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THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF HEALEYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2026

Present: Cllr. A Pearson (Chair), Cllr. J Robson, Cllr. S Langlands, Cllr. A Wallace and County Cllr. D Haney
Mr. I Robson (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.01 p.m.

1. **Apologies for Absence**
   None received

2. **Declarations of Interest**
   None received

3. **Agree minutes of the previous meeting**
   RESOLVED That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 24th September 2026 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. **Public Participation**
   1 member of the public was in attendance.

5. **Chair's Report**
   The Chair reported that a stakeholder meeting was held to capture lessons learnt from the recent village festival. The feedback was positive with many good points raised for consideration for next year's event which is scheduled for the 18th September 2027. Remembrance Parade is on Sunday 8th November, with the parade departing at 2.40pm, from St John's Church with the service being held 3pm.

6. **County Councillor's Report**
   County Cllr. D Haney provided the following report:
   - Majority party in Durham County Council is now down to a majority of 1.
   - Health committee update
     - Sepsis improvements – hitting targets for administering anti-biotics.
     - Breast surgery 'scandal' – called for public inquiry & for Newcastle Health Trust to take it over.
     - Shotley Bridge Hospital – business case not yet signed off.
   - Happy to support with Castleside Primary School Defibrillator cabinet.

   RESOLVED to receive, with thanks, the County Councillors report

7. **Correspondence**
   a. Consett and surrounding areas Local Network Team – £100,000 funding pot to support prevention of homelessness.

   RESOLVED to forward the correspondence to Castleside Village Hall.

8. **Clerk's Report**
   The Council received the clerk's written report prior to the meeting.

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RESOLVED to receive the clerks' report.

RESOLVED to invite the Local Network team to the next Parish Council meeting.

9. Finance

a. Accounts for Payment

See *Appendix A* for a detailed list of all authorised payments

RESOLVED To approve the accounts for payment for October 2026, as listed in Appendix A.

Bank Balances as of 19th October 2026

Account	Balance
Community Account	£ 692.31
Instant Access Account	£ 11,899.32
Hinckley & Rugby 45 Day	£ 15,000.00
TOTAL	**£ 27,591.63**

b. 2027/28 Draft Budget initial review

RESOLVED To receive the draft budget.

RESOLVED To record the intention to limit any increase in the precept for 2027/28 to 3%, or less.

10. Planning Applications

Application Number	Applicant	Location	Proposal
DM/26/02124/FPA	Sarah-Ann Baxter	Land To The South-West Of Castle Croft, Front Street, Castleside, Consett, DH8 9AR	Retrospective change of use to dog exercise area, installation of dog enrichment equipment, rubber mesh matting, timber shelter and enclosed parking area
RESOLVED to make no comment on this item.			

11. Parish Event Planning

a. Castleside Remembrance Day Parade & Service – 8th November 2026
b. Christmas Lights Switch-on – 26th November 2026
c. 2027 Village Festival – determine event date and planning approach.

RESOLVED:

a. To receive the updates regarding the above.

12. Parish Newsletter – October production

RESOLVED to receive the update from Cllr. Robson.

13. Parish Survey by Councillors

RESOLVED for Cllr's Robson & Langlands to bring their survey to next month's meeting.

14. Parish Bench Maintenance

RESOLVED to move this item to the January meeting.

15. Miners Tub

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RESOLVED to move this to the next meeting.

16. **Parish Council representation on Durham County Council's (DCC) Local Network (LN) 4 - Consett and surrounding areas**

    RESOLVED to discuss this at next month's meeting, following the presentation by the Local Network team.

17. **Date of the next Ordinary Meeting**

    RESOLVED That the date and time of the next meeting be **Thursday 3rd December 2026 at 7pm in St Johns Church Community Room**.

    Meeting ended at 8.22 pm

Chair …….. Date ……..

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Appendix A: List of authorised payments

Ref	Date	Supplier	Description	Net £	VAT £	Gross £
582	27/09/2026	HP Instant Ink	HP Instant Ink	5.41	1.08	6.49
583	21/09/2026	Lloyds Bank	Lloyds Bank Account Charge	4.25	-	4.25
584	01/10/2026	SLCC	SLCC Membership Fees	158.00	-	158.00
585	14/10/2026	CDALC	New Councillor Training	20.00	-	20.00
586	08/10/2026	GiffGaff	Mobile Phone Top Up	8.34	1.66	10.00
587	29/10/2026	I Robson	Salary - Oct 2026	450.20	-	450.20
588	29/10/2026	HMRC	HMRC Employer Payment	134.47	-	134.47
589	22/10/2026	Castleside Village Hall	2026 Festival Donation	100.00	-	100.00
590	22/10/2026	Castleside Primary School	2026 Festival Donation	100.00	-	100.00
591	22/10/2026	1st Castleside Scout Group	2026 Festival Donation	50.00	-	50.00
592	12/10/2026	Durham County Council	PC contribution to Village Gates	2,346.00	469.20	2,815.20

Chair initials ……..