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THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF HEALEYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY 30th JANUARY 2025

Present: Cllr. A Pearson (Chair), Cllr. J Robson, Cllr. K Spencer and Cllr. A Wallace.
Mr. I Robson (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.07 p.m.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. K. Piggott – It was **Resolved** to accept the apology.

Cllrs. M. McGaun & D. Oliver

2. Declarations of Interest

None received

3. Agree minutes of the previous meeting

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28th November 2024 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 6th January 2025 be accepted as a true and correct records.

4. Public Participation

3 members of the public were in attendance, and 2 spoke regarding item 10d.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair thanked those who helped take down the Christmas Lights.

Following the passing of David Dixon in December 2024, the chair wished to recognise the significant contribution made by David Dixon to both, the Parish Council, and the local community, for which he was awarded Honorary Freeman in 2024.

6. County Councillor Report

County Cllrs. offered their apologies for the meeting.

7. Correspondence

- a. Go North East – Response to enquiry regarding buses not turning up.

It was **Resolved** to monitor the situation.

- b. Resident – St John's Church Bus Shelter

The clerk advised that DCC have advised an installation date of 18th February for the new bus shelter, and that this has been passed onto the resident.

It was **Resolved** to receive the correspondence and the update from the clerk.

- c. Resident – Planning Application DM/24/01752/FPA - Agricultural Building South Of Irthingvale Farm

It was **Resolved** to receive the correspondence and to discuss under item 10d.

d. Resident – Horse & Groom email to County Councillors

It was **Resolved** to respond to the resident advising that the Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting on 6th January 2025 and as a result has objected to the planning application and has expressed its' support in retaining the property as it is.

e. Durham Police via Cllr. D. Oliver – Mobile Speed Camera Enforcement report.

It was **Resolved** to receive the correspondence.

8. Clerk's Report

a. The clerk reported the following:

- Booked onto Parish Council Elections 2025' presentation – March 4th
- CDALC planning on running a New Councillor Training session on Tuesday 27th May (6pm - 8pm) via Zoom – booking not yet available.
- Shared the Election Timetable for 2025
- New Website is up and running and continues to be configured.
- New gov.uk email address details shared with Councillors outside the meeting.

It was **Resolved** to receive the Clerk's report.

b. Matter for Information

It was **Resolved** to receive the updates provided.

9. Finance

a. Accounts for Payment

Income

Ref	Date	Description	Supplier	Budget Category	Amount
347	09/12/2024	Interest Gross	Instant Access Account	Bank Interest	-£ 14.12
348	09/01/2025	Interest Gross	Instant Access Account	Bank Interest	-£ 13.34

Payments

Ref	Date	Description	Supplier	Budget Category	Net	VAT	Total
349	27/12/2024	HP Instant Ink	HP Instant Ink	Administration	£ 4.57	£ 0.92	£ 5.49
350	02/12/2024	ICO Renewal	Information Commissioner's Office	Administration	£ 35.00	£ -	£ 35.00
351	05/01/2025	2025 Room Hire & Extra Jan meeting	Castleside Village Hall	Meetings	£ 210.00	£ -	£ 210.00
352	24/01/2025	Pyramid Storage and Transport 2023 & 2024	Mark Dixon	Grounds Maintenance	£ 400.00	£ -	£ 400.00
353	24/01/2025	Christmas Lights electric donation	St John's Church	Donations	£ 30.00	£ -	£ 30.00
354	24/01/2025	Christmas Lights switch on donation	Consett Brass	Donations	£ 30.00	£ -	£ 30.00
355	27/11/2024	Mince Pies - Christmas Lighting event	Morrisons & Tesco	Parish Events	£ 9.20	£ -	£ 9.20
356	27/11/2024	Hosted Exchange Email account	A-Byte Computer Solutions Ltd	Administration	£ 7.00	£ 1.40	£ 8.40
357	26/11/2024	HP Instant Ink	HP Instant Ink	Administration	£ 4.57	£ 0.92	£ 5.49
358	26/01/2025	HP Instant Ink	HP Instant Ink	Administration	£ 4.57	£ 0.92	£ 5.49
		Staff Costs					
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360		Staff Costs - January 2025		Staff Costs	£ 527.08	£ -	£ 527.08

It was **Resolved** to approve the accounts for payment for January 2025.

10. Planning Applications

- a. DM/24/03191/FPA - Mr & Mrs John & Val Shaw - Hownsgill Farm, Consett, DH8 9AA

Change of use of a building (formerly a 'bunk barn') to a dwelling

It was **Resolved** to make no comment on this application.

- b. DM/24/03084/FPA - Mr Chris Vine - 2 Watergate Road, Castleside, Consett, DH8 9QS

Detached garage/gym, porch. two storey side extension and outbuilding to accommodate a sauna.

It was **Resolved** to make no comment on this application.

- c. NATTRAN/NE/S247/5768 - Dept for Transport - Bridleway 47

Stopping Up of a part of Bridleway 47 to enable development to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted by Durham County Council

It was **Resolved** to make a comment regarding ensuring that the diversion bridleway is in place prior to the existing bridleway being closed, and that the diversion route remains classified as a bridleway going forward.

- d. DM/24/01752/FPA - Mr Bryn Hilton - Agricultural Building South Of Irthingvale Farm, Outputs Lane, Knitsley, DH8 9EX

Conversion of existing agricultural building to provide 1no. single-storey dwelling including associated access and landscaping works.

It was **Resolved** to respond to the planning application expressing the council's concern regarding the potential loss of the property and the agricultural land for use as a small holding.

11. Parish Event Planning

- a. Litter Pick – Saturday 12th April 2025

It was **Resolved** to prepare for this event, including booking the Village Hall.

- b. VE Day 80th Celebration – Saturday 10th May 2025

It was **Resolved** to discuss the planning of this event outside the meeting and to bring any decisions back to the council for consideration.

- c. Castleside Show – Saturday 16th August 2025

It was **Resolved** to discuss the planning of this event outside the meeting and to bring any decisions back to the council for consideration.

12. Christmas Lights 2025

It was **Resolved** to investigate the installation of a power supply in St John's Church Garden to provide power to the lights, with awareness of the permission required from St John's Church and the Church of England Faculty.

13. Bench near Cenotaph

It was **Resolved** to contact Durham County Council regarding the maintenance of the bench with a view to it being refurbished.

14. St John's Church Bus Stop Shelter

It was **Resolved** to accept the clerk's update regarding the bus shelter scheduled to be replaced on 18th February 2025.

15. Date of the next Ordinary Meeting

It was **Resolved** that the date and time of the next meeting is **Thursday 27th February 2025**.

Meeting ended at 8.57 pm

Chair

Date