

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of Hurworth Parish Council held at Hurworth Grange, Hurworth –on-Tees, on Tuesday 10th February 2009 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. I.Holme (Chairman), Cllr. P.Allan, Cllr. A. Gibson, Cllr. G.Hepplewhite, Cllr. P.Foster, Cllr. K.Pattison, Cllr. C.Pratt, Cllr. D.Parr, V. Hughes, Cllr. I. White

Apologies: Cllr. B.Shukla, Cllr. G.Lawman.

In Attendance: Borough Councillors Swainston and Dunstone, Police Community Service Officer J.Angus. Mr. J.Buxton on behalf of Nature Project.

Parish Clerk, J.Robinson.

12 members of the public were also present.

24.00/09: Declaration of Interest

Cllr. I. White in regards to any matters affecting The Grange by virtue as Secretary of Community Association, in respect of both personal and prejudicial.

Cllr. D.Parr, in respect of The Grange due to part time employment.

25.00/09: Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 13th January 2009.

Resolved: That the minutes and recommendations contained therein, be approved

26.00/09: Matters of Information

26.01/09: Cllr. P.Allen gave an upto date report in respect of the Parish Plan. He advised that he along with Mr. J.Buxton had met with the owners of the Rockliffe Hall project and had a very fruitful meeting. The owners had agreed to approach colleagues to underwrite the full costs of the Parish Plan. He also advised they had kindly agreed to undertake the drainage of the land adjacent to The Grange, and this had started on the 12th February.

Cllr. P.Allen also presented estimates of the current costing for the Parish Plan,

Newsletter	£165.00
Questionnaire	£650.00
Free post	£190.00
Report Analysis	£165.00
Implementation	£2500.00
Contingency	£300.00
A total of £3970 estimated Costings.	

Resolved:-

1. Regular meetings between the Parish Council and Rockcliffe Hall to be established
2. The establishment of a Parish Liaison Group be placed on the March agenda
3. The Parish Clerk be authorised to pay for the printing of the Questionnaire and free Postage upto the cost as estimated.
4. All costs for the Parish Plan to be reclaimed from Rockcliffe Hall as per. the agreement established by Cllr. P.Allen and Mr. J.Buxton at the recent meeting.

26.02/09 Middlesbrough Football Club, advising they are informing all their staff and visitors of the need to adhere to speed limits as per our request

26.03/09 Response from Darlington Borough Council in regards to Councils query on the erection of stones on the village green to prevent parking. The Council that as long as it was seen as better enjoyment or protection of the village green then Council can do it. Letter received.

27.00/09 Chairman Remarks

The Chairman advised he and 2 colleagues would be judging the parish logo Competition on Wednesday 11th February 2009.

28.00/09: Police Report

PCSO Angus advised members of the crimes committed within the parish over the previous month which included the following:-

2 Burglaries, 1 Theft, 1 Criminal Damage, 3 Rowdiness/ASB

29.00/09 Presentation by Mr. J.Buxton on behalf of Nature Reserve

Mr. John Buxton on behalf of the Friends of the Community gave an upto date presentation on the nature reserve (copy of written report attached). He advised the total project costs will be £30,000 and they are confident the funding can be obtained. Insurance for the project has been arranged via the Parish Council, and paid for by the project. Cllr. K.Pattison advised the meeting a written report will be shortly distributed around the Parish beginning everyone upto speed with the project.

On behalf of the Council the Chairman thanked Mr. Buxton for his report and wished everyone involved well for the future.

The Council discussed a letter from Hurworth Community Association in regards to insurance and seeking reassurance that the nature project was covered. Agreed Clerk write back and advise the Community Association accordingly.

30.00/09: Public Participation

30.01/09 Mr. Harry Knight asked it to be recorded both in the Parish minutes and on the Parish website that he did not instigated any form of litigation against the Parish in respect of The Grange fence but he did acknowledge funding the group. The Chairman agreed to this action

30.02/09 A member of the public advised the meeting that the roadside adjacent to Greenside Court is being churned over by buses taking pupils to Barnard Castle

School and asked the Parish Council to write to the School asking it to be stopped. Agreed.

30.03/09 A member of the public asked the Parish to report a overhanging Yew Hedge close to Natrass Garden Centre. Borough Councillors agreed to take the matter up at Darlington Town Hall if the Clerk would to write formally complaining. Agreed

30.04/09 Croft House wall. A member of the public expressed concern at the safety aspect of the wall adjoining the public footpath. Agreed Clerk write to Yuill's and report the matter as dangerous and requesting urgent attention.

31.00/09 Pine View development

A letter of concern was received from a K.Foster in regards to alleged breaches of planning approval with this development

Resolved: - To forward the letter of complaint to the Planning Enforcement Officer at the Borough Council.

32.00/09 Accounts for Payment/Financial Report

Resolved: that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Viking direct	£113.42
NCB	£300.00
J.Robinson (post)	£18.68
T.Murray (salary)	£305.87
J.Robinson (salary)	£337.51
Inland Revenue	£344.68

A total £1149.56 agreed for payment.

The Clerk also provided an upto date report on the following accounts:-
Nature reserve, VAT reclaim situation to date and Allotments.

In regards to the proposed fence along Croft Road, The Grange. After examining 3 tenders submitted to undertake the work it was agreed to accept the tender submitted by Westwood Timber at £1750 plus VAT. It was agreed to ask for an additional quote to provide wire along the top of the fence as an added protection against vandalism. (This decision was taken under exempt information rules and the press and public were excluded).

33.00/09 Correspondence

The following items were received:-
DBC Listening to your views flyers
Standard Board for England Questionnaire
CDALC News
DBC Right of Way meeting notification
Calor Village of the year leaflet
Tees Valley Community News Annual review

Resolved: - They be received.

34.00/09 Post Box Croft/Comet

The meeting was advised by Cllr. I. White that nothing has been done in regards to re-siting the above Post Box by the Post Office since the Council wrote to them in 2008

Resolved: - Clerk to chase up a response for the next meeting

35.00/09 Horses on Village Green

A general discussion took place in regards to horse riding across the whole of the Parish as well as specific areas of Parish land.

Resolved:-

1. Borough Councillors agreed to raise the matter with the relevant officers at Darlington Town Hall in respect of Borough Council land
2. Clerk in the first instance to write to all stables/equestrian centres in the Parish advising them of the problem and to ask them not to ride on Parish Land or Village Green.

36.00/09 Lease for the Grange Community Association

The Clerk presented to the meeting a draft copy of the proposed amendments to the Hurworth Grange Community Association lease for the Grange and associated grounds. The main alterations being extending the lease to 5 years and also alterations to W3 area of the grounds

Resolved:-

1. The Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to sign the lease on behalf of the Parish
2. The new lease to be for a period of 5 years commencing 28th February 2009

37.00/09 Trees Westfield Drive

A general discussion in regards to the trees and paths in this area took place

38.00/09 Minutes of Allotment committee held on 15th January 2009

Resolved: - to accept and agree the minutes and recommendations of the meeting held 15th January 2009.

38.00/09 Royal Garden Party

Nominations requested by CDALC to nominate councillors or officers to attend the 2009 Royal Garden Party.

Resolved: - To nominate Cllr. C. Pratt to attend the 2009 Royal Garden Party.

39.00/09 Letter from HMCS

A letter has been received from HMCS Darlington County Court advising no injunction has been served against Hurworth on Tees Parish Council.

Resolved: - Letter be received.

40.00/09 Croft Bridge

A letter was received from North Yorkshire Highways asking for clarification on land ownership in the area of Croft Bridge

Resolved:-

1. to advise Cllr. A. Gibson and Cllr. P.Foster are willing to meet with the Council on site and show them the exact areas in our ownership
2. To advise we own the public toilets, path west of the building, east and north east of the area and west side of Croft Bridge.

41.0/09 Planning applications

Council considered the following applications and decisions made by Darlington Borough Council

08/00892/FUL Notification in respect of 14a Church Row, Hurworth, full planning committee to meet and to discuss 13th February

09/00005/FUL detached garage 12 west End hurworth, no objections

DSPD/151208KJ LDF Development Supplementary Consultation, received

09/00036/TF tree works (T3, T4, T5 and T6) 3 Round hill Road/8 the green, no objections

09/00018/FUL conversion of redundant farm building and 3 residential dwellings/detached garages, Butcher House Farm, agreed to object on road safety grounds

08/010041/OUT 160 dwellings Neasham Road, to object on the grounds it is not in keeping with a rural area

08/00964/TF The grange hurworth, approved by DBC

08/00926/FUL Rockcliffe car park approved by DBC

08/00938/FUI 2 brick piers Skipbridge Brickworks approved by DBC

08/00905/FUL demolition existing buildings 2 Mowbray Drive plus erect detached bungalow approved DBC.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.