

HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

156. **Present:** Councillors R J Penny, F A Speak, DRM Rodgerson, D M Watkins
Mrs M Senior (Clerk) and County Councillor Colin Horncastle.
157. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr J S Douglass
158. **Declarations of Interest** – None
159. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 10th February 2014, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record,
160. **Matters Arising**
- a) **Memorial** – Minute 141a refers. The memorial will be erected in due course.
 - b) **Tree survey** – Minute 141c refers. Mrs D M Watkins had surveyed the trees in the village. It was agreed to only replace the missing tree with a dwarf hawthorne at this time.
 - c) **Footpath Report.** Minute 141f refers. The inspection due to be carried out on 21st February had been postponed. This will now be completed over the Easter holidays.
 - d) **EDFER Boundary Lane Wind Farm Community Panel Nominations.** Minute 154 refers. It was noted that the Community Panel needed a nominated member rather than a representative from the Parish Council. Cllr Mrs F A Speak is to be the panel member. Applications cannot be made from the Parish Council however community groups will be able to apply for funding. Cllr R J Penny to circulate information to councillors.
161. **Correspondence**
All correspondence had been listed on the agenda and was noted. All relevant items had been distributed to all councillors.
162. **Northumberland Town and Parish Councils Draft Charter.** The aim of the Town and Parish Council Charter is to identify how the County Council and Town and Parish Councils can work effectively together to improve the economic, social and environmental well being of Northumberland. The revised draft Charter is a shorter document, which will be accompanied by an Action Plan. The draft charter has been developed through the Parish Liaison Working Group. Copies of the Charter had been circulated to all councillors together with feedback forms. Councillors to bring their comments to the next meeting.
163. **Post 16 Transport Consultation.** NCC has begun a consultation on a number of options it is considering in relation to the provision of Post 16 Transport from the start of the academic year 2014-15 onwards. The consultation is open until 19th May 2014. Cllr Mrs D M Watkins to look into the options and bring back the information to the next meeting.
164. **County Councillor's Report**
Cllr Colin Horncastle gave the following update:
Potholes. NCC had promised to fill all potholes by the end of June.
Highways Officers. Cllr Horncastle is to arrange for Louise Hayward and Amanda Cryer to attend the April meeting of the Parish Council to discuss Highways issues.
165. **Finance**
- a) **Invoices for Payment.**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	£100.00		£100.00	SO
Calico	Domain name – Website	£18.00	£3.00	£15.00	010632
HMRC	PAYE	£25.00		£25.00	010633
Mrs A Senior	Expenses	£29.60		£29.60	010634

- b) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £6354.88 as at 3rd March 2014 was noted (Statement 27).
166. **Planning Applications**
- a) **13/00469/RENE** – Land East of Mickley Grange Farm – Proposed erection of 1 x V29 turbine with rotor height of 31.5m and tip height of 46.5m. **Refused permission.**
 - b) **14/00003/FUL** – Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey extension at The Old School House, Hedley. **Granted permission.**
167. **Grass Cutting** – Cllr D Penny had to produced a grass cutting specification. A maximum of 16 cuts (two cuts per month) will be undertaken at a cost of £160 per cuts; this includes grass cutting, strimming and collection of cuttings. Any cuts in excess of 16 will be agreed in advance with the Parish Council. It was AGREED to advise Rob Snaith to commence grass cutting from the beginning of April.
168. **Dry Stone Walling** – Nothing to report
169. **State of the Roads**
All issues will be brought to the attention of Louise Haywood and Amanda Cryer when they attend the meeting on 14 April 2014.

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- a) **West Hill** – It was noted that the sign as you drop down the West Hill by Apperley had been smashed. This had been reported to NCC.
- b) **White lines** – The missing white lines had been reported to NCC.
170. **East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** – The next meeting of the Forum is to be held on 2nd April at 7.00pm at Snods Edge Village Hall.
171. **Minerals Workings** – Nothing to report. NCC is waiting for the report for the landscape consultations. The application will still be heard at a separate meeting of the Planning Committee but it is unlikely this will be before April.
172. **Mickley Moor Farm** – Nil.
173. **Village Green** – Nothing to report.
174. **Information Items**
All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – Newsletter Spring 2014
 - Northumberland County Council – Residents' Festival 29-30 March 2014.
 - Community Action Northumberland – CANNY News – February 2014
175. **Website.** It was felt that several items of interest could be placed on the website including photos of events held in the village, walks around the village and updates from NCC.
176. **Litter pick.** It was agreed to hold a litter pick on Saturday 12 April 2014. Gloves, bags and litter pickers will be ordered from NCC to be delivered to Cllr R J Penny.
177. **Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting is to be held on Monday 14th April 2014 at 7.30pm in The Feathers Inn.

Chairman _____

Date _____