

# THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WHEATLEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2015

**Present:** Councillor M Nicholls (Chair)  
Councillors Mrs E Carr, B Maddison,  
J Miller and Mrs M Nicholls

**Apologies:** Councillors E Goyns, Mrs M Goyns,  
Mrs L Stewart and Mrs C Stogdale

**1 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 12 January 2015, were approved and signed by the Chair.

## **2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There was no public present at the meeting.

## **3 COMMUNITY POLICING**

The Chair welcomed PCSO A Gilhooley to the meeting.

Members were advised that since the last meeting there had been 95 incidents reported which included 12 anti-social behaviour, 3 burglaries, 3 thefts and 2 criminal damage.

Members were advised that crime overall was down 50% year to date. Burglary and anti-social behaviour were down 27% and 55% respectively.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

## **4 STREET WARDENS**

There was no Street Wardens present at the meeting.

## **5 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **(1) Request for Financial Assistance**

#### **County of Durham School Benevolent Fund**

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from the County of Durham School Benevolent Fund.

**RESOLVED** that a donation of £50 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

### **(2) Durham Miners' 131st Gala – 11 July 2015**

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the Durham Miners' Association requesting the Parish Council to support the 131st Durham Miners' Gala by placing an advert in the Souvenir Brochure.

Members were advised that a message of support, up to a maximum of 25 words, cost £45.00.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council support the Durham Miners' Gala and place a message of support in the Souvenir Brochure at a cost of £45.00.

**(3) Royal Garden Party 2015**

The Clerk reported that the County Durham Association of Local Councils had advised that Spennymoor Town Council and Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council had been allocated places to attend the Royal Garden Party on 12 May 2015.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted and the Association be asked to consider the introduction of a rota system for attendance at the Garden Party.

**6 PLANNING MATTERS**

**Applications**

DM/15/00077/FPA – Erection of single storey extension and raised patio area to rear and erection of porch to front (resubmission) at 5 Quilstyle Road, Wheatley Hill, Durham DH6 3RF for Mr and Mrs A Mole

RESOLVED that no objection or comment be made to Durham County Council.

**7 DELEGATES REPORTS**

The Chair provided an update on the following:-

- New Health Centre – Discussions were ongoing in relation to the previously agreed 25 year lease and the possible introduction of a 5 year break clause
- Proposed new Housing – various sites in the village

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

**8 HEAD GROUNDS PERSONS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that routine work had been undertaken in the Cemetery and around the village since the last meeting, details of which were outlined to Members.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

**9 CLERKS REPORT**

**(1) Allotments/Stable Blocks**

**(i) Waiting List**

The Clerk provided Members with details of waiting lists for

allotments and stable blocks.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

(ii) Allotment Number 6

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting Mr A Telford of 53 Luke Terrace, Wheatley Hill was allocated and accepted the tenancy of allotment number 6.

Since accepting the tenancy Mr Telford had failed to pay the annual rent and following numerous reminders the rent was still outstanding. Mr Telford had been advised, in writing, that if the rent remained unpaid by 9 February 2015 the tenancy would be terminated.

Members suggested that Mr Telford be given until 10 February 2015 to pay the rent. If the rent remained unpaid Mr Telford be advised that his tenancy had been terminated with immediate effect and the plot be offered to Mr C Dove of 33 South View, Wheatley Hill.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (i) if the rent remained unpaid by 10 February 2015 Mr Telford be advised that his tenancy had been terminated with immediate effect,
- (ii) allotment number 6 be allocated to Mr C Dove of 33 South View, Wheatley Hill, DH6 3LL

(2) Football Field

At the last meeting of the Parish Council Members were advised that Peterlee Town Council had been asked to provide a quotation to repair the damage to the football field caused by unauthorised vehicles and bikes.

The Clerk reported that Peterlee Town Council had provided a detailed report of the work required to repair the field which would cost £250.00 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED** that the quotation from Peterlee Town Council be accepted.

(3) Cemetery Summer Bedding

The Clerk reported that Durham County Council had provided a quotation to supply summer bedding plants for display in the Cemetery, it was pointed out that the quotation of £294.00 plus VAT was for supply only.

**RESOLVED** that the quotation from Durham County Council to supply summer bedding plants at a cost of £294.00 plus VAT be accepted.

**10 PAYMENTS**

The Clerk presented Members with a report of all payments and receipts made since the last meeting.

Members were also provided with details of the financial position of the Parish Council in comparison with the annual budget.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted and the payments endorsed.

**11 RISK M ANAGEMENT**

The Clerk advised there was nothing to report.

**12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**(i) Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 16 March 2015 at 6pm.

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