

## HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm in The Feathers, Hedley

**Present:** Cllrs Rodgeron, Watkins, Penny, Celino, Speak and Douglas. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance. John Dixon was in attendance until after Item 5(a).

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Horncastle

2: **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes** from meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020: These were **approved** as a true record.

4. **Matters arising:** a) To ask NCC Planning if there is any financial assistance for special projects other than preparing a Neighbourhood Plan;

b) Karbon Homes have agreed to work on Hedley House;

c) Another complaint about the hedge had been received and Cllr Horncastle would be asked to assist.

5. **Planning Matters:**

a) **Village Green /East House Farm Development:** A letter had finally been received from GF White on this matter. It appeared that Mr Dixon was unaware of its contents and the Clerk agreed to forward a copy to him and to keep him copied into any future correspondence. It was agreed that the Agents did not appear to have looked at past correspondence, nor talked with their client. The strip of land suggested as further Village Green is unacceptable; the plot of land offered in exchange for the possible access arrangements needs vehicular access and is therefore not practical; and a large portion of the village green appears to have been marked off to be 'taken over' – with due process by the development. It was agreed the Clerk would write to GF White, rejecting their current offer and reminding them of a number of existing pieces of correspondence relating to the Green which they already have in their possession.

b) 20/02510/FUL: Single storey sun room at the Owlery – Parish Council have no objections to this.;

c) Phoenix House Appeal: this has been refused by the Planning Inspector;

d) Feedback from Local Transport Plan: request for new pavements refused although they will go onto the regular maintenance schedule.

6. **County Councillor Report:** None

7. **Correspondence:** Circulated as emails: weekly E News from NALC; Covid information from various sources.

8. **Finance:** a) Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 is £2213.76

b) The following payments were authorised:

MFAnderton, Clerk, July 2020	132.08
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Grass cutting 4/20	745.00
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MFAnderton, Expenses to date	27.58
Came & Co., Insurance	363.15
CPRE, Annual subs	36.00

c) To note receipt of VAT rebate of £53.88 and Precept payment of £3250.00

d) it was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to pt.12 on the LC1 scale, also adjusted for a small national pay award. A letter would be sent to the Bank of Scotland authorising the change of Standing Order.

9. **Information received:** Clerks & Councils Direct/September; CPRE magazines Summer editions

10. **AOB:** ~ A complaint had been made about wild camping which the Chair agreed to follow up on;

~ The gardener would be reminded about the moss tidy up. It was also noted his subcontractor was not doing such a good job as he did;

~ NCC would be reminded about the 30mph signs which are fading rapidly;

~ Cllr Rodgerson asked if NCC could be asked if it was possible to put double yellow lines on the road opposite Northumbria View to ease the parking etc. of the special van used for his children;

~ Cllr Celino asked if something can be done about the broken weight restriction sign on her road (by the gliding club); also the fact that heavy farm and other contracting vehicles are using the road constantly which is damaging it as well. There is no room for passing/overtaking. It was suggested they may be using satnav directions as a short cut.

11: **Date of next meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm

Chair:

Date: