flowing down the road from the farm. It was agreed to ask NCC Highways to look into the problem to see if anything could be done.
 - c) **Tree survey** – Minute 122c refers. Mrs D M Watkins to complete in due course although it was noted that any new trees would need to be planted by March.
 - d) **Public Footpath Diversion No 12** – Minute 122d refers. NCC Public Rights of Way Officer has inspected the damage to the fence and gate. He has erected 'No horse riding' signs at the beginning of the path and on both sides of the first gate. He has also spoken to one of the persons responsible for the horses in the adjacent field. They have agreed to dissuade any further use of the footpath and inform other local horse owners of the situation. The main problem on the footpath is related to poaching of the surface in the vicinity of the new gate and this is being exacerbated by horses being led through the gate or by standing around the gate. NCC will continue to monitor the condition of the surface around the gateway and will consider further action if necessary.
 - e) **Dog Fouling** – Minute 122e refers. Problems were still being experienced with dog fouling from a particular resident. A further letter will be sent advising that the Parish Council understands the difficulties cleaning up after his dogs and requesting that he does not allow them to foul the footpath or walkways.
 - f) **Footpath Report.** Minute 133 refers. It was agreed to carry out the footpath inspect on Friday 21st February. Councillors to meet at The Feathers at 1.00pm.
 - g) **Broadband.** Minute 135 refers. The meeting held with BT on 27 January had been fairly productive. The Wayleave had now been agreed for the new cable to be laid. Work is scheduled before the end of March 2014. A new conduit will be installed along the village to Meadowfield Road where a new cabinet will also be installed. Unfortunately, the rules for funding in rural areas for fibre optic cables fall outside the remit. A new funding pot will be available in approximately 12 months. Hedley was now experiencing a reliable phone service and with the new higher capacity cables the chances were that the broadband speed in the area would improve to 3-4 Mbs.
142. **Correspondence**
All correspondence had been listed on the agenda and was noted. All relevant items had been distributed to all councillors.
143. **County Councillor's Report**
Cllr Colin Horncastle was unable to attend the meeting.
144. **Finance**
- a) **Invoices for Payment.**
Mrs A Senior – Salary up to 31/01/14 – £100.00
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE - £25.00
Spanglefish – Website – £24.95
 - b) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £6509.83 as at 3rd February 2014 was noted (Statement 26).
145. **Planning Applications**
- a) **13/00518/FUL** – Land North West of Hedley North Farm – Proposed installation of Endurance wind turbine on 24 metre mast. It was noted that this application was being appealed. It was agreed to send the Parish Councils objections to the Planning Inspectorate.
146. **Grass Cutting** – Cllr D Penny is to produce a grass cutting specification which will be agreed at the March meeting of the Parish Council.
147. **Dry Stone Walling** – Nothing to report
148. **State of the Roads**
- a) **West Hill** – It was noted that the sign as you drop down the West Hill by Apperley had been smashed. This will be reported to NCC
 - b) **White lines** – The missing white lines had been reported to NCC.
149. **East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** – Nothing to report.

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150. **Minerals Workings** – The application for Hoodsclouse had still not been brought to committee due to UK Coal delaying.
151. **Mickley Moor Farm** – Nil.
152. **Village Green** – Nothing to report.
153. **Information Items**
All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.
- NALC – eNews – January 2014
 - Northumberland County Council Local Telephone Numbers
 - Community Action Northumberland – CANNY News – January 2014
154. **EDFER Boundary Lane Wind Farm Community Panel Nominations.** The Community Fund for Boundary Lane is looking for members to form the decision making panel for the fund and would like Hedley Parish Council to nominate someone to sit on the panel. There are initially to be four quarterly meetings per year, eventually 2 and one 'virtual' by email. The meetings will last from an hour to a maximum of 2 hours. The first meeting is to be held on Tuesday 25 March 2014 at 6.00pm in Snods Edge. It was agreed that it would be difficult to nominate one person as a representative for the panel and suggested that the Council is nominated with a representative to attend the meetings. Cllr Mrs F Speak and Cllr J Douglass would attend the meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Mrs F Speak to attend the meeting on 25 March 2014.
155. **Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting is to be held on Monday 10th March 2014 at 7.30pm in The Feathers Inn.

Chairman _____

Date _____