



**THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
THE HEALEYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2022**

Present:

Councillor A. Pearson (Chair)

Councillors J. Robson, A. Wallace, D. Dixon, A. Hird, K. Spencer

Durham County Councillor D. Oliver

L. Standish (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) Joined via ZOOM due to severe weather prediction

1. Apologies for Absence

Durham County Councillor M. McGaun, personal circumstances

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public Participation (Item 12 Heritage Walk)

Kieran Young addressed the meeting and discussed The Heritage Walk processes. 5 walks have already created and are awaiting funding to create more. The intention is to create 100 collectable walks within County Durham. The walks will be between 3 to 8 miles long and should take between 4 to 8 hours to complete. These will link up different parts of County Durham. The intention is to involve the local community and schools etc and bring commerce to the local area. Assistance is required obtaining stories, antidotes, history regarding the local area and any route suggestions. Farmers will be consulted, respected and considerations given when planning the routes. Various routes were discussed and members advised that they are in the process of compiling a list of local walks in Castleside, an article will be in our next newsletter edition. It is a positive for this area and the project has the approval and support of the parish council

4. Chairman's Report

Cllr Pearson had a meeting with the village hall with respect to the following points:

a. Jubilee weekend

b. Displaying photographs. The village hall is happy to display some photographs but to be displayed on a display system rather than fixed to the walls.

c. Village hall car park. Emails have been received stating that the licence is between Northumbrian Water and Derwentside District Council, now Durham County Council, which is due to expire. Durham County Council have stated the licence should be between Northumbrian Water and the village hall. The question was posed as to

why Durham County Council cannot just renew the licence, County Councillors advised they would support our request.

5. Confirmed Minutes Ordinary Meeting held on 24 February 2022 AGREED

6. County Councillor Report

Cllr Oliver advised that the council are supporting the Ukraine crisis and 61 people have connected with refugees, if anyone would like to host information can be passed on to the Accommodation Team, and there is translation support. Customer access points have reopened. No report has been received from PCSO. Karbon Homes have a vacant property in Castleside which has had numerous complaints from residents. Karbon are in the process of renovating the property and hope to rehouse tenants shortly.

7. Correspondence

- a. 04.03.22 email from DCCstreetworkspermitscheme@durham.gov.uk regarding the jubilee, which the clerk forwarded on to members 11.03.22. Clerk to forward the "Do it Online" link to Cllr Pearson, as the clerk does not have all the information to complete the application.
- b. 08.03.22 email from Village Hall with scheduled classes to go in our next newsletter – forwarded to AEP 08.03.22
- c. 18.03.22 email Brunopeek – forwarded to members 18.03.22 lighting of the beacon 9.45 not 9.15
- d. 10.03.22 email from Lanchester Parish Council which will be discussed in item13

8. Finance

1. **Accounts for payment** – No Items over £100. A-Byte forwarded a statement and 2 invoices outstanding which have been on our uncleared list for some time and the cheques have since expired. These have been replaced by cheque 000109. 2021/22 pay agreement was an overall increase of 1.75% and has been paid in this month's salary, backdated April 21 March 22. Cheques have already been prepared and mileage claimed, which will be deducted from next month's salary.
Total payments made = £475.80
2. **Account balance Summary Update** – The current Lloyds bank balance = £19,620.56 (see bank statement)
Less £476.87 payments yet to be paid (see the payments sheet) = the balance to Healeyfield Parish council £19,143.69 (see reconciliation sheet)

9. Clerks Report

- a. Newsletter received was Autumn 2019, the last newsletter on the website is Autumn 2020, AH emailed saying Jackie at the village hall had requested a copy of our last newsletter sent out 2021. Cllr Pearson to forward a copy to the clerk.
- b. County Councillor's chased the bus stop replacement, as per our last meeting, email was forwarded to Cllr Pearson 09.03.22 advising it would be the new style bus stop as it's replacement due to the cost. Cllr Oliver to contact and challenge County Council regarding the cost, contractors and design. The cost is unacceptable and the design is not in keeping with the surrounding area.
- c. Applications were forwarded to the village hall for the litter pick, which was booked for 9 April, Now changed to 21 May 2022, clerk updated the website and contacted the village hall which is fine as long as vacate by 12.30 as they have another booking. The village hall is already booked 25 September the village hall asked if we could do Saturday 24 September. Clerk to enquire if 2 October is available
- d. I asked Mike to chase the overgrown verge between Beeches Lane to Brookside Cottage, as I received no reply.

- e. Letter of complaint regarding Consett Road was sent and is currently in hand with Durham County Council.
- f. Beacon Traffic Management have been hired for 02.06.22, they need a map of the location with closure points, to confirm. Cllr Wallace to forward details to Cllr Pearson and clerk.
- g. AGAR forms have now been received for end of year.
- h. Confidential items to be discussed
- i. I asked Mike to also chase the CCTV pole, Durham County Council emailed back 10.03.22

Good afternoon Cllr McGaun

Northern Powergrid attended site on Monday 7th March to disconnect the power supply and when on site identified that the electric supply is fed via a private looped service from street lighting Column no 320 which we were unaware of as this was a legacy camera from Derwentside Council.

We have contacted DCC street lighting team to arrange disconnection ASAP to which we are waiting confirmation on when the street lighting team can attend site and disconnect.

As soon as I have this confirmed I will provide you with a further update.

Regards Julie

10. Planning applications

Weekley List 14 March

DM/22/00445/FPA

Mr John Lister

Land Opposite Entrance to Dyke Nook Farm Outputs Lane Knitsley DH8 9ET

Erection of a timber stable with alterations to existing access and track

Lanchester Healeyfield Gemma Heron Delegated.

Clerk responded to planning 17.03.22 - in favour on condition that it is in keep with the local surroundings, subtle colours

Weekley List 21 March

DM/22/00533/FPA

Mr John Thompson

Shangri La 26 Church Street Castleside Consett DH8 9QW

New entrance porch and detached garage to dwelling

Lanchester Healeyfield Chloe Robinson Delegated

No comment - RESOLVED

11. Outstanding Items

Items 5, 13, and 17 were RESOLVED, other items are ongoing.

12. Heritage Walk

Concluded in item 3.

13. Solar Planet Route Lanchester Parish Council

It was RESOLVED that the clerk reply to Lanchester parish council advising that Healeyfield parish council support the project but question the inclusion of Pluto as it was declassified as a planet.

14. Parish Path and Woods Review

Community planting took place 12 and 19 March and the new woodland has been officially named Drovers Wood

15. Parish Bench Review

Councillor Wallace forwarded a specification of works report to member and it was AGREED to approve the content of the report. Details of works requested to be forwarded to the clerk to contact contractors.

16. Planting Wildflowers

This item has been deferred to a later date until funding comes available.

17. Queens Jubilee Review

The village hall is happy to help out with Sunday's events.

- a. Thursday. Fireworks site visit to be arranged, food van hired, Beacon lighting 9.45, 10.15 fireworks. Clerk to contact St Johns Ambulance to attend (2) 8.45-10.45pm
- b. Friday. No movement.
- c. Saturday. It was RESOLVED that ticket cost will be £7.00, the programme is to be arranged.
- d. Sunday. Risk Assessment to include a COVID Reference I.e., open windows, sanitise hands etc. It was suggested a fancy-dress competition, royal themed. It was RESOLVED that the parish council will pay for a face painter and "bring your own food"

It was AGREED that Total Merchandise be appointed as the contractor for the production of 375 Jubilee China mugs RESOLVED.

18. Date of Next Ordinary Meeting

28 April 2022 at 7pm. Meeting Closed 9.08pm

19. Confidential Items

2 items raised

Signed Cllr A Pearson Chair of the Council