

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Hurworth Grange on Thursday 4th January 2018 starting at 7:00pm.

386. Those present: Margaret Williams, Paul Walters, Peter Foster, Jean Peacock. Dorothy Oughton, Elaine Hedley, Janine Forster, Nic Prior (Late), Mark Middlemiss (Middi).

Also attending: Cllr Joe Kelley, Cllr Lorraine Tostevin, Derek Dodswell (DAPC Chairman) Peter Allan (Parish Clerk), plus 4 members of the public.

387. Apologies for absence

Wilma Campbell, Richard Lawley, Graham Wylie

388. Chairman's Address

Margaret Williams welcomed the councillors, Derek Dodswell and the other attendees.

She explained to the meeting that when meetings are videoed or live streamed in the future, the room will be laid out to provide seating for people and children who do not wish to be shown on screen. Middi said that he would be setting this up at some meetings, but was not ready yet.

Margaret informed the meeting that Graham Wylie was taking leave of absence, due to pressures at work but hoped to return to the council meetings in about two months. The meeting agreed, unanimously, that Paul Walters should take over as Deputy Chairman.

The Clerk followed the council's procedure and Paul signed the Register of Acceptance of Office, and took over as Chairman of the meeting.

389. Declarations of Interests

Jean Peacock - HCA

390. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th December 2017.

The Minutes were accepted, proposed by Peter Foster and seconded by Dorothy Oughton.

391. Matters Arising

1. Tees river trust. Peter Foster has had a long talk to John Musham of TRT and reported the weeds and effluent currently in evidence on Cree and Kent becks. It had been agreed that this is the responsibility of DBC, and that John Musham would follow this problem up by contacting the appropriate department.

392. Public Participation

1. Bruce Aiskew addressed the meeting expressing his concerns about traffic speeding in the village He raised three points:-

- What happens to the data which the speed monitors collect?

After discussion it was agreed that Cath Iley should be contacted to pursue this procedure, as the parish council is not receiving useful information back from the police. **Action Margaret Williams**

- Who is organising the SpeedWatch, as it appears only two volunteers are using the equipment?
- Six other volunteers have been through the training programme, but have not yet been deployed. It was agreed that a meeting with Cath Iley should be convened to arrange a leadership for the group and a roster for the operations. **Action required.**
- Can we move the monitors to new location?
- This would require installing new posts at designated locations, which could cost circa £3000 per location. **Action: Clerk to get details.**

2. A resident commented that Open Reach had been carrying out trenching work through the village, but the making good of the trenches is not satisfactory. Action: Cllr Joe Kelley offered to investigate this.

3 A resident raised a question about the TPO on the large tree opposite 48 The Green. A large branch has broken and become dangerous. He has reported it to DBC, who have referred him to the Parish Council. It was agreed that **Peter Foster will visit the site** and take appropriate action.

393. Roles and Responsibilities

The Chairman said that due to recent election and Graham Wylie taking leave of absence, the council has reallocated some of the roles and responsibilities, with the agreement of the councillors.

The new positions are as follows:-

- Neighbourhood Plan – Richard Lawley, Middi, Nic Prior
- Allotment Committee – Richard Lawley, Dorothy Oughton
- Police Liaison - Mark Middlemiss
- Community Notice Boards – Janine Forster

394. Planning Report – 4th January 2018

Jean Peacock reported as follows:-

17/01144/CON BANKS DEV Roundhill Road

Approval of conditions 6,8,14

17/01122/FUL HILTON HOUSE FARM Neasham Road

Demolition of existing single bay garage and construction of proposed four bay garage.

17/01081/ADV BANKS DEV. ROUNDHILL ROAD

Display of 1 One Illum. board and 2 advertising flags.

17/01172/FUL 24 STRAIT LANE

Erection of first floor extension to rear elevation to create additional habitable accommodation

17/01153/TF PRIORY HOUSE SCHOOL

Pruning/felling to tree PTO.

17/01196/FUL 22 CHURCH VIEW

Erection of single storey rear extension and reduce

Boundary wall to 2600mm.

Banks File will be in the Parish Office to be viewed - the plans are with DBC but are not validated yet.

The council has submitted to the Banks Groups requests to be included in the Section 106 provisions, which includes the upgrade of the DBC playground at Hurworth Grange, the addition of a MUGA and an extension to the car park. Also the extension of the disabled-friendly pathway from the Grange to Roundhill Road.

395. Tree Report

Peter Foster reported that despite stronger than normal winds, all the trees were currently in good condition. He agreed that he would investigate the tree outside 48 The Green and report back to the council.

396 Police Report

Middi reported as follows:-

December 2017 – Hurworth

Burglary - 1

18/12 – Hurworth RD – Non-residential Burglary – Suspect charged

Criminal Damage - 2

06/12 – Sycamore Close – Youths threw eggs, overnight, at victims window – No damage caused (under criminal damage section as it costed to clean the house) – youths left prior to arrival

06/12 – Westfield Drive – youths hit multiple vehicles with sticks – Youths identified

ASB - 1

06/12- The Green – Youths threw an apple at victim's window – No damage caused – Youths left location prior to arrival

Theft - 3

19/12 – Snipe Lane – attempt to theft horse

From MV - 2

20/12 – Croft Rd – Theft of alloy wheels from the vehicle

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Road Related - 2

05/12 – a167 – Vehicle went off the road and ended up on a field – minor injuries

25/12 – Neasham RD – loose horses on road – Horses that have been causing ongoing issue has caused an accident – car has hit the horse, horse dead and persons in the car injured

Animals/Wildlife - 10

01/12 – Linden Court – Loose sheep on road – when arrived sheep was nowhere to be seen.

03/12 – Neasham RD – Loose horses on road – when arrived on scene no horses were on road

03/12 – Strait Lane – Horse on the road (description different to incident above) – When arrived on scene horse has been returned onto a field by an officer

08/12 – Neasham RD – Loose horses on road – Same as on 03/12#

11/12 - Neasham RD – Loose horse on road – same as above

18/12 – Hurworth moor – 3x small dogs (terriers) enter victim's farm and bother the sheep, this has happened multiple times. (this issue is being resolved by rural PCSO whom contacted dog warden to ID the owners of the dogs)

20/12 – Strait Lane - loose dark horse on road – officer put horse back on the field

21/12 – Neasham RD – dark horse loose on road – officer did not find the horse

26/12 – Neasham RD – horses once again on the road – put back onto the field

(27/12 – NEASHAM – horses on the road – although this is in Neasham the horses may be the same as ones causing ongoing issue. At this time the owner has been contacted and picked up the horses, the owner has been given words of advice. All of the highlighted incidents are believed to be the same horses. Now owner has been warned this issue hopefully has been resolved.)

Other/Suspicious - 2

01/12 – West End – young male acting suspiciously and when challenged became verbally abusive – left towards SPAR shop.

17/12 – Neasham RD/Roundhill RD – Suspicious Red Van stopped around the junction twice during different times of the day. – possibly lost but looked suspicious to the caller

The council expressed their concern about the many incidents of loose horses on and near Neasham Road, and would like to establish what the police intend to do to quell this dangerous problem. It was suggested that this is raised with Ron Hogg, the Police Commissioner.

397 Open Spaces and EPICH Report

Wilma Campbell was not present, but had intimated that EPICH did not hold a meeting in December.

There was nothing significant to report on Open Spaces, except that the trimming of the hedge on Westwood Drive will be done as soon as the weather improves.

David Parker has submitted his bill for ongoing maintenance and upkeep work he has performed in the last three months.

398. Highways Report

Margaret Williams reported as follows:-

Highway report November 2017/December 2017

Speed Monitor readings

Hurworth road incoming

% over speed limit =45%

Ave speeder 33.2 mph

Max speed 70 mph @ 1.30 hrs on 15/11/2017

The Green outgoing

% over speed limit =11%

Ave speeder 33.0 mph

Max speed 65 mph @ 23.00 hrs on 29/11/2017

Linden Court incoming

% over limit= 31%

Ave speeder 33.3 mph

Max speed 65 mph @ 6.30 hrs on 14/12/2017

Again, the readings for Hurworth Road opposite the Academy show the greatest % of drivers over the speed limit of 30 mph .These readings show a small decrease in the % of speeding motorists for this period compared to data from other months.

We were again asked to consider paying for a grit bin to be sited on Mowbray Drive, but a call from the resident who requested it phoned on 4/1/2018 to say that, after discussions with neighbours who thought that the bin would be an " eyesore" , the request has now been withdrawn and the bin was not now required.

Regarding the refusal by DBC to put yellow lines on the corner by the Priory School entrance on Westfield Drive- a further request has been made to Andy Casey from DBC for a site visit to discuss the parking problems both on Westfield Drive and opposite the Spar shop on Roundhill Road. His response was for a date and time to be arranged with the councillors involved.

A meeting has been arranged with Andrew Casey, DBC Highways to discuss a number of outstanding issues. This will take place on Wednesday, 10th January at Hurworth Grange. Margaret Williams, Middi and Paul Walters will attend. **An agenda for this meeting will be sent to Mr Casey by the Clerk.**

399 Neighbourhood Plan

In the absence of Richard Lawley Judith Ashton had agreed to make a report, but unfortunately she is unwell. Judith sent the following update

NDP, there is nothing to update due to the Xmas break.

We would be very obliged if you could pursue the contacts you have for the questionnaire analysis & also for the housing needs assessment. Action Clerk

400. Allotment Report

Dorothy Oughton reported as follows:-

The Allotment Committee will be holding their AGM on Wednesday, 10th January at Hurworth Grange starting at 7:00pm.

All tenants will need to sign a new annual tenancy agreement with the revised rules.

The rent for 2018 is £20.

A new accounting system has been implemented as from 1st January 2018.

There are 13 people on the Waiting List for allotments.

401. Guest Book and Web site

Paul Walters reported that there has been a number of items placed on the Guest Book, most relating to the dog poo spray; some were negative and some positive. Paul has answered the comments.

Overall the campaign of dog poo spraying is considered to be successful and the number of recorded misdemeanours is reducing.

402. Matters of Interest

1. Events on the Green and Manorfield

Middi expressed his wish that these two community facilities could be used more often to provide organised community events. He suggested that concerts could be held on Manorfield and an open air cinema, which has proved popular in Darlington could be staged.

Middi intends to introduce some suggestions at the next meeting.

2 invitation to Buckingham Palace in response to the invitation to be put into the draw for places at Buckingham Palace, conducted by CDALC, two councillors have expressed their interest.

Margaret Williams and Paul Walters would like to be considered.

At this point Paul withdrew, to allow Margaret's name to go forward. the council wish her good luck in the draw.

403. Accounts for Payment

The schedule having been distributed to all councillors, was accepted by the council.

Accounts for Payment as at 31st December 2017

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
M Harrison	102972	Handyman	80.00
P Foster	102973	Travelling Exs	36.60
Ken Pattison	102974	Namesco licence upgrade	17.50
E Hedley, cheque lost	102975	Cheque stopped	0.00
HCA	102976	Newsletter 60, photocopying 90.36	150.36
E Hedley	102977	Travelling Exs	35.99
David Alban	102978	Neighbourhood Plan	33.36
TCS CAD	102979	HP Cartridges	179.98
David Parker	102980	Work on Open Spaces – 4 months	464.00
P D Allan	102981	Admin exs, dog spray £45	94.62
Bob Iles	102982	Salary	358.10
P D Allan	102983	Salary	522.28
Inland Revenue	102984	PAYE	157.00
Royal Mail	102985	Neighbourhood Plan	75.89
TalkTalk	DD	Communications	14.90
TalkTalk	DD	Communications	25.20
Bank Charges	DD	Admin exs,	2.30
BT	DD	Communications	130.33
Total Expenditure for December 2017			2378.41

404. Financial report to 31st December 2017.

The Financial Report, having been distributed to all councillors prior to the meeting was accepted by the council.

Please see the addendum for the detailed report.

405. Association Reports

There were no Association reports.

The Chairman invited Derek Dodswell to address the meeting.

Derek emphasised the importance of the new legislation regarding Data Protection.

He said that all councils will need to list the data they are holding, and that an independent data audit will be required. This cannot be carried out by the Parish Clerk.

At least one councillor should be trained in the Data Protection regulations, and take on the role of Data Protection Officer.

The last course held be CDALC was heavily oversubscribed, but other courses will be scheduled soon.

406. Any Other Business (Non Financial)

- Janine reported that the ivy growing in Coach Lane requires cutting back. This will be investigated.
- Dorothy reported that parts of the internal roads on The Green again have potholes. **Peter Foster agreed to investigate.**
- A new Council Surgery roster will be distributed this month.
- Middi reported the bad condition of the road area outside the Sanderson Road garages. This will be added to the Agenda for the meeting with Andrew Casey.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm