

## HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

**Present:** Cllrs Penny, Speak, Douglas Watkins, Rodgerson and Celino. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance. County Cllr Horncastle was also in attendance.

938: **Apologies:** None

939: **Declarations of Interest:** None

940. **Minutes** from meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019: These were **approved** as a true record.

#### 941. **Matters arising:**

- a) The Post Office Box is located on the Village Green. Cllr Penny will check the number on the box, if any.
- b) The War Memorial Plaque has not yet been followed up: Cllr Watkins will do this. She will also see about a coffee morning in the pub. As one has been recently held and with Easter soon, it was agreed this should possibly be in late May.
- c) The Clerk had chased up on the speeding survey. The Police are still waiting for NCC to check the traffic signs. Cllr Horncastle noted this.
- d) A quote for grass cutting for this year had been received from Mr Collins. Costs had increased for him with increased insurance etc. so that he was charging £165 per cut this year. The Council **agreed** this was acceptable and the Clerk would confirm with Mr Collins.

942. **County Councillor's report:** Cllr Horncastle reported that the new Director of Planning has just started at County Hall. As he is very well known, it is hoped that he will be able to recruit more planning officers to replace those who had been lost in the last 2 years. There is no movement as yet on the Marley Tiles development. He has asked the local Highways people to look at the hedge again to see how bad it is. The original planning application number would be useful to help in seeing if all the conditions were met regarding the hedge. Cllr Penny though he might be able to find this to forward to Cllr Horncastle.

Re the Village Green issues: Cllr Penny asked if NCC legal department would be in a position to assist Hedley PC in the event of the barn conversion development beginning before the Village Green issue is sorted out. Proof that the Parish Council are the registered owners and copies of access payments made in 2005 would be forwarded to Cllr Horncastle whilst he investigated the matter. The Clerk would see if there is anything that our insurers could do on the matter as well.

943: **Correspondence:** Circulated as emails: weekly E News from NALC.

944. **Finance:** a) Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 is £1289.52

b) The following payments were authorised:

MF Anderton, Clerk, February 2019	£127.50
MF Anderton, Clerk, Expenses to date	£44.87

c) The letter to Bank of Scotland regarding the Clerk's national pay award and changes to standing order were approved.

945. **Information received:** Northumberland Health Watch Survey; Clerks and Councils direct – March issue; NCC – Highways Winter Service leaflets.

946: **Roads:** Glen Harrison would be asked when the damaged signs would be replaced/repared; it was noted, with pleasure, that road resurfacing was to be undertaken in the next financial year by NCC.

947: **AOB:** ~ The gate is damaged again at the access for the Gas inspection port (near the water tower). This would be reported;

~ It was agreed to hold a litter pick on 6<sup>th</sup> April next. The Clerk would organise bags and gloves with NCC;

~ Cllr Penny had attended a talk in Stocksfield about a transport scheme they are considering to help residents with transport difficulties. This involves volunteer drivers using registered vehicles. Feasibility studies are n going and it was thought that Hedley might well be interested if they prove successful.

948: **Date of next meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at The Feathers at 7.30pm

Chair:

Date: