

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of Hurworth Parish Council held at Hurworth Grange, Hurworth –on-Tees, on Tuesday 8th December 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. K.Pattison, Cllr. I. White Cllr A. Gibson.

Apologies: Cllr Dunstone

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

10 members of the public were also present.

141.00/10: 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

Cllr. I.Holme as a Governor Hurworth Community School and also in respect of The Grange by virtue of father being Chairman.

142.00/10 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman advised that she and Councillor Foster had attended a meeting of the Darlington Parish Council Association on the 25th November 2009. The working party in respect of the disability access to the Grange had met and she thanked both Cllr Holmes and Foster for the report to be considered later in the meeting. She advised a number of residents had complained in respect of dog owners not cleaning up after their dog had fouled on land near to the playground. It was agreed the Council write to Hurworth Community Association and ask them to consider measures to stop this including a dog control order for the land in the vicinity of the playground. Finally she referred to a recent incident in the grange which had involved an electrical fault.

143.00/10 Minutes of Monthly meeting held on 10th November 2009

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

144.00/10 Matters of Information

144.01/09 Disability Access report to The Grange

Cllrs. Holme and Foster tabled a written report on the discussions held between the Parish Council and representatives of Hurworth Community Association. Members also asked the Councillors questions in regards to individual items within the report

Resolved: - To recommend to the forthcoming precept meeting a maximum contribution of £4000 towards the following works, main door ramp which is to cost £2000, chair lift enabling disabled access to the Fletcher Room at an estimate of £1500/2000.

The Community Association are to install a RADOR key to the disabled toilet and to install handrails to the main staircase. At this time there is no intention to undertake access work to the upper floors.

144.02/10 meeting venue

No replies as of yet from either Rockcliffe Court or Linden Court. Rockcliffe Hall has requested a meeting with the Chairman/Vice chairman and Clerk in January to discuss the same.

144.03 Seat Linden Court

The Clerk advised he has written to DBC asking for permission for the seat that was referred to at the November meeting to be sited on DBC land adjacent to Linden Court.

144.04 Parish Plan

Cllr. P.Allan presented to the Chairman the final version of the Parish Plan as prepared by the working party. The implementation of the actions required, now being the responsibility of the Council and its own Parish Plan Committee due to hold its first meeting on Monday 1st February 2010. The Council and other bodies together under Hurworth Together banner to apply for any relevant grants. Cllr P.Allan also advised that Rockcliffe Hall have agreed to pay for all printing costs for the plan when it is printed and circulated across the Parish. Cllr P.Allan advised he was obtaining estimates for printing for the meeting in February to consider. Members also agreed to take into consideration the action plan when they consider the 2010 precept at the forthcoming workshop in the 15th December.

144.05/10 Parking Physiotherapy Centre

A reply from DBC giving details of the planning conditions/report when the Centre was approved.

Resolved: - letter and contents received

144.06 Croft Social Club

A reply from the above Club in regards to the Councils request to hire/utilise their allotments.

Resolved: - Reply and contents received.

145.00/10 Hurworth Community School

Cllr. I.Holme advised members that the local Community School had recently been successful in obtaining BSF funding; DBC has in total received 59 million to cover rebuilding of their schools. This means a total rebuild of the school and also improvement in community access to the school and its facilities. The new school will still have 650 places and be open 2012. The Chief Executive of the school had requested via Cllr I.Holme an opportunity to address the Parish Council at its January meeting on the proposals.

Resolved:- To invite the Chief Executive to address the January meeting and for Cllr I.Holme to obtain copies of the presentation from the College and to circulate same before the Christmas recess so members were able to focus in on the project.

146.00/10 Highways matters

Cllr I.Holme raised the issue of zig zag lines in front of Hurworth Community School. Issue noted.

147.00/10 Public participation

Mr. S.Holme Chairman of Hurworth Community association referred to the Chairman's report and specifically to the electrical incident and the dog fouling. He gave an in-depth report on the electrical incident and advised he would raise the matter of dog fouling at their next meeting. The Chairman thanked him for this.

A number of residents expressed their thanks to the Council for taking on the issue of disabled access to The Grange and wished them well with the areas they are taking on board.

Speeding along the Hurworth/Croft Road was raised. The Chairman advised the members of the public that Council has already written to Middlesbrough Football Club asking them to ask the footballers and other users of the training ground to abide by speed restrictions.

A number of residents were present to serve on the Council 164 witness statements on behalf of residents stating they had walked the Public Right of way adjacent to Croft Social Club which has recently been closed.

A number of residents and also Cllr. Swainston along with 4 Parish Councillors raised the issue of Flooding on Hurworth Moor as a result of Cree beck.

Resolved:-

- a) Clerk to write to the police in regards to speeding
- b) Clerk to sign on behalf of the Parish Council their statements and objections to the closure of the Right of Way at Croft Social Club
- c) Clerk to arrange a meeting between Parish Council, DBC and Environment Agency to discuss the flooding issues on Hurworth Moor.

148.00/10 Police Report

Cllr. P.Foster requested his disappointment at a lack of a police Report to the Council be minuted.

149.00/10 Seat Hurworth School

The Clerk advised Mrs. Burt had agreed to the seat being dedicated in her husband's memory.

Resolved:-

- a. The plaque to carry the following wording 'In grateful memory of Councillor Roderick Burt and the service he gave to the Parishioners of Hurworth'
- b. Dedication ceremony to take place early 2010.

150.00/10 Accounts for Payment/Financial Report

HCA Photocopying/room hire £13.10 cheque number 101894
Viking Stationary and postage £160.19 cheque number 101895
CDALC training for GH and PA £54.00 cheque number 101896
Land life Flowers Nature Reserve plants £539.10 cheque number 101897
Seats and benches Nature Reserve 2 benches £1775.00 cheque number 101898
J.Robinson Monthly Salary £372.92 cheque number 101899
T.Murray monthly salary £360.40 cheque number 101900
Inland Revenue December Tax and NI £375.77 cheque number 101901
J.Robinson May to December mileage £208.97 cheque number 101902

A total payment approval of £3859.45

It was also agreed to pay for all remaining outstanding invoices for the nature reserve so that they hit their December 23rd deadline for grant spending.

The Clerk also presented the financial report April to December report.

Resolved: - To accept the nine month report and to authorise payment for the above.

151.00/10 Burma Road/Skipbridge

Cllr. I. White raised the issue of an unofficial gypsy/traveller site in this area, and a number of resident's complaints to him. Cllr. Swainstone advised DBC had served an enforcement order on the site and they were to be moved on by 18th December 2009. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Swainstone for the information supplied.

152.00/10 Flooding Cree beck

A number of members raised various issues in regards to this matter and in support of the public including Mr Fielding of Hurworth Moor who spoke in regards to the issue in public participation.

Resolved:- To arrange the meeting as referred to earlier. Council also agreed Clerk write to DBC asking for information on the surface drainage scheme that has been agreed for the new housing estate recently passed by them.

153.00/10 Car parking Church Lane

Cllr. I. White raised the issue of car parking in front of the Church Lane Flats and who is the owner of the land.

Resolved: - The Clerk to write to DBC seeking clarification in regards to the ownership of the land directly in front of the flats, and to query if it is Highway or private land.

154.00/10 Planning Applications

As yet no formal notification of any submitted plans for Croft House has been received by the Parish Council.

Applications:-

09/00786/TFC Tree works 44 The Green Hurworth by Hurworth parish Council. As Council applicant no comments made.

09/00672/FUL 22 Friars pardon to which Council had previously objected, to be discussed by Planning Committee 16th December 2009.

09/00466/FUL Hill Farm conversion of barn to leisure wing and swimming pool notification from DBC that planning permission has been granted.

Resolved: - above to be noted

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.