

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 November 2009 at 7.15pm.

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

Apologies: Cllr M.Swainstone

In Attendance: Parish Clerk: J.Robinson, Cllr Dunstone

Mr P.Thompson Chair of Durham and Darlington Police Authority and Acting Superintendent Hiderson also present.

5 members of the public were also present.

124.00/10: Declaration of Interest

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

Cllr. P. Allan, personal in his role as Treasurer Hurworth Grange Social Club and member Village Hall Committee

Cllr. P.Foster personal as sons business is in Forestry

Cllr. I. White personal and prejudicial in his role as Secretary Hurworth Community Association

All members received a gift/invitation to the forthcoming opening of Rockliffe hall. All members wished it to be minuted their declaration of acceptance of the gift, estimated value £10.

125.00/10 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman advised that due to a member of the public wishing to attend the meeting it had necessitated a change of room and hoped everyone would accept this. She also welcomed Mr. Thompson and his colleague to the meeting and hoped they enjoyed their visit to Hurworth. She also referred to the recent visit by Sub-lieutenant Cooper and his partner who had attended the Remembrance service on behalf of HMS Hurworth.

126.00/10 Chairman of Police Authority

Mr. P.Thompson advised the meeting he was attending as a follow up to the meeting he attended last November. He and his colleague then took a series of questions. The Chairman thanked them both for attending.

127.00/10 Minutes of Monthly meeting held on 13th October 2009

Resolved: - The minutes and recommendations contained there in be approved

128.00/10 Matters of Information

128.01/10 Highways matters

DBC had replied in regards to various issues raised:-

- a) Condition of main road to Neasham, no action to be taken
- b) Reinstatement of Village green, they have contacted the company direct
- c) Response in regards to the Memorial /planting, advising that via the Parish Plan process the area had been inspected by both the police and highways and the flowers were to be removed for road safety reasons.

Resolved to write to DBC asking for the monument to be replanted and pointing out road safety hazards in respect of roundabouts in Darlington with structures on are more dangerous than the plants around Hurworth monument.

129.0/10 Minutes of Special Parish Council held on November 2nd 2009

Resolved: - The Minutes and recommendations contained there in be approved.

130.00 Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 2nd November 2009

Resolved: - Minutes and recommendations of the above meeting adopted.

131.00/10 Minutes of the Parish Plan meeting held on 2nd November

Resolved: - The minutes and recommendations contained there in be approved, with the addition that badges be supplied for Councillors on the evening.

132.00/10 Minutes of Communication meeting held on 2nd November

Resolved: - The Minutes and recommendations contained there in be approved.

133.00/10 Highways Matters

Cllr. I.Holme raised the issue of the delay in providing new Bus Shelters at the nags head stop in Darlington.

Resolved: - To write to DBC expressing concern over the delay and risk to peoples safety.

134.00/10 Public participation

A resident raised the issue of disabled access to The Grange and the need for it to be addressed. He also asked if the Parish Council could write on his behalf to DBC and seek approval for his family to donate a public seat in memory of his father Raymond Coates on land near Linden Court.

Resolved: - To write and seek approval for the said seat.

135.00/10 Accounts for Payment/Financial Report

SLCC Council rule book £53.60 (101883)
J.Robinson postage £3.60 (cheque 101884)
T.Murray November salary £320.17 (cheque 101885)
J.Robinson November salary £341.15 (cheque 101886)
Inland Revenue £342.34 (cheque 101887)
HCA photocopying £18.75 (cheque 101888)
Aztec printing Parish Plan £98 (cheque 101889)
G.Hepplewhite expenses/cake/wreath £100.57 (cheque 101891)

A total payment approval of £1278.08

The Clerk also presented the seven month report.

Resolved: - To accept the seven monthly report and to authorise payment for the above.

136.00/10 Parish Council meeting venue

Members discussed the issues that have arisen out of the difficulty for disabled members of the public accessing Parish Council meetings in The Grange. Various alternative venues were suggested.

Cllr. I.Holme also raised the issue of disabled access to The Grange in general as did Cllr I. White and other members. Cllr I.Holme proposed and seconded by Cllr P.Allan a joint working party is established with representatives from HCA to look at the issue of disability access and to report back to both organisations.

Resolved: - a) Clerk to approach the venues identified and to arrange an alternative venue for future meetings

b) To establish a joint working party with HCA, Cllr I.Holme, Cllr P. Foster to represent the Council and Chair and Vice Chair to attend if they wish as ex-officio. Clerk to arrange meeting as soon as possible.

137.00/10 Correspondence

DCC Consultation on the County Strategy

Resolved: - To receive all.

138.00/10 Parish Council Vacancy

The Clerk advised he had received formally the resignation letter of Cllr Lawman and had informed the returning officer accordingly.

Cllr. Shukla read a prepared statement advising that due to Church commitments he wished to resign from the Council.

On behalf of the Council the Chairman thanked Cllr Shukla for all his service and wished him well. Clerk to advise returning officer accordingly,

Resolved: - The Chairman to write to both Councillors and thank them for their service to the Parish of Hurwroth.

139.00/10 Planning Applications

Applications:-

09/00725/FUL 9 the Wayside Hurworth, modification of already agreed plans

09/00722/FUL 33 Emerson Road, two storey extension

09/00466/FUL Hill farm conversion of cow byre to swimming pool and gym.

Resolved: - No objections to any application.

Exempt Part B

140.00/10 Tree Tenders

The following 3 were approached to tender for the full works, and also removal of T26, DBC, Fosters Forestry and Batson

Resolved: - subject to normal company checks and also Conservation Permission granted by DBC for

- a) Batson to undertake the tree survey work at a price of £1200
- b) B) Removal of T26, Fosters at a price of £350.00.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.