

## HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

**Present:** Cllrs Penny, Speak, Rodgeron, Watkins and Douglas. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance.

790. **Apologies:** None

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

792. **Minutes** from meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017: These were **approved** as a true record.

793. **Matters arising:**

a) Hedges – Although some cutting had been done, it is insufficient for good visibility. Not known if the County Council did impose measures. The Clerk would follow up again **(MA)**;

b) GFWhite – nothing new had been forthcoming other than an acknowledgement of email from previous council meeting;

c) Speeding: An email had been received from the Police indicating that Hedley was now part of 13 areas being looked at regarding speeding issues county wide. A time scale could not be given at this stage of any outcome but we would be informed.

d) Letters to County Councillors re complaints about lack of contact with NCC – no responses yet received. This would be pointed out to them in a brief follow up note **(MA)**;

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

794. **Village Survey Group report:** No further action to date, other than summary sheet being distributed; also confirmation that the pub could host a coffee morning if required at a later date.

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

796: **General Data Protection Regulations:** the new rules are enforceable from 18<sup>th</sup> May. In theory, an independent Data Protection Officer (DPO) is required by every Council which is a huge imposition on many small councils – and probably unnecessary. There is lobbying ongoing to clarify this at Central Government. There is also training on offer in the future with help from NALC and SLCC. The matter will be kept under review.

797. **NCC – Parking Consultation:** It was agreed to support the actions proposed, especially for Hexham, mentioning Prudhoe, Stocksfield and Corbridge as well. The Clerk would see if the other councils are also making similar comments.

798. **Being Active Matters:** As the funding available was very limited and for the whole County regarding mental health matters – it was decided not to follow this up any further.

799. **Correspondence:** Circulated as emails – NALC e- news; information re items above; thank you letter from CAN for donation: all noted

800. **Finance:** a) Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 is £596.40

b) Whilst considering the precept, it was noted that alternative costs for grass cutting had not yet been received. The Clerk would also check out the cost per household for any increase in precept. However, looking at the expenditure, with no reserves available, it was agreed to raise the precept to £6000.

c) The following payments were authorised:

MFAnderton, Clerk, November 2017	£122.10
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Stocksfield PC re NE43	£60.00
R Watt – distributing above etc.	£20.00

801: **Information received:** Clerks & Councils Direct – January; CPRE – Winter magazines.

802: **AOB:** ~ The Clerk informed Councillors about Planning Training next month;

~ A volunteer had offered to be co- opted as a Councillor to fill the vacancy. Cllr Penny would write to Ms Celino asking her to attend the next meeting in February;

~ Major problems with Prudhoe road especially near the gas control installation where the shoulder has disappeared and continues to do so; the road surface very bad Hedley to Greensdie at Currock Hill; and also by the gliding club entrance. The Clerk would ask Mr Westerby if he can meet the Chairman briefly to look at the issue at a convenient time; (A reminder about the Horse riding signs would be mentioned as well.)

803: **Date of next meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn.