

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WHEATLEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs L Stewart and Mrs C Stogdale

Also Present: County Councillors J Grant and L Hovvels

1 THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 11 September 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed by the Chair.

2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chair welcomed Mr S Cairns of 5 Cypress View, Wheatley Hill.

Mr Cairns advised that he was present at the meeting to discuss the bollards located to the front of his property.

Members were advised that Durham County Council had installed the bollards at Cypress View following a number of road traffic accidents, the last of which was approximately 2 to 3 months ago. Mr Cairns stated that the bollards were spaced too wide apart and he felt they needed to be moved closer to provide a more robust barrier to protect his property.

It was suggested that if Mr Cairns forwarded his evidence and photographs to the Clerk the information would be passed onto Durham County Council with a request that they investigate.

RESOLVED that any information received from Mr Cairns be forwarded to Durham County Council with a request that they investigate the matter.

3 POLICE

There was no Police present at the meeting.

4 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Chair welcomed County Councillors J Grant and L Hovvels to the meeting.

Councillor Hovvels advised that moving forward the 3 County Councillors for the County Division would be covering the Wheatley Hill area and attending future meetings of the Parish Council to provide regular updates and feedback.

Councillor Hovvels reported that the County Councillors were aware of the problems in Wheatley Hill, particularly issues associated with the Front Street and Wordsworth Avenue.

Members were advised that a meeting was scheduled to be held with officers from Durham County Council on 19 October 2017 to discuss problems related to the Front Street. The Chair asked if it was possible for himself and the Clerk to attend the meeting. Councillor Hovvels reported that the Chair and Clerk were welcome to attend.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Requests for Financial Assistance

(i) Wheatley Hill Football Club

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from Wheatley Hill Football Club.

RESOLVED that a donation of £300.00 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

(ii) Haswell & District Mencap Society

The Clerk reported the receipt of a request for financial assistance from Haswell & District Mencap Society.

RESOLVED that a donation of £50.00 be made from the Section 137 Budget.

(2) Thomas Kenny VC - Documentary Film

The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation to attend the screening of a Thomas Kenny documentary film at the Gala Theatre on 8 November 2017.

RESOLVED that Councillors J Miller and B Miller be authorised to attend.

(3) Authority Governor - Wheatley Hill Primary School

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Durham County Council advising of a vacancy for an Authority Governor at Wheatley Hill Primary School.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

6 PLANNING

There was nothing to report.

7 DELEGATES REPORTS

There was nothing to report.

8 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.

9 CLERK'S REPORT

(1) Allotments/Stable Blocks

(i) Waiting List

The Clerk provided Members with details of the waiting list for allotments and

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stable blocks.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

(2) Salt Bins

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting Councillor B Miller queried the number and location of salt bins in Wheatley Hill.

Members were advised that the County Councils website stated 7 salt bins were located in Wheatley Hill, details of which were outlined. It was noted that the salt bin at Wordsworth Avenue, numbered EA290 was missing.

RESOLVED that Durham County Council be requested to replace the missing salt bin at Wordsworth Avenue.

(3) Planters – Front Street

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from Durham County Council regarding vandalism to the planters on the Front Street.

Members were advised that all the plants had been removed and the County Council had requested the Parish Council to pay for them to be replaced at a cost of approximately £100.00.

RESOLVED that Durham County Council be advised the Parish Council would pay for the planters to be re-stocked at a cost of approximately £100.00.

10 PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that the payments listed be endorsed.

CHQ NO	PAYMENT TO	DETAIL	COST	VAT	TOTAL
105352	J Miller	Telephone Allowance	25.00		25.00
105353	J Thompson	Telephone Allowance	25.00		25.00
105354	J Thompson	Reimbursements	6.72		6.72
105355	Wheatley Hill Football Club	Section 137 Donation	300.00		300.00
105356	Haswell & District Mencap Society	Section 137 Donation	50.00		50.00
105357	J Davies	Reimbursements	217.69	38.02	255.71
105358	British Gas	Gas - Heritage Centre	432.34	21.61	453.95
105359	MKM	Cemetery Supplies	169.50	33.90	203.40
105360	Durham County Council	Fuel	50.69	10.14	60.83
105361	JAC's Accountancy Limited	Payroll Services - October 2017	14.00	2.80	16.80
Internet Banking	npower	Electric- Heritage Centre	196.92	9.85	206.77
Internet Banking	Payroll	Wages - October 2017	4086.13		4086.13
Internet	HMRC/DCC	PAYE/Pension - October 2017	2535.60		2535.60

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Direct	British Telecom	Telephone/Internet	44.91	8.98	53.89
Debit					
Direct	Information Commission	Data Protection Registration	35.00		35.00
Debit					
Invoice 5	Co-Op Bank	Service and Commission Charges	8.90		8.90
			TOTAL	8,198.40	125.30
					8,323.70

11 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Clerk advised there was nothing to report.

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