

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th June 2021 at 7.30pm in The Feathers

Present: Cllrs Watkins, Speak, Douglas, Barnes, Renwick and Wolters. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance. Three members of the public were also in attendance

1. Apologies: County Cllr Horncastle

2: Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Minutes from the meeting of 10th May 2021: These were approved as a true record.

4. Matters arising: a) A letter from George F White had been received advising of progress in the land/VG matters for Dixon's farm. A track is being applied for planning permission which will pass behind the village houses and will move traffic away from the Village Green. It was agreed that until such a path had been granted permission, further detailed discussions could not take place. It was also agreed however, to ask the agent, Mr Craig Ross, to attend the next Council meeting and answer any questions;

b) Broadband: Cllr Douglas reported that he had finally been in touch regarding the provision of high speed Broad band in the village. It will involve cabinets at both ends of the village and fibre can be run to individual properties. There may need to be at least a short term commitment to the Company's broadband package. However, more detail is needed, also regarding properties which are more remote to the main road area. The package will be with that for High Mickley and Stocksfield;

c) Bank of Scotland: The Clerk had made a formal complaint to the Bank over the poor service regarding changes of signatories. Whilst accepting some of the arguments, others were ignored. However, an apology was received and £50 was paid into the Council's bank account. It was decided this was sufficient for the time being;

d) Hedley House – despite asking to be informed about this, apparently the tree work has been done. However the large damaged coping stones on the walls have not been touched. This will be followed up;

e) Land Registry: a search for the owners of the piece of land the Council would like to use as an amenity site was unsuccessful and Cllr Wolters agreed to look at the matter again;

f) New 30mph road signs are finally being made and should be replaced soon;

g) With the increase in walkers in the village, and their dogs, it was suggested that dog waste bins should be supplied at least at the West end of the village, possibly with a normal waste bin as well. The Clerk would follow this up;

h) Some concerns had been expressed to the Council about the occasional poor behaviour of campers on the two farm sites at either end of the village. There are toilets on both sites and rules which the campers are supposed to agree to when they arrive. Future complaints should be made directly to the site owners as the Parish Council has no powers to deal with such matters directly. This was agreed to by all present.

5. Planning: 21/00648/FUL – extension and changes at Old Byre, Hedley: this application had not been seen by the Parish Council and was reissued. The Council have no objections to the application.

The modifications to the County's Local Plan have been supplied to the Council. It appears that there was little to change the Council's previous views on this. The plan and modifications can be viewed through the County Council website.

6. County Councillor Report: None

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

sources, including CAN E-news.

8.. Finance: a) Balance as at 31st May 2021 is £5831.67

b) The following payments were authorised:

MFAnderton, Clerk, June 2021	149.89
MFAnderton, Expenses (Sep20-date)	150.09

9.. Information received: None to date

10. AOB: ~ The Gardener would be asked for a progress invoice and also if he can deal with the weeds along the pavements;

~ A request was made to have a refresher course on using the defibrillator; the Clerk had made preliminary queries and nothing is available until after Covid restrictions are lifted. This would be followed up:

~ Cllr Renwick wants to follow up on the Community spirit engendered during lockdown. It was agreed that he and Cllr Wolters would put together a brief proposal for the next meeting;

~ There were many non residents in the village walking during lockdown, often ignoring the need to behave well to the residents. This needs to be monitored;

~ the possibility of having a parish Facebook account was briefly discussed. It would have to be closely monitored and restricted to avoid misuse; this would be reconsidered at a future meeting;

~ Concerns had been raised about the extra benches on the Village Green being used by the pub. People were reminded this was a protected space and it was agreed they could remain in place until formal Covid restrictions are removed in mid- July.

11: Date of next meeting: 12th July 2021 at 7.30pm

Chair:

Date: