

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

Present: Cllrs Rodgerson, Watkins, Celino, Speak and Douglas. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance and Cnty Cllr Horncastle

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Penny

2: **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes** from meeting of 10th February 2020: These were **approved** as a true record.

4. **Matters arising:**

a) Polling station: A formal letter had been sent on this requesting the County Council reconsider for future. Cllr Horncastle agreed to keep an eye on the issue;

c) PO Box: After a great deal of misinformation, the request was made to Prudhoe Delivery office. They say that there is a regular annual roll out re painting. However, it was agreed to follow this up again with a formal letter.

5. **Northumberland Day:** The Chair is holding a meeting on Tuesday 17th March at her house at 7.00pm to discuss some ideas. This is on the website and anyone interested in helping is invited to attend. The only source of bunting seems to be on Amazon.

6. **Planning:** Following a report in the Press on a somewhat similar High Court action, which related more to a boundary dispute rather than trespass on a common – although such was specifically mentioned; the judgement was downloaded and will be circulated for members to read if they wish.

7. **County Councillor Report:** Cllr Horncastle reported on several positive matters regarding the County Council: A good Ofsted report which was a complete turnaround from the one three years ago; the start of the A1 dualling process; the possibility of Blyth becoming a Freeport; an increase in Council tax, 2% of the 3.99% is from Government re Social Care matters; and Northumberland is rated as the Greenest county in Northern England.

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

9. **Finance:** a) Balance at 29th February 2020 is £2120.25

b) The following payments were authorised:

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| MF Anderton, Clerk, February 2020 | £132.08 |
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| Clerk, expenses to date | £56.57 |
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10. **Information received:** Clerks & Councils Direct

11. AOB: ~ Cllr Douglas requested that the Clerk ask if there can be drainage put in on the side of the road adjacent to Phoenix House and his own property as it floods regularly;

~ Cllr Rodgerson noted he had followed up on where waste material went and that after being sorted at Sleekburn, it went to the incinerator in Teesside to produce electricity;

~ The notice board will get refurbished; thanks noted to Cllr Speak;

~ The Chair asked that the gardener be contacted to enquire when he would start work, weather

permitting, especially on the moss removal etc. as agreed with the Chair last year. Also to be reminded about chippings to go on the Green.

12: **Date of next meeting:** As the next official date for a meeting is Easter Monday, Councillors agreed to cancel that and go to the May meeting instead. If an urgent matter arises, email or a short meeting can be convened. Date of next meeting therefore is **11th May 2020 at 7.30pm** in the Feathers. (This is the APM as well).

Chair:

Date: