

## HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

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

1. **Apologies:** None. The Chairman noted, with thanks, all the councillors who give up their time freely.

2: **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes** from meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019: These were **approved** as a true record.

#### 4. **Matters arising:**

a) Hedge – Although this has been cut back it is still not safe when exiting the junction despite the views of the Highways Department; there is also a tree growing through the hedge which protrudes over the footpath making it dangerous for elderly residents to walk safely, especially in the dark evenings, sometimes restricting their activities; the hedge is over 2 metres high. The County Council will not consider the possibility of reverting to the very old conditions on the property which would allow the corner to be redesigned as this would involve costly mechanisms; A further complaint will be made.

b) Speeding: The most recent survey done by the County Council shows that the traffic does not meet the speeding criteria. However, the Parish Council want it noted that the measuring strips were not considered to be in the correct location and that because of the general low volume of traffic, the few high speeders do not significantly affect the statistics used; a full report has been provided.

c) Cllr Horncastle has indicated he will do something about the worst pavements but it was agreed to wait until the moss etc. had all been removed.

5. **County Councillor's report:** Other than the above matters, Cllr Horncastle noted that the Public Examination of the Local Plan was now under way; the Marley Tiles development is still ongoing; the County Council have pledged to build one new school per year and they are also aiming for very green credentials in the future.

6. **Planning issues re the Village Green:** Nothing has been heard from either Dixon's or GF White. It was agreed that the Clerk would consult informally with Nicola Allan – a local solicitor who is an expert in planning matters who may be able to help in the future. (MA)

7. **Planning:** 19/003966/VARYCO – Further changes at Greystones, 6 Clare Lea to make use of existing foundations for part of the approved development. The Parish Council have no objections.

8. **Road sign for School Row:** This would cost £60 and would be fitted by the residents as the road is a private road. It was agreed the Parish Council would pay for this on a one-off basis only, providing one of the residents gave formal permission for the sign to go on their wall. The Clerk would deal with this (MA).

9. **Correspondence:** Circulated as emails: weekly E News from NALC; NCC – scoping documents relating to the Local Plan.

10. **Finance:** a) Balance at 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 is £3986.47

b) The following payments were authorised:

MF Anderton, Clerk, September 2019	£132.08
Grass cutting (inv.6)	£330.00

Donation to CAN - £20 agreed; Donation to GNAA - £50 agreed.

11. **Information received:** None to date

13: **AOB:** ~ Complaints have been received about severe flooding near the Livery (Modigars Lane on the Prudhoe Road) where a new drain has been put in apparently. NCC Highways will be asked, and possibly Northumbria Water as it is unclear who placed the drain ;

~ The choir and band from Whittonstall will be in the village again for Christmas. More carols were requested this time. (TW)

14: **Date of next meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at The Feathers at 7.30pm.

**Please note the new date is the Wednesday of the week.**

Chair:

Date: