

## HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

- 381. Present:** Councillors F A Speak, DRM Rodgerson, Mrs D M Watkins and J S Douglas.  
Cllr C Horncastle (County Councillor)  
Mrs M Senior (Clerk)
- 382. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr R J Penny.
- 383. Declarations of Interest** – None.
- 384. Minutes** of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.
- 385. Matters Arising**
- a) Litter Pick.** Minute 379 refers. The village litter pick held on 28 March 2015 had been well attended however insufficient supplies had been provided by Northumberland County Council. The clerk had spoken to the officers at NCC who advised that due to the number of taking place that weekend they had insufficient supplies. Mrs Senior advised that she had a supply of litter pickers and gloves should they be needed in future.
- 386. County Councillor's Report.** Cllr C Horncastle gave his verbal report.
- a) Polling Station.** Unfortunately, it had been too late to request a polling station in Hedley Village however this does not exclude Hedley from future elections. Residents who have trouble travelling to their polling station can request postal votes.
- b) Planning Review.** The recommend changes are going ahead although the committee structures are not in place yet but will be countywide. Possible changes to the area committee are being discussed although there is no detail yet. Further information to follow.
- c) Resurfacing of footpaths.** Cllr Horncastle requested specific locations to provide a quote for the resurfacing of the footpaths.
- d) Sale of Council Buildings.** NCC is currently in discussion with Queens Hall to see if the Queens Hall building can be used to accommodate visitor information and customer access in addition to the existing library. Such a move would allow the closure and sale of Hexham House, Prospect House, Hadrian House and the existing visitor information facility at Wentworth Car Park. Some staff working space may be provided at Queens Hall and further space may be developed as part of a comprehensive review of depot facilities.
- 387. Correspondence.** All correspondence since the March meeting had been listed on the agenda and was noted. All relevant items had been circulated to all councillors.
- 388. COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND.** It was noted that the Spring Conference would be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 2.00pm in Acklington Village Memorial Hall.
- 389. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL – LIAISON MEETINGS.** It was noted that the next series of meetings with parish and town councils will take place during May. An hour before the main meeting commences there will be an opportunity to meet council officers to raise any local issue that may be outstanding or developing. The meeting is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00pm in Stocksfield SICA building.
- 390. Finance**
- a) Invoices for Payment.**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services – March	£100.00		£100.00	SO
HMRC	PAYE 12	£25.00		£25.00	010665
Calico UK	Website domain	£18.00	£3.00	£15.00	010666
Viking Direct	Stationery	£82.56	£13.76	£68.80	010667
Mrs A Senior	Expenses	£38.10		£38.10	010668
Tynedale Hospice at Home	Donation	£50.00		£50.00	010669
R Snaith	Grass cutting	£160.00		£160.00	010670

- b) Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £5178.75 as at 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 was noted (Statement 38).

**391. Planning Applications**

Reference No	Details	Applicant	Decision
14/03887/FUL	Removal of existing glazed lean-to and construction of infill between existing outbuilding and main house utility to provide linked access Hedley Grange, Hedley, Stocksfield	Mr S Colmer	GRANTED

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392. **Grass Cutting** – It was noted that the grass had been cut 3 times since the start of the season. It was felt that this was unnecessary as the grass was not really growing. The situation will be monitored.
393. **Dry Stone Walling** – It was noted that Richard Smith was currently repairing the hole in the wall. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to David Potts of Hedley Park Farm for arranging the repairs.
394. **State of the Roads.** All issues will be reported to NCC.
- a) Road signs – It was noted that the warning sign for the bend coming up the West Hill was missing. It was agreed to carry out a survey of the signs in the parish.
- b) West Hill – It was agreed to once again write to Northumberland County Council advising of the problems on the West Hill.
395. **East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** – The next meeting of the Forum is to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.00pm in Wylam Institute.
396. **Mickley Moor Farm** – Nil.
397. **Village Green** – It was noted that some residents were cutting their own grass in certain areas of the village green. The village green areas will be checked with Cllr R J Penny.
398. **Information Items**  
All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.
- Came and Company – Spring Council Matters 2015
  - Rural Housing Alliance – Affordable Rural Housing – Guide for Parish Councils
  - Community Action Northumberland News – Spring Issue 2015
  - Campaign to Protect Rural England – Countryside Voice Spring 2015
  - NALC News – March 2015
399. **Mineral Workings.** Nothing to report.
400. **Parking on the village green.** It was noted that a car had been parked on the village green at the bottom of Clare Lea for some time. This had been moved although it was agreed to monitor the situation.
401. **Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting is to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm in The Feathers Inn. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_