Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings of the Special meeting of Hurworth Parish Council held at Hurworth Grange, Hurworth –on-Tees, on Tuesday 19th January 2010 at 7pm.

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

Apologies: Cllr.I.White, and Parish Clerk.

In Attendance: Mr.E.Farr Chief Executive Hurworth School.

4 members of the public.

168.00/10: Declaration of Interest

Cllr I. White, personal as a School Governor.

169.00/10 Presentation by Mr. Farrar

Mr. Farrar gave a broad introduction to the initial proposals for the re-development of Hurworth School including the following:

The funds form part of a £57 million pounds scheme to redevelop 3 schools in Darlington, the others being Branksome and Longfield under the Building Schools for future programme (BSF)

- a) It is likely that the proposals will involve a complete re-build rather than refurbishment.
- b) The school need to produce an initial document by the end of March, incorporating responses from groups consulted (stakeholders). These include staff, parents, pupils and Parish Council
- c) An Outline Business Case to be completed by Christmas 2010, to be followed by detailed design
- d) New school opening hoped to be September 2012
- e) The school is to hold an Open evening on February 10th for anyone interested.

The Parish Council have provided Mr. Farrar with an initial list of the developments that could compliment and improve community facilities. They include Youth and Sports facilities with particular mention of a MUGA (Multi User Games Arena) which is felt likely to be incorporated into the final proposals.

Resolved: - Parish Council agreed to submit by the end of February a formal letter of support for the development and to include the suggested facilities in the format circulated by the school.

170.00/10 Polling Cards

The Clerk had been advised by the Returning Officer that DBC would not fund the distribution of polling cards for the forthcoming elections and if both wards are contested it could amount to a bill of over £500 for the Parish.

Resolved: following discussion a vote was taken 2 in favour, 4 against polling cards and 3 abstentions.

171/10 Dog Control order

The Chairman advised the Dog Control order for the Grange Estate play area is to be advertised the following week in local papers.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.