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THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF HEALEYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2025

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.04 p.m.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. J Robson – It was **Resolved** to accept the proactive apology for a late arrival.

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 30th January 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Public Participation

1 member of the public was in attendance and spoke during item 12 at the Chair's request.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair advised it had been a quiet month this month with nothing specific to report.

6. County Councillor Report

County Cllr. M McGaun reported the following:

- Lumiere – the national commissioning scheme that invites people to create a new light work to form part of Lumiere Durham is back. Further details can be found on the DCC website... Latest News section.
- DLI Museum - Vision for the future of DLI Museum and Art Gallery. Further details can be found on the DCC website... Latest News section.
- DCC is cracking down on Fly tipping with fines being issued.
- Food safety inspections occurring through the County with fines being imposed where necessary.
- Consett Empire Theatre – a consultation is being requested regarding a proposed reduction in opening hours due to low attendances.
- Subsidised pest control available for Durham residents.
- Bishop Auckland food festival – new chefs announced

7. Correspondence

- a. Durham County Council Civic Pride Team – Big Spring Clean

It was **Resolved** to advise the Civic Pride Team about the parish litter pick which will occur on the 26th April.

b. Keep Britain Tidy – 10th Great British Spring Clean

It was **Resolved** to advise Keep Britain Tidy about the parish litter pick which will occur on the 26th April.

c. Citizen – Enquiry as to location of 8 Mill Bottom, Healeyfield.

Cllr. A Wallace investigated the address and provided information which was passed onto the citizen.

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

8. Clerk's Report

a. The clerk reported the following:

- DCC Bereavement Services has agreed to give the bench near the Cenotaph a 'spruce up', and the bench was removed on 17th February for this work to occur.
- Church Street replacement bus sheltered installed on 18th February.

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

b. 2025 Policy Review Schedule

- The Clerk proposed a schedule to review 14 Policy & Procedure documents over seven months, equating to two per month.

It was **Resolved** to accept the proposal.

c. Matter for Information

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

9. Finance

a. Accounts for Payment

Bank Balances - Community Account	£ 327.42
Instant Access Account	<u>£ 16,332.50</u>
Total	£ 16,659.92

Last month Cllr. Spencer reviewed the Bank Reconciliation and Bank Statements, in line with Financial Regulations Para 2.6, and no exceptions were noted.

Income

Ref	Date	Description	Supplier	Budget Category	Amount
362	10/02/2025	Interest Gross	Instant Access Account	Bank Interest	-£ 13.42
364	17/02/2025	VE 80th Grant	Durham County Council	Parish Projects	-£ 1,998.00
365	18/02/2025	Rejected - St John's Church Hall	St John's Church Hall	Donations	-£ 30.00

Payments

Ref	Date	Description	Supplier	Budget Category	Net	VAT	Total
361	03/02/2025	Storage	Grove Methodist Church	Donations	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00
363	13/02/2025	Mobile Phone Top Up	GiffGaff	Administration	£ 8.34	£ 1.66	£ 10.00
366	19/02/2025	Christmas Lights electric donation	St John's Church	Donations	£ 30.00	£ -	£ 30.00
		Staff Costs					
367		Staff Costs - February 2025		Staff Costs	£ 527.80	£ -	£ 527.80
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It was **Resolved** to approve the accounts for payment for February 2025.

10. Planning Applications

None Received

11. Parish Event Planning

a. Litter Pick – Saturday 12th April 2025

The Clerk advised that agreement has been reached with the Village Hall to hold the Litter Pick on 26th April, outside the VH, and for litter pickers to be provided a voucher for refreshments within the existing craft fair and coffee morning.

Cllr. K Spencer advised that the litter pick equipment has been booked with Durham County Council.

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

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

The clerk reported that the Club has been provisionally booked, and that a DJ is being sourced.

The Clerk advised that the Fish & Chips have been provisionally booked.

It was **Resolved** to proceed with the event as planned and continue making preparations.

c. Castleside Show

It was **Resolved** to defer this event until August 2026 to give sufficient time for planning and engagement to take place.

It was **Resolved** to create a Working Group to lead the planning and community engagement, and for this to commence in May 2025.

Cllr. J Robson joined the meeting at 7.58 pm

12. Speeding within Castleside Village

It was **Resolved** to encourage residents to report speeding within the village to Consett Police on 0345 606 0365 to ensure that the speeding issue is correctly represented within the Police data.

It was **Resolved** to ensure that the Derwent Valley Speed Watch volunteering opportunity is advertised within the parish, and to ensure that the Police liaison contact details are available on both, the noticeboards, and the website.

13. Condition of village ‘gates’ on A68

It was **Resolved** to paint the gates, once the wood has dried out, as an interim measure to improve the appearance of these gates.

14. Date of the next Ordinary Meeting

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

Meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Chair

Date