

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

Present: Cllrs: R Penny, F Speak, D Rodgerson, J Douglas, and D Watkins. Clerk, Monica Anderton was in attendance.

649. **Apologies:** County Cllr Horncastle

650. **Declarations of Interest:** None

651: **Minutes of the meeting of 10th October 2016:** These were approved.

652: **Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda:**

- a) Speeding check by Northumbria Police was still to be carried out
- b) Plaques still in progress. A possibility of Horse warning signs was suggested as motorists often frighten the horses when they're being exercised. The Clerk would make enquiries as to feasibility of this.
- c) The poor quality of the current replacement library van was raised by the Clerk at the recent Town & Parish Council Conference.
- d) BT Openreach no longer deal with trees/hedges. Enquiry as to possibly moving the telegraph pole would be investigated.

653. **Planning:**

16/00195/ENFCOU – update: Cllr Horncastle had talked with the enforcement officer and an email had also been received by the Clerk to the effect that a deadline had been given for a planning application to be received. The recent email from Mr Clerk would be replied to indicating that the speed limit signs would not be moved.

16/00426/FUL: change of use of land from agricultural to garden at land south west of Leadgate Cottages, Chopwell: the Parish Council have no objections to this

16/00426/PREAPP – Residential dwellings for 7 properties, off road parking and a play area: The Council indicated it wished to invoke the Preapp Protocols as there were a number of issues with the application, in particular with the increase on services to the village;

16/00437/PREAPP: Conversion to dwelling on land north of Hedley North farm: Again – the council indicated its' wish to be involved with the preapp protocols as there was insufficient information to make any decision.

The easement across the Village Green noted from a letter in 2004 had not been traced by the Legal Department at County Hall. The Clerk would try the land registry next on their suggestion.

654: **County Councillor report:** Nothing other than noted above re planning issue.

655: **Correspondence:** this was noted and it was agreed not to renew the War Memorial subscription.

656. **Possible Community hall:** The first meeting of the Working Group looking into this would take place on the following day.

657. **Finance:**

a) The BoS were still trying to amend matters. Despite returning the forms, further changes were asked for. Letters had been received from the Customer Care agent and his superior, neither of which helped. Before taking the matter any further, it was agreed to make the requested amendments, return the forms and see what happens next.

b) The current balance on the account before today's payments is £1831

c) The following payments were authorised;

MFAnderton, Clerk, October 2016	120.89
MFAnderton, Clerk, expenses to end of November	25.26
R Snaith, final grass cutting October	170.00
Broomley & Stocksfield PC re NE43	60.00

d) Budget for precept: There was time to consider this at the next Council meeting when a more up to date budget would be provided.

658: **Road repairs:** White lining, cat's eyes and some of the deepest pot holes/ruts had already been done. The Highways dept. would be thanked and asked if they could check in 3 months on the possible subsidence of the filled holes/ruts. It was also noted they had cleared the gullies on the North side of the road from High Mickley to Hedley but not the South side.

659: **Information received:** this was noted

660. **AOB:** None

661: **Date of next meeting:** Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn.

Chair:

Date:

