

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the monthly meeting of Hurworth Parish Council held at Hurworth Grange, Hurworth –on-Tees, on Tuesday 5th January 2010 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 A. Gibson.

Apologies: - Cllr M.Swainstone, Cllr. I.White.

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

15 members of the public were also present.

155.00/10: 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.Holme as a Governor Hurworth Community School and also in respect of The Grange by virtue of father being Chairman.

156.00/10 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman advised that she had as agreed sent on behalf of the Council a gift to the retiring lollipop lady, Eileen Plant on her retirement and had received a thank you card. A successful Parish Council workshop has been held to look at the forthcoming financial year. She had also along with the Clerk met with DBC Street Scene and as agreed both Hurworth Village and Hurworth Place have been entered into Northumbria in Bloom.

157.00/10 Minutes of Monthly meeting held on 8th December 2009

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

158.00/10 Matters of Information

158.01/10 meeting venue

The Clerk advised the meeting a letter had been received from Rockcliffe Hall offering to meet with the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to discuss the matter.

158.02 Seat Linden Court

The Clerk advised he has approached the resident wishing to donate the seat seeking clarification in regards to future ownership, insurance and maintenance if the DBC agree to its being sited on the land.

158.03 Parish Plan

Cllr P.Allan advised members he had a draft copy of the final plan and he was proceeding with its publication. He is to approach Rockliffe Hall to obtain the promised sponsorship which he estimates to be £2500. He is also exploring available grants for elements of the Parish Plan which he will report to the Parish Plan sub-committee meeting on the 1st February.

Resolved: - To note the report.

158.04 Right of Way Croft Social Club

Cllr P.Allan advised he had been approached by Mr. J.Buxton asking if there was a formal minute of agreement by the Parish Council objecting to the right of way being closed and for the Clerk to sign the relevant forms objecting on behalf of the Council. Both the Chairman and Clerk referred Cllr Allan to the minutes of both October and November Full Council meetings where the matter was discussed. They also advised that the matter was dealt with in October not only in public participation but as an agenda item. It was also noted that at all 4 meetings where the footpath had been discussed a number of the public were present to speak to the matter. He was also referred to the December minutes, agreed at the meeting, which specifically authorised the Clerk to sign on behalf of the Council. The Clerk also advised he had written to the Borough Council before going into hospital advising them of the same. Cllr Allan requested the actions of the Clerk and the Council's objection to the right of way closure be re-affirmed.

Resolved: - To endorse the actions taken by the Clerk and to re-affirm the Council's objection to the Right of Way Closure. The Clerk to write to the Borough Council confirming this accordingly, copies to be sent to Mr. J.Buxton.

158.00/05 Hurworth Community School

Cllr. I.Holme advised members that the Chief Executive had planned to attend the meeting but due to bad weather had been unable to attend. The School had requested the Council to hold a special meeting on Tuesday 19th January to allow them to present their plans to the Council. The Council agreed to this request.

158.00/06 Dog Control Order

A letter from DBC advising the request for an order on the Grange Estate playground had been received and would be considered by DBC Cabinet with a reply for the February meeting.

159.00/10 Precept 2010

The Clerk tabled the report agreed by the members Workshop. A number of members spoke both in favour of the proposals and also against certain items within. Cllr A. Gibson proposed and seconded by Cllr I.Holme to accept the report minus the handy man element. Cllr K.Pattison proposed and seconded by Cllr P.Allan that the report be

accepted in its entirety. On put to the vote Cllr Pattisons amendment was agreed and became the substantive motion.

Resolved: - The motion proposed by Cllr K.Pattison and seconded by Cllr P.Allan to raise the precept by £8500 and that the draft budget as attached be agreed. This was carried 6 for 1 against and 2 abstentions.

160.00/10 Highways matters

A number of members raised the issue of gritting and snow clearance. Cllr C.Pratt and Cllr G.Hepplewhite both raised the issue of pot holes appearing as a result of the snow on Croft Road and Roundhill Road.

Resolved: - Clerk to report same to DBC Highways.

161.00/10 Public participation

Members of the public requested permission to raise their concerns and to also table written information in regards to the proposed Croft House development when the item was being discussed by members as opposed to separately. It was agreed to suspend standing orders to allow them to undertake this at the appropriate agenda item.

162.00/10 Police Report

No written or verbal report presented. Several members expressed disappointment at the lack of a report. Concern was also expressed at the PACT venue rota and felt a 1 in 3 rota for venue was more approximate as opposed to the current 1 in 4. Cllr Pattison advised the meeting that PC Horner would welcome any comments in regards to PACT meetings and their organisation.

Resolved: - To write to PC Horner and request a 1 in 3 rota for venue and to ask for a monthly written report for Council meetings.

162.00/10 Accounts for Payment/Financial Report

Barclays Bank Charges £11.50

J.W.Wood Grange and Toilet valuation £287.50 cheque number 101905

Identitag Councillor Name badgers £35.88 cheque number 101906

J.Robinson postage £30 cheque number 101907

AZTEC Parish Plan printing £128.00 cheque number 101908

Inland Revenue January tax/ni £339.29 cheque number 101909

T.Murray January salary £316.20 cheque number 101910

J.Robinson January salary £344.12 cheque number 101911

A total payment approval of £1429.49

In addition agreed last month 2 payments for nature reserve

FOTC Plants £552.63 cheque number 101903

FOTC bat boxes £250 cheque number 101911

I payment for flowers for lollipop lady G.Hepplewhite £14.10

It was also agreed to pay for all remaining outstanding invoices for the nature reserve so that they hit their December 31st deadline for grant spending.

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

Resolved: - To accept the ten months report and to authorise payment for the above.

163.00/10 Newsletter

Resolved: - Clerk to circulate draft copy weekend 16th January for discussion at Special Council meeting on the 19th following the presentation by Hurworth School.

164.00/10 Correspondence from Mr Park

A letter was received from Mr Park 28 The Green expressing concern in regards to trees in Hurworth Junior School grounds that adjoin his property.

Resolved: - Clerk to forward correspondence onto DBC Education department and copy to School Head teacher.

165.00/10 Valuation The Grange and Public Toilets

The Valuation report for the above properties was received.

Resolved: - To note report and to advise Insurers, Auditors of the valuation. It was also agreed to formally inform Hurworth Community Association of the value to ensure the appropriate insurance cover is in place.

166.00/10 Croft House re-development

Members received a written letter of objection from residents as well as verbal comments from members of the public present. Several members also took part in the debate. The Council were advised that the Environment Agency are now stating that the proposals will increase the flood risk but have no powers to overturn the Outline Consent based upon out of date data.

Members of the public requested the Council to object to Yuill's plans to discharge surface water across pc land into the river. As this was not an agenda item it was agreed this matter be placed on the February agenda.

Resolved: - To object to the development once more siting the original objections together with the new information from the Environment Agency. Members also requested the Clerk to write to both DBC and Yuill's reminding them they had originally promised a 3d cad model of the development together with streetscape elevations which as of yet have not been provided and to request same once more. Members also requested the Clerk to obtain further details of the Yuill's drainage proposals prior to the February meeting.

It was also agreed the Council's objections to the proposals be sent to all members of the Planning Committee directly.

167.00/10 Planning Applications

09/00790/FUL 16 Emerson Road Hurworth, erection of detached garage no objections

It was noted the following applications had been granted planning permission

09/00464/FUL (The Wayside loft conversion

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

09/00693/LBC 44 The green to demolish and reinstate wall

09/0067/DC to build 8 Apartments Linden Drive

It was also noted a site visit has been arranged for the DBC Planning Committee in regards to the application for 22 Friars Pardon on 7th January 2010.

Resolved: - above to be noted

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.