

## HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the Feathers Inn

**Present:** Cllrs. RJ Penny, FA Speak, DM Watkins and DR Rodgerson. Also Ms M Anderton(Clerk) and Mrs B Smith for item 9 which was taken first.

**501. Apologies:** Cllr JS Douglas and County Cllr C Horncastle

**502. Declarations of Interest:** None

**503. Minutes of meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015:** These were agreed.

**504. Matters Arising:**

a) Debat unforthcoming so alternatives to be sourced in the new year.

b) The Broad band grants were no longer available.

c) It was unclear if the gully had been cleared near the Airfield.

**505. Planning:** 15/02465/PA – re Barn conversion at Hedley East Farm: The County Council had replied. It was felt the response was unsatisfactory but there were no other actions the Parish Council could take.

**506. County Cllr Horncastle:** No report was submitted.

**507. Correspondence:** All had been noted as circulated on the agenda and by email directly to Councillors.

**508. Core Strategy Consultation:** It was agreed that there would be no response to the Strategy. It appeared the County Council have considered as much as possible following previous consultations and on that basis, their methodology was reasonable.

**509. Defibrillator:** Mrs Smith reported that, as the Clerk had also found, the route through the British Heart Foundation site was not very practical and could pose a number of difficulties. She had also been in touch with the Stephen Carey Fund contact, as had the Clerk. It was agreed the Clerk would act as the sole point of contact in the future. The Fund was very busy being a small voluntary group, and would contact the Council in the New Year. They did state that we would have to raise a minimum of £1250 towards the cost. The WI already have just over £400 raised towards this. This would be forwarded to the Council's account and ring-fenced. The Clerk would also check the insurance liability of taking on a defibrillator, if any.

**510. Old Allotments:** The Clerk had ascertained that there was no paperwork relating to the Council at all in the archives at Woodhorn. A small payment together with a map can be sent to the Land Registry to see if there is a registered owner of the site. DP to supply map.

**511. Finances:** a) the following payments were approved:

Ms M Anderton	Salary, November	SO	119.69
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R Snaith, Grass Cutting			230.00
Land Registry			4.00
WI, S.137 Grant			200.00

b) The Current Account balance at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 was £3337.07.

c) Precept for 2016/17: Following a discussion of the draft budget for the next financial year, it was agreed to ask for a precept of £4500, an increase of £500. The Clerk would adjust the budget and re-circulate for information.

**512. Tree seats:** It was agreed to consider this further in the New Year.

**513. Dry Stone Walling:** Nothing to report

**514. Village Green:** Copies of the paperwork relating to the Parish Council's ownership of the Village Green would be obtained for our records by the Clerk. It was noted that woodchips should be put down on the footpath at the Green adjacent to the Old Forge.

**515. Roads:** An early December road sweep could be needed to clear fallen leaves, particularly at West Hill.

**516. East Tynedale Community Forum:** Minutes had been circulated from this. It was noted that a faulty light in the village was not recognized as existing by the County Council.

**517. Information:** This was noted. It was agreed to ask CAN to supply only an e-copy of CAN News in future.

**518. AOB:** None

**519. Date of next meeting** – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Chairman:

Date: