

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Speak and Cnty Cllr Horncastle

2: **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes** from meeting of 10th June 2019: These were **approved** as a true record.

4. **Matters arising:**

a) Hedge – complaints about this are increasing. Cllr Horncastle has got NCC Highways to agree to assess the situation which is now significantly worse than the last time they looked. The homeowner needs to be reminded that the house plans allow for a change in the structure of the corner of their garden by way of compulsory purchase;

b) From further investigation into this, it would appear that no one actually owns the path. It is however a footpath on the definitive map and as such cannot have a locked gate. Cllr Penny noted that approximately 15 years ago, there had been a big fire, from fly tipping, right next to the gas inspection point. This coincides with when the gate appeared and it is a possibility that it was the engineers who put it in place because of this. The Clerk will continue to investigate the matter;

c) One of the damaged signs on the Ebchester road is still not replaced. This will be chased again. Temporary Horse warning signs have been place in the village and will be replaced in due course by permanent ones;

d) Speeding: confirmation had been received that a 20mph speed limit is unlikely to be placed through the village. The formal Police survey is still to be undertaken and Cllr Horncastle will be asked to remind Neil Snowden again;

5. **Planning issues re the Village Green:** Still nothing has been heard from either Dixon's or GF White. E-mails from Cllr Horncastle and from Helen Lancaster (NCC Solicitor), confirm that if work is undertaken without consultation, then trespass can be used to legally halt matters. This was included in the last letter sent to GF White;

6. **County Councillor report:** Nothing other than the matters relating to the Hedge and to the Village Green issue.

7: **Correspondence:** Circulated as emails: weekly E News from NALC; Love Northumberland.

8. **Finance:** a) Balance at 30th June 2019 is £3123.20

b) The following payments were authorised:

MF Anderton, Clerk, June 2019	£132.08
Grass cutting (inv.3)	£495.00
Matthew Watkins re delivering NE43	£20.00
Re issue of cheque to Whittonstall Band re Xmas	£60.00

Following discussion re NE43 and the large numbers of copies left over, it was agreed to ask that the hard copies be discontinued and a link be provided to go on the website instead.

9. **Information received:** Clerks & Councils Direct, July

10: **AOB:** ~ Cat's eyes: when will these be replaced?

~ Cllr Penny still has not received the access code for the defibrillator to replace batteries;

~ A report on new legislation about septic tanks had been seen. Northumbria Water would be asked if this has any effect on the Village system as distinct from private tanks;

~ The dog training home now has a parking issue. They also have an advertising banner. The need for a licence will be checked again.

11: **Date of next meeting:** 2nd September 2019 at The Feathers at 7.30pm. (Change of date because of multiple councillors away).

Chair:

Date: