

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

HELD ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2017

Present: Councillor M Nicholls (Chair)  
Councillors Mrs E Carr, E Goyns, Mrs M Goyns,  
B Miller, J Miller, Mrs M Nicholls, Mrs L Stewart  
and Mrs C Stogdale

- 1 THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING held on 8 May 2017 together with those of the ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTORS held on 8 May 2017, copies of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There was no public present at the meeting.

3 POLICE

The Clerk reported that PCSO K Hyde had submitted her apologies and advised that there had been 15 incidents related to anti-social behaviour and 6 incidents of criminal damage since the last meeting.

The Chair reported that the Police and R Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington had been invited to attend the next residents meeting.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) Request for Financial Assistance – Wheatley Hill Workmen's Social Club and Institute

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from Wheatley Hill Workmen's Social Club and Institute.

RESOLVED that a donation of £300 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

- (2) Letter of Thanks

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter of thanks from Wheatley Hill Constitutional Club.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

- (3) East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils would be held on 13 June 2017.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

- (4) Shotton Colts Football Club

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request from Shotton Colts Football Club to use the Parish Councils small football pitch for the 2017/2018 football season.

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RESOLVED that approval be granted for Shotton Colts Football Club to use the small football pitch for the 2017/2018 season.

### (5) Haswell and District Mencap Society

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation from the Haswell and District Mencap Society to attend the 10th Anniversary of the Lisa Dixon Centre on 24 June 2017.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 5 PLANNING

### (1) Application

DM/17/01747/FPA – Erection of 34 no two-storey 2, 3 and 4 bedroom semi and detached dwellings and associated works at land to the north of Wingate Lane, Wheatley Hill DH6 3LX for Gleeson Regeneration Ltd

### (2) Approval

DM/17/01282/FPA – Proposed single storey front extension to enlarge existing day room and create new porch area at Abbots Court Nursing Home, Wingate Lane, Wheatley Hill DH6 3LP for Mr J Russi

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 6 DELEGATES REPORTS

The Chair provided Members with an update on various issues throughout the village which included the following;

- Front Street – Various problems - Empty properties/Absentee landlords/Landlords Accreditation Scheme /Rubbish in gardens
- Community Action Team (CAT) - Update in relation to the work of the CAT who were working in Wheatley Hill over the next eight weeks to tackle environmental, housing and health issues
- Wordsworth Avenue – Durham County Council were looking at a range of options to tackle the on-going problems. The Chair advised that residents would be fully consulted on all the options.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

## 7 HEAD GROUNDPERSONS 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.

## 8 CLERK'S REPORT

### (1) Community Action Team (CAT)

The Clerk provided an update on the work of the CAT who would be working in Wheatley Hill over the next eight weeks to tackle environmental, housing and

health issues.

Members were advised that the CAT had started the programme by speaking to partner agencies, community groups and familiarising themselves with the area. A walkabout was held with partners and almost 50 issues of concern were identified which included rubbish accumulations and housing disrepair. The CAT would now contact the owners to ensure these areas were actioned and if necessary legal powers would be used.

A resident engagement event would be held on 13 June 2017 between 3pm and 7pm at the Greenhills Centre. The event would give residents the opportunity to discuss the work of the CAT and help with the setting of priorities for the project. Following the initial event the CAT would meet with partner agencies to agree priorities based on community concerns and implement a 4 week action plan. During the 4 weeks of action weekly drop-in sessions would be held at the Greenhills Centre on 22 and 29 June and 6 and 13 July 2017 between 10am and 10.30am. Weekly walkabouts would be held with partners project work based on the priorities identified would be undertaken.

The final 2 weeks of the project would include reviewing the work undertaken, putting in place an exit strategy and providing feedback to the community.

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

**(2) Village Artwork – The Last Shift**

The Clerk reported the receipt of the minutes of the Last Shift meeting held on 18 May 2017.

The Clerk took Members through the minutes and reported that the statue would not be erected on a plinth or surround. This was due to the costs involved and it was now intended to erect the statue on a base at ground level with an information board or plaque.

Members expressed concern at the lack of a plinth or surround and suggested that the Clerk contact G Tempest seeking clarification on the proposals.

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 29 June 2017 at 5.15pm in Wheatley House.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact G Tempest to discuss this further.

**9 PAYMENTS**

**RESOLVED** that the payments listed be endorsed.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
105314	NWG Business	Water Rates -Cemetery and Bungalow	1323.65		1323.65
105315	NWG Business	Water - Allotments	102.10		102.10
105316	East Durham Funeral Service	Gravedigging Fees	80.00		80.00
105317	HMRC	Payroll Services -P11D payment	249.48		249.48
105318	J Thompson	Telephone Allowance	25.00		25.00
105319	J Davies	Reimbursements	339.87	46.31	386.18

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105320	J Thompson	Reimbursements	13.44		13.44
105321	Shaw & Sons	Stationery	63.95	12.79	76.74
105322	JAC's Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - P11D	5.00	1.00	6.00
105323	Wheatley Hill Workmen's Social Club and Institute	Section 137 Donation	300.00		300.00
105324	JAC's Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - June 2017	14.00	2.80	16.80
Internet Banking	Payroll	Wages - June 2017	4086.53		4086.53
Internet Banking	HMRC/DCC	PAYE/Pension - June 2017	2535.20		2535.20
Direct Debit	British Telecom	Telephone/Internet	40.53	8.10	48.63
	Co-Op Bank	Service and Commission Charges	12.50		12.50
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,191.25</b>	<b>71.00</b>
					<b>9,262.25</b>

### 10 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Clerk advised there was nothing to report.

### 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#### (1) Fly Tipped Rubbish

Councillor Mrs Carr reported a mattress dumped to the rear of the Front Street, behind the Fish Shop.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be reported to Durham County Council.

#### (2) Pot Holes - Footpath

Councillor B Miller reported pot holes in the footpath leading from Burns Street to the school.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be reported to Durham County Council.

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