

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of Hurworth Parish Council held at Hurworth Grange, Hurworth –on-Tees, on Tuesday 14th April 2009 at 7pm.

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

Apologies: Cllr I.Holme

In Attendance: Borough Councillor Dunstone, and Cllr Swainstone.

Parish Clerk: J.Robinson.

4 members of the public were also present.

63.00/09: 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, personal and prejudicial in respect of The Grange due to part time employment.

Cllr .V.Hughes personal, in respect of item 18, Hurworth Grange History Society by virtue of Membership.

Cllr. P.Allen in regards to items 10, 15 and 20 personal and prejudicial.

64.00/09: Minutes of the Annual Assembly meeting held on 10th March 2009.
The draft minutes of the Annual Assembly held on Tuesday 10th march were tabled.

Resolved: That the minutes be received, and to confirm at Annual Assembly 2010.

65.00/09 Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 10th March 2009

Resolved: - The minutes and recommendations contained therein, be approved subject to the following alteration,
Cllr K.Pattison did not wish to serve on the Croft House Working Party.

66.00/09: Matters of Information

66/01/09 Yew Tree, Natrass Garden centre
Notification from DBC that the matter is being dealt with by the owner's.

66.02/09 Bus service

The Clerk advised the Chairman had received an e-mail from DBC advising of the recent changes to several bus routes. It was agreed to supply the members of the public who had raised the matter with a copy of the e-mail. The Clerk also advised he had recently written to DBC requesting a meeting with Cllr. Lyonette in regards to Bus service in general, to date no reply.

66.03/09 E-mail address

The Clerk advised that the chairman had tried the printed e-mail address in the parish plan and it had still been received in the office.

66/04/09 Nature Reserve

The Clerk advised at the request of the Chairman he had circulated a number of papers supplied by the Nature Project to members of Council prior to the meeting. No questions were raised by members in relation to the document.

66/05/09 Grange allotments

The Clerk advised he had received a report from Dave Redding, an engineer advising the arch central section has dropped and the arch needs to be repaired. The Clerk has attempted to obtain 3 quotes for the meeting, 2 have come verbally.

Resolved:- Clerk to obtain 3 written quotes and if available prior to next full Council, and due to the urgency of the situation Chairman and Vice Chairman to agree contractor, and to report back to the May meeting for ratification.

67.00/09 Chairman Remarks

In the absence of the chairman the Clerk advised he had wished to raise the forthcoming visit to the parish of HMS Hurworth on Saturday 25th April. He had sought the views of members and in the light of this arranged a social event in The Grange. Catering has been agreed with Cllr I. White and The Grange has agreed to provide Alcoholic Drink for the Crew. Cllr P.Allen has offered to provide music.

Resolved: - To endorse the actions of the Chairman, and it was agreed to pay upto £80 for the buffet, and to pay for the Officers alcoholic drinks.

68.00/09: Police Report

No representatives of the police were present.

69.00/09 Highways issues

The following matters were raised by members and authorisation for the Clerk to chase up with relevant bodies given by Council

- a) concern was expressed in regards to adequate parking adjacent to the 2 new houses on Rockliffe estate, agreed to write to both the Planning Authority and developers raising this concern
- b) a general concern by all members in regards to parking issues across the Parish, to be raised with the relevant Officers at DBC
- c) Road markings need attention across the Parish
- d) Rubbish and debris was raised along Roundhill Road

- e) Direct parking issues on Apple tree causing blocking of access to Apple tree House
- f) Concern in regards to dog fouling especially in the vicinity of The Grange
- g) Issues of Car parking in the vicinity of the Dentist and Physiotherapist
- h) Several concerns were raised in regards to footpaths adjacent to the Rockcliffe Development and also along the river bank in general
- i) Litter and debris along Strait Lane

70.00/09: Public Participation

70.01/09 Mr. Adams raised the issues and concerns of resident in regards to the parking and hedges in respect of Manor field. The Chairman allowed members of the Council to raise questions of Mr. Adams at this point as the matter was to be discussed later in the meeting.

71.00/09 Accounts for Payment/Financial Report

2008/09 Financial Year

Westwood Timbers	£2328.75
Royal Mail Parish plan	£43.24
B.Harrison re Xmas tree	£426.65
BT quarterly rental by DD	£52.07
Peter Allan Royal Mail deposit	£116.50

2009/10 Financial Year

T.Murray wages	£315.23
J.Robinson wages	£337.51
Inland Revenue	£347.08
J.Robinson postage	£30.00
Viking Direct	£78.42
Friends of the Community	£600.00

Total payments for the month of £4675.45

72.00/09 Correspondence

The following items were received:-

- a) 'Lamp and Tubes' sale of Christmas Lights
- b) DBC invite to Visions Solution Darlington Exhibition 16th April
- c) DCC consultation on Dog Fouling
- d) Durham Association news

Resolved: - They be received.

73.00/09 Parish Logo

The winning designs were on display.

Resolved: - To adopt the design into the Parish Logo

74.00/09 Burial ground

Cllr. Lawman advised the members he had been looking into various pieces of land within the Parish, which the Council could use for the burial of cremated ashes for example. He had identified land belonging to both Hurworth House School and Mr. Marcus Nimo. Several members spoke out in favour of this proposal and it was suggested at least a 99 year lease be sought.

Resolved: - The Clerk to contact both of these and seek their views in regards the matter and if necessary relevant meetings to take the matter further be established.

75/00/09 The Grange Lease

The Clerk reported the lease now been signed by all parties and will be forwarded to DBC Solicitor.

76.00/09 Parish Plan

Cllr. P.Allen gave an upto date report on the progress of the above. Over 490 returns have been received and forwarded to DBC for their data entry department to correlate the final report. The report is due back late June/early July. This will then be followed up with a further public meeting in September. The Clerk advised he had forwarded an invoice to Rockliffe Hall for £1075 to cover the first phase costs.

77.00/09 Lytch gates

Replies from DBC were considered advising that DBC believe they are not responsible for the Lytch Gates, but the Church are. Clerk has written to DBC advising it is a closed Church yard and this should affect ownership. A reply is awaited. DBC have sent for estimates on the repair/replacement of the Bus shelter.

Resolved: To ratify the Clerks actions.

78.00/09 DBC Modification Order NO1 2009, Path 19

Notification of the above order was received and noted.

79.00/09 Hurworth History Society

Cllrs White and Hughes took no part in the voting procedure of this matter

A letter requesting a donation was received from Hurworth History towards the printing cost for a History of The Grange book. The cost estimated for this publication is 200 copies for £152 and 400 copies for £304. The History Society advise they wish to print 400 copies and some sponsorship has been forthcoming.

It was proposed Cllr P.Allan and seconded by Cllr P.Foster a donation of £300. Cllr A. Gibson proposed an amendment seconded Cllr G.Lawman that a donation of £76 be made. On placed to a vote 7 for the amendment and 2 for the substantive.

Resolved: to donate £76.00 towards the Hurworth History Society.

80.00/09 Croft House Development.

The Clerk advised the meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 21st April. Cllr Pratt advised he is unable to attend the meeting. Cllr K.Pattison agreed to attend in his place. Members also asked that those attending the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council enquire on the position of the Environmental Agency in this matter.

81.00/09 Manor Fields

Letters were received from residents from Manor Filed, and members also considered the discussions taken earlier during public participation.

Resolved: Clerk to write to DBC Planning asking for the definitive position in regards to parking and hedge maintenance/ownership in this area.

82.0/09 Minutes of the Allotment Committee held on 26th March 2009

Resolved: - To accept the minutes and recommendations contained therein.

83.00/09 Planning applications

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

- a) 09/00165/FUL 44 Elmfield Road, no objections raised
- b) 09/00179/FUL variation planning condition, no comments made
- c) 09/0018/FUL Butcher House farm, withdrawn
- d) 09/00036/TF8 The Green Trees work DBC has been granted by DBC
- e) 09/00080/FUL 2 Roundhill Farm, permission granted by DBC
- f) 09/00080/FUL 6 Westfield Drive for Committee 8th April.

The Chairman had also asked the Clerk to advice member's copies of the planning decision regarding the Skipbridge Old Brickworks was available from the Clerk/Chairman.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.