

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

Present: Cllrs Speak, Rodgerson, Watkins and Douglas. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance. Also present for item 5 – John Renwick.

779. **Apologies:** Cllr Penny and County Cllr Horncastle.

780: **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest relating to the meeting.

781. **Minutes** from meeting of 9th October 2017: These were **approved** as a true record.

782. **Matters arising:**

a) Hedges – It was noted that the time limit was up and nothing had been done yet. The hedges were worse than before. The Clerk would follow up **(MA)**;

b) GFWhite – nothing new had been forthcoming. The matter would be chased up **(MA)**

c) Garden waste bins: Information on how many people would pay for a garden waste bin needs to be collected. It was suggested that this be asked of people at a future follow up meeting from the Survey.

d) Speeding through Leadgate Cottages and the village: this was still awaiting analysis

e) Horse warning signs: The signs that had appeared were temporary. Although the matter had been raised by the Clerk at the recent LAC meeting, she would chase it up as several dangerous near collisions had occurred recently.

f) Hedley House: The hedges have been cut back. However, the trees still need some work and the Clerk would follow up on this. **(MA)**

783. **Village Survey Group report:** Cllr Penny had indicated that he wanted the flyer/summary letter to go out in the name of the Survey Group. However, Mr Renwick and the other members of the survey group felt that as facilitators, the name of the Council should be used. Mr Renwick left the meeting whilst the matter was discussed amongst the Councillors. A formal vote was taken following the proposal that the letter should have the Council's name on it: Proposed by Cllr Douglas and seconded by Cllr Speak; It was **unanimously** agreed to do this. Mr Renwick returned to the meeting and with a couple of small amendments to clarify the possibility of a future informal meeting and that the council would like to have another volunteer to be co-opted, it was agreed the Survey Group members would deliver fliers to their interviewees and the full survey would be placed on the website. Cllr Douglas agreed to ask the Feathers if they would possibly consider hosting

a coffee morning for the Council in January sometime. Cllr Watkins also volunteered her home if necessary.

784. **County Councillor's report:** None

785. **Correspondence:** Circulated as emails – NALC e- news; precept information for 2018/19

786. **Finance:** a) Balance at 31st October 2017 is £1126.22

b) A decision on the precept would be made at the next council meeting

c) The following payments were authorised:

MFAnderton, Clerk, October 2017	£122.10
R Snaith, grass cutting – October	£170.00
MFAnderton, Expenses	£49.62

A request for funding from Core Music was refused but a request for a donation to CAN was approved for £30

The high costs of grass cutting were discussed. A very large amount of the precept goes on this, 18 cuts at £170 per cut in the present season. It was agreed that the Chair would talk with the gardener about starting a bit later; reducing the cuts by 2 or 3, or possibly reducing the cost. At the same time an alternate quote for the work would be sought. **(DP/JD)**

787: **Information received:** Came & Co. – Insurance matters – Autumn; Tynedale Hospice at Home Newslink – Autumn; Clerks & Councils Direct – November; CPRE – Summer/Autumn magazines.

788: **AOB:** ~ a reminder about grass cutting as noted above;

~ A village sweep was requested; this would be asked for;

~ Following some recent historical research relating to World War I and others in Prudhoe, it was noted that some Hedley names are on a plaque in St George's Church. The following names are on headstones in the West Road cemetery: Gladstone, John & Mary, Airey Hill; Scott, George & Isabella; Walker, Matthew & Isabella; Green, Annie Jane; Corn, Thomas & Hannah; White, Nicholas.

789: **Date of next meeting:** 15th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn.

