

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Hurworth Grange, Hurworth –on-Tees, on Thursday 6th November 2014 starting at 7.00pm.

Those present: Peter Foster, Jean Peacock, Tony Needham. Val Hughes, Tony Winnett, Margaret Williams, Norma Kyle, Chris Pratt. John Howard.

Also attending: Cllr Joe Kelley, Cllr Martin Swainston, Alexa Copeland (Northern Echo), and Peter Allan (Parish Clerk)

93. Apologies for Absence

Ian Holme (Business), Jeff Kemp (Family sickness), Ken Pattison (Business association),

94. The Chairman, Tony Winnett opened the meeting by welcoming all the attenders, and making reference to the new the new regulations for filming or recording of the meeting.

95. PACT Meeting

The PACT Meeting was chaired by Tony Winnett

PCSO John Angus gave the Police Report for the period from 3rd October to 6th November 2014.

There were 2 crimes during this period:-

Burglaries	None
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Burglaries other	Four
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Vehicle theft	None
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Vehicle other	Two	1. Fuel syphoned from a vehicle 2. Mirror and accessories stolen from a vehicle.
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Violent crimes	None
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Antisocial behaviour	One Report received from Sanderson Road, which turned out to be an abortive call.
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SpeedWatch Several checks were carried out during this period, including a number of sessions on Westfield Drive. Three vehicles were clocked over the limit, but no action taken.

Questions raised:

1. The speed monitors are collecting traffic data, to whom should this be fed at the Police. John Angus agreed that the data should now be fed to him, directly from David Alban, and he will deal with it.
2. It is noted that there are several instances of vehicles parking on the new double yellow lines at the Spar corner, are the police giving offender's tickets? John Angus stated that neither he nor any police constable has authority to give motorists tickets for this offence.

The Clerk reported that a mobile van patrols the villages with Traffic Wardens. They have been visiting Hurworth, and they do have the power and responsibility to give tickets when parking offences occur.

3. PCSO Angus was asked whether he and the police would be in favour of introducing a 20mph limit in Westfield Drive. He commented that to be effective it would need policing, otherwise drivers would tend to ignore it. Now that the police have mobile radar guns, policing a street is very easy.

96. Declarations of Interest

Tony Winnett - HCA

Jean Peacock – HCA

Val Hughes – HCA

97. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2014

The Minutes having been distributed were accepted, Proposed by Val Hughes and Seconded by Jean Peacock.

98. Matters Arising,

- a. **Brown signs.** The Clerk reported that despite lengthy discussions and exchanges with Brenda Bowles at DBC, it has become clear that Hurworth Grange does not qualify for brown signs, as it is not regarded as a tourist attraction. We can have one white sign. We are now trying to have the white sign positioned at the Croft corner.
- b. **Traveller Planning Consultancy** – The survey, having been sent to all councillors, has been lodged with the DCLG.
- c. **Hogweed status** – An exchange of E Mails with John Musham has established that there is nothing that can practically be done with the hogweed until next April. Also, he is in touch with Rockcliffe Hall and the Thornaby Angling Association regarding their participation. He has also had a discussion with the Wrightson family about the hogweed within Neasham parish.
Peter Foster reported that he has talked to the Maguire family at Newbus Grange, and they have committed to participate when the appropriate time comes.
This subject will be reviewed again next March.
- d. **Westfield Drive** – The resident committee have confirmed that they will be pleased to support the council's initiative to request the Drive to become a 20mph zone. They would be against any other types of traffic calming, and the Chair confirmed to the meeting that no other types of traffic calming were being considered. A motion was tabled by Tony Winnett and Seconded by Tony Needham that HPC proceed with the request for a 20mph limit for Westfield Drive. The motion was carried unanimously. **Action Clerk to initiate.**
- e. **Exercise equipment** – Val Hughes confirmed that the additional unit has been ordered and is due to arrive in early December.

99. Public Participation

The Chair welcomed Lorraine Tostevin and Peter Burton who were attending the meeting.

Peter Burton requested that the council would give him permission to erect a memorial seat in remembrance of his father Albert Burton, who was a parish councillor at one time and a long-time resident of Hurworth Place. The first location considered was opposite the Comet Inn on the grass area near the river – this specific land is believed to belong to DBC. However, coincidentally a resident had enquired about the possibility of placing a seat on the railway bridge, adjacent to the Christadelphian church. Peter Burton welcomed that suggestion. The council gave their full hearted support to Mr Burton's request; the cost and work will be undertaken by Peter Burton.

100. Accounts for Payment

The Schedule, having been previously distributed to all councillors, was formally approved.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jillie Lawrence	102486	Allotment notice board	95.00
M. Harrison	102487	Fence repairs and handyman exs	190.00
Viking	102488	Stationery	74.86
P.D. Allan	102489	Ocober salary	502.84

Bob Iles	102490	Ocober salary	299.15
Inland Revenue	102491	PAYE	190.20
HCA	102492	Photocopying - Allotments AGM	14.60
P.D. Allan	102493	Admin expenses & wreath	119.93
Tony Winnett	102494	Admin expenses	29.28
EPICH	102495	Section 137 donation	1000.00
Viking	102496	Filing cabinet	118.80
B Green	102497	Allotment grass cutting	40.00
M. Harrison	102498	Handyman costs	90.00
MT Print	102499	Newsletter	533.00
Talk Talk	DD		12.22
Bank charges	DD		2.30
Total			3312.18

101. Financial Report

The Financial Report for the six months to 31st October 2014, having been previously distributed to all councillors, was agreed and accepted.

The Report is attached as an addendum to these Minutes.

The Chairman convened a Finance Meeting to be held at Hurworth Grange on Wednesday, 26th November starting at 7:00pm.

102. Matters of Interest and Correspondence

The date of the next General Election will be 5th May 2015.

103. Planning Applications

Jean Peacock reported:-

- a. Modification to house at 35 The Green – the council agreed ‘no comment’.
- b. Hilton House Farm request to convert disused barn into three residences – the council agreed ‘no comment’.

104. Highways Report

Tony Needham reported that there was nothing to report on highways, but he did report on the situation at Pathway One.

Malcolm Thompson (DBC Countryside) has visited the site and identified the owner of the land.

The owner has agreed to reinstate the stile, remove the barbed wire and clear the pathway.

The Environment Agency have also visited the site, and report that the soil which has been dumped belongs to the owner of the land, and hence is not fly tipping. However it is to be moved by 50 meters as it is currently causing a potential flood risk.

The Chairman thanked Alexa of the Northern Echo for her help in raising this issue in the local papers.

It was agreed that Cllt John Howard would call and discuss the council’s concerns with the owners, at Lygon House, and ensure Pathway One is clear for walkers. **Action John Howard.**

105. Tree Report

Peter Foster reported that the trees beside the speed monitor on Croft Road have now been trimmed. He reviewed the Hurworth Grange Tree report, and drew attention to a number of trees which required urgent attention. The meeting agreed that the Clerk will distribute a copy of this report to all councillors, with suggestions which should be taken. **Action Clerk.**

The tree on Roundhill Road will be cut back next week. **Action Peter Foster.**

106. Allotment Report – Margaret Williams

The skip has been delivered to Strait Lane allotments and was filled within two hours. There has been a problem removing the skip as the house owner had left his vehicle in the way. **Norma Kyle offered to see the house owner and make suitable arrangements.**

The new notice board has been installed at Strait Lane, and Graham Wylie and Margaret Williams have keys.

A new dog bin and litter bin have been installed at Strait Lane allotments. The litter bin is attached to a resident's fence and may have to be moved.

The litter bin has been installed at the Grange allotments, as requested.

The AGM of the Allotments Committee has been convened for Wednesday 19th November at Hurworth Grange starting at 7:15pm.

It was noted that the dog bin beside the Christadelphian church has also been replaced.

107. New Projects

a. Val Hughes reported that the new unit has been ordered.

b. **Village beautification;** We are waiting for Rob George and Phil Roxby of DBC Countryside to make their recommendations.

108. Association Reports

Peter Foster reported that there have been no meetings in this period.

109. Any Other Business – non financial

a. Tony Winnett reported that he has been diligently following up on the LEADER Project, but felt that it is unlikely that Hurworth Parish are going to get any benefit.

b. Margaret Williams reported that the Japanese Knotweed problem appears to have been resolved, and hopefully it will not reappear next year.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm