

**Minutes of the Monthly Parish Council, Meeting
held at Hurworth Grange, Hurworth-on-Tees
in the Hadwin Room on Thursday 1st July 2010 at 7pm**

Present: Chairman Cllr Pratt, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Foster, Cllr Hepplewhite, Cllr Allan, Cllr Peacock, Cllr Pattison, Cllr Gibson, Cllr Parr

In Attendance: S. Sibbald, Cllr Swainston, Cllr Dunstone

32 members of the public were also in attendance

Apologies: Cllr Russell

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Hughes - Item 7

3. Chairman's Remarks: - No Remarks

4. Matters arising from meeting held on 3rd June 2010:

Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting to be agreed and signed at a later date, corrections to be made.

Minutes from Finance Meeting to be signed at the next Finance Meeting.

Hurworth in Partnership was missed from the Agenda - Cllr Allan read a report from the meeting he attended. The Parish Council must begin actioning the Plan. He asked for 4 volunteers to assist in implementing the Plan, the members of the public were asked if they would volunteer as the volunteers did not need to be Councillors. No volunteers came forward.

Input is needed from everyone for the newsletter. Cllr Holmes will get an update for the comprehensive school. All articles to Cllr Pattison in the first instance.

Kerbs on the village green and ownership of layby - Resolved that the clerk will write to DBC for information.

6. Public Participation: Matters raised were -

1) problems with parking at the entrance to Linden Drive, a Pay and Display car park was suggested to solve this problem.

2) dog fouling on the river bank, there is no notice there. To be discussed in more detail with item on agenda.

3) disabled access and toilet - Community Association have 2 quotes for the work.

Meeting agreed that third quotation not needed. Cllr Allan will advise Community Association that work can go ahead as matter already agreed by Parish Council. Cllr Foster requested more information, Cllr Allan gave information on work to be carried out, re toilet, portable ramp and area adjacent to doorway for access to toilet. Information and quotes were sent to previous clerk. To be added to next Finance Meeting

4. Playbuilder proposals - members of public wanted to know what is happening on this, several people expressed their concerns. Cllr Allan addressed members of the public giving them information and advising them of current position for this. Cllr Pattison asked for Playbuilder scheme to be put on next agenda. Members of the public were asked to write in with their concerns ready for the meeting in September when the matter can be addressed.

5. Giant Hogweed is around the riverbank, DBCllrs to contact the environment agency.

6. Oil has been dumped behind ?

7. Strait Lane Allotments - water supply: Cllr Hughes addressed the meeting, putting forward problems encountered due to lack of water, the situation regarding the lack of a water supply has been ongoing since 2007. Cllr Foster said that it was agreed in the past to put water supply in when funds were available. Cllr Holmes agreed with Cllr Hughes and said it should be done. John Robinson has already contacted Northumbrian Water

and there is a bid in for funding, he hoped to get a reply in July. Cllr Allan stated that he has contacted Durham Foundation re funding, he has an acknowledgement from them. Cllr Holmes and Cllr Gibson gave additional information - costs will be around £2,000 plus water rates, some people have a well and do not wish to contribute, other allotments around the area which have water cost allotment holders more each year. Once Durham Foundation give their decision and Northumbrian Water respond Cllr Allan will advise and a proposal can be put to the Parish Council by the Allotment Committee.

8. Dog Fouling: Cllr Hepplewhite has received complaints from 2 members of the public re dog fouling in the cemetery. Cllr Pattison will ask the Church if signs can be erected in the churchyard and also if the fencing can be improved. Cllr Dunstone has also had complaints, he attended a site meeting with Street Scene and Cllr Swainston. Cllr Swainston stated Street Scene have done a great job cleaning up the cemetery already. Dog wardens have been out monitoring this situation. There is also a problem along the river bank, can DBC put a dog bin along there Cllr Pratt asked, Cllr Swainston to follow this up. Resolved Clerk to write to DBC.

9. Local Transport Plan: Cllr Hepplewhite attended recent meeting, DBC have recently lost some funding, there will be changes to buses and rail travel. Taxi is £4.50 each way into town. A3 sheet with transport information to be put on file.

10. No parking signs on village green: Cllr Pratt had received a letter of complaint, Cllr Allan had also received a complaint. Decision taken that Cllrs will visit site to decide if all signs are necessary, can some be removed. Arranged for Tuesday at 10am.

Hurworth School is closing now as stated in the press, this was not the same information as in the letter read out at the last meeting which said the school was relocating site to share Polam Schools site. Once the school is not there, traffic around the green may be less and the green not misused with parking.

Tree at the churchyard needs cutting down as its dead and is damaging a resident's roof. Cllrs to make a decision after assessing matter and including this in above site visit Tuesday 10am.

11. Monthly Accounts: List of items given, all Cllrs should have had a copy attached to the agenda.

12. Minutes of Finance Meeting 22/6/10: as Cllrs had not had minutes they will be agreed at the next finance meeting.

13. River Tees Bank: Cllr Peacock has received complaints regarding problems on the riverbank. There is a sign that says - No bonfires, caravans or camping allowed. It is out of date now with £20 penalty for misuse on it. A new sign needs to be put up in a better position so that it can't be ignored. Street Scene empty the bins along there and DBC cut the grass. They have to be paid for any work done. Resolved that clerk obtain quotes for 2 signs which need to be updated from previous one and re-siting when done.

14. Highways: Traffic calming to be assessed once school has closed. Hedge at Primary School needs to be cut. Clerk to write to headteacher to ask for it to be cut. Fence at doctor's surgery has a gap in it, where it has been knocked down. Fosters to repair, Cllr Foster will request work to be done.

15. PACT report: Cllr Pattison reported that police are aware of problems, crime figures are available on police website. Hurworth traffic speed mentioned as this can be a problem. Matter of Special Constable raised. Chief Superintendent Reeves to be invited to next meeting in September. Louise Buckley is now the neighbourhood watch contact.

Next PACT meeting 27/7/10.

16. Planning Applications:

Application for bungalow 22 Friars pardon - refused
Removal of Lime Tree on village green - permission given.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm