

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Virtual Mode via ZOOM, on Thursday 3rd December 2020.

Parish Councillors present:-

Cllr Graham Wylie. (Chairman), Cllr Peter Foster, Cllr Elaine Hedley;
Cllr Janine Forster, Cllr Lynn Wylie, Cllr Bree Stamp, Cllr Sam Ring-Viney, Cllr David Crisp,
Cllr Peter Willis.

Also

Cllr Lorraine Tostevin, Cllr Christy Chou, Peter Allan (Parish Clerk).

364. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Amanda Oughton, Cllr Dorothy Oughton.

365. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lynn Wylie – HCA
Cllr Crisp - Allotments

366. Chairman's Address

The Chairman welcomed all who were attending and explained briefly how the meeting would proceed via ZOOM.

- a. Council vacancy - the Chairman informed the meeting that the Council vacancy is currently being advertised, and that two candidates have applied as at today (3rd December).

367. Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November were accepted by the Council, proposed by Cllr Graham Wylie and seconded by Cllr Hedley.

368. Guest Speaker. Matthew Day, Playground Designer, Darlington Borough Council.

Cllr Bree introduced Mr Day, and said that he has spent a lot of time designing the totally refurbished playground at Hurworth Grange. The design has been drawn up using the feedback from the survey carried out in the Parish. It is designed to take advantage of the area available, and to ensure that it meets the highest safety commitments.

Mr Day presented the new design with a picture showing the complete lay-out and each individual piece of equipment.

In addition to the playground items, there will be a clock to encourage learning skills, which includes braille and sign language.

The new playground items include a new swing configuration and a Uni-Play unit.

The emphasis is on greater excitement while observing the safety of the children.

The base of the equipment will be on a surface of rubber matting, which provides a solid base but allows grass to grow through it. Mr Day stated that eighty percent of new playgrounds use this material.

The access into the playground will have a hard-core foundation, which will provide a solid pathway suitable for wheelchairs.

The existing equipment is going to be used and form part of the new design layout.

Cllr Stamp said that the Grange was an ideal location for the village playground as it offers toilet facilities, wide pathways, and bench seats for parents.

Cllr Stamp reported that the survey ‘asked for’ more climbing and more danger. The new playground addresses these requests, but also provides appropriate safety measures. A Cone Climber is going to be added to the configuration.

In the discussion which followed, questions were raised about signage, additional bench seating, and concern over older youths damaging the equipment and the cost of the project.

Cllr Stamp reported that, although Darlington Borough Council could not financially support a second playground, they will be able to support this existing location. Also now that the second playground has been rejected, the Section 106 funding can be redirected to fund this project.

It is expected that the total cost will be in the region of £40,000.

It was agreed that HPC will display the new design on the community notice boards, so all residents can see what is being planned.

Cllr Stamp thanked Mr Day for his efforts in designing the playground and for addressing the Council this evening.

9. Public Participation

No topics raised by the public.

370. Planning Applications

1. Cllr Ring-Viney submitted the following report regarding planning applications in the month of November 2020.

Planning applications 05/11/2020-03/12/2020				
1	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments
	28/10/2020	03/11/2020	20/01013/FUL	None
Address	Land Off Roundhill Road Hurworth Moor DARLINGTON			
About	Redesign of layout (subject to planning permission 17/01194/OUT and 18/00460/RM1) affecting 40 no. plots and resulting in the erection of 5 no. additional dwellings			
2	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments
	04/11/2020	04/11/2020	20/01039/FUL	neighbour will be able to see over hedge
Address	1 Burma Road Hurworth Moor DARLINGTON DL2 1QF			
About	Erection of outbuilding to rear of property			
3	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments
	03/11/2020	12/11/2020	20/01032/FUL	None
Address	7 Bryan Close HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2AS			
About	Erection of single storey extension to side elevation including replacing flat roof with sloping pitched roof			
	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments

4	09/11/2020	13/11/2020	20/01053/NMA	None
Address	Springfield Farm Croft Road DARLINGTON DL2 2SD			
About	Non Material Amendment of planning permission 20/00502/FUL dated 21 August 2020 (Erection of double garage with pellet store) to permit changes to remove linked walkway between garage and pellet store and remove shingles It is proposed to remove the shingles element of the drawing. There was previously a walkway between the garage & pellet store which is now redundant as the garage will be against the boundary fence.			
5	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments
	24/11/2020	24/11/2020	20/01128/TFC	None
Address	44 The Green HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2AA			
About	Notification to carry out works to 1 no. Willow tree (T1) in a designated conservation area - prune back overhanging branches in telephone wires upto 30%			

The Chairman asked Ward Cllr Tostevin for an update on the two sites on Neasham Road and Burma Road.

Site One: Cllr Tostevin reported that DBC has taken out an Enforcement Notice which has been served on the site applicant. At present there is discussion with the land owner about permission to build on the land. The Enforcement Notice is been appealed and the matter is going to go through a lengthy dispute, and there could be a delay in the site being cleared.

Site Two: Cllr Tostevin reported that the developer has constructed an entrance to the site. This appears to have been done to show how access will be handled, and to assist acceptance of the application. Again this work has been carried out without planning permission, and DBC has asked the developer to remove the structure.

371. Tree Report

Cllr Foster said that there was nothing to report.

Cllr Foster also reported that a meeting had been held with a resident, and that he agreed with the principles which were discussed and that the Council intend to review the HPC Tree Policy, particularly with regard to 'duty of care' requests. **Action required.**

372. Allotment Report

Cllr David Crisp reported as follows:-

The skip was well used by the allotment holders as they cleared their plots for the winter period.

The new notice board is now installed.

Everything is in good order, and an Allotment Committee Meeting will be convened as soon as the Government regulations permit the gathering.

373. Open Spaces & EPICH Report

Cllr Lynn Wylie reported as follows:-

Open Spaces Report – December 2020

Nothing to report.

EPICH Report – December 2020

Due to Tier 3 restrictions, after Lockdown, the group have decided to not go ahead with the December meeting and hope to meet up early in the New Year.

Planning for 2021 is going on behind the scene; members will be kept up to date via email.

374. Playground and Youth Affairs

Cllr Stamp reported that she had nothing further to report, as it had been covered during the Playground discussion.

375. Highways and Traffic Report

Cllr Hedley reported:-

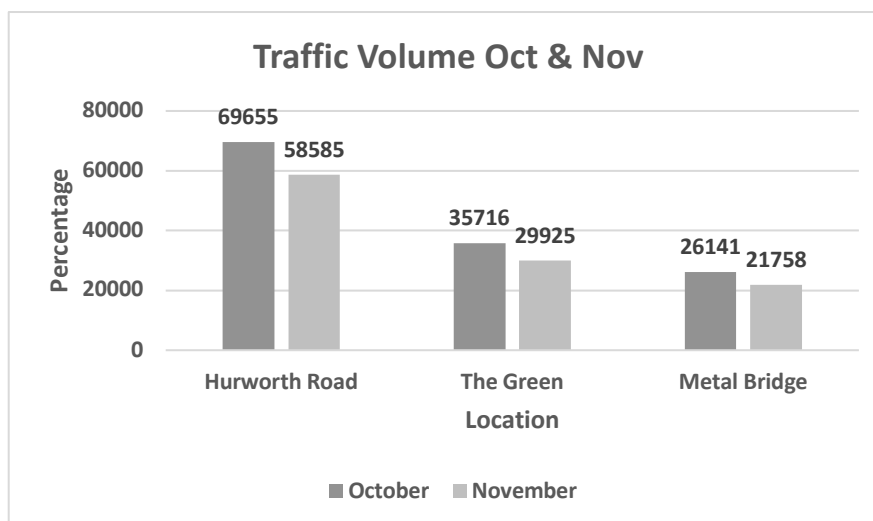
a. SpeedWatch

Due to lockdown there were no SpeedWatch sessions in November.

b. Traffic Statistics

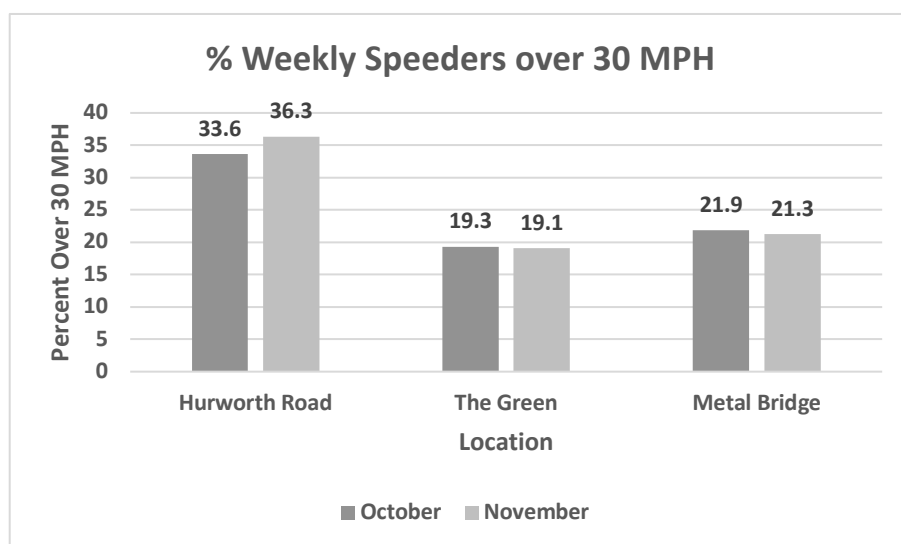
November Traffic Report

The re-introduction of lockdown in early November has resulted in reduced traffic flow in all three locations:



Hurworth Road Down by 16%, The Green Down by 16.2% and Metal Bridge Down by 16.8%

The percentages of weekly speeders doing over 30 MPH at each location is shown on the next chart:



Apart from a slight increase on Hurworth Road the percentage of speeders remains much the same in November as it was in October.

Full details of traffic statistics can be found at: www.hurworthonline.com

The new speed monitors are due to arrive shortly, one will be located on Hurworth Road and the other on Roundhill Road. The existing monitor from Hurworth Road will be relocated to Linden Court.

376. Matters of Interest

The Chairman declared that some Councillors have expressed concern that he, as Chairman of the Council and also the Treasurer of HCA, could be construed as a conflict of interest. With this in mind he announced that he was stepping down as Treasurer of HCA but will remain on their Management Committee. A new Treasurer has come forward.

377. Police Report

No report has been received from the Police this month.

378. Accounts for Payment

The Schedule of Accounts for Payment for November 2020, having been distributed to all Councillors has been accepted as no Councillors raised a query.

Hurworth Parish Council - Accounts Payable November 2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DBC grit bin filling	103456	Grit for roads	424.27
Peter Akers	103457	Allotment grass cutting full year	260.00
All Saints Church	103458	Section 137 award	300.00
A C Metals	103459	Skip hire	228.00
HCA	103460	Bin bags	22.20
Little Stars	103461	Section 137 award	300.00
Poppy Appeal	103462	Remembrance ceremony	170.00
G Wylie	103463	Posters	10.08

HCA	103164	Church newsletter	60.00
P D Allan exs	103465	Printer cartridges & files	98.88
A lles salary	103466	Salary	479.60
P D Allan salary	103467	Salary	721.80
Mazars audit fee	103468	Audit fee	360.00
inland Revenue	103469	PAYE	127.20
Barclays Bank	DD	Bank charges	2.30

Total Expenses payable for November 2020

3564.33

379. Financial report

The Financial report to 30th November 2020 has been distributed to all Councillors, prior to the meeting date, and no queries have been raised.

Financial Report to 31st October 2020										Ringfenced funds £12,499					
	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Total	Yer to Date	Budget 2020-21
Revenue															
Precapt	59000												59000	59000	59000
Litter Picker & VAT refund		3189			100	2950						2950	9189	6239	9000
Rent, interest & sundry			19		100	30			30			330	509	149	500
Grants, Recovery of legal costs				340		4200	650						5190	5190	2000
Allotment rent										620	540		1160	0	1180
Total Revenue for month	59000	3189	19	340	200	7180	650	0	30	620	540	3280	75048	70578	71680
Expenditure															
Salaries & NH	1538	1228	1329	1438	1329	1328	1437	1350	1350	1450	1350	1350	16477	9627	16600
Gen. Admin Expenses	958	192	1106	79	122	80	193	700	400	300	400	300	4830	2730	5000
Trees		2366	148	353	0	1224	693	350	500	750	400	400	7164	4764	7500
Open Spaces & EPICH			82		1000	0	44	120	700	600	1100	750	4306	1126	7000
Section 137	800	317	0	1310		2992	3710	300	500	400	100	4000	14429	9129	10500
Projects			40		133	212	92	5400	1800	3000	650	800	12127	477	12000
Legal Costs & training		500				0	0	200	20	0	200		920	500	1500
Newsletters & notices			254		60	60	60	850	120	90	850	170	2514	434	3400
Paths/ Walks/ Heritage Trail		54		40		0	0	50	300	200		200	844	94	2000
Allotments			15	300	0	234	125	180	100	100	80	120	1254	674	1250
Highways						0		320	120	310		125	875	0	1000
Handyman			160	110	0	100	0		160	120	90	70	810	370	1200
Capital & N Plan			18		259				0	259			536	277	1518
VAT	25	287	48	76	0	18	30	800	120	120	150	190	1844	484	1600
Total Disbursements	3521	4944	3200	3686	2905	6248	6384	10620	6190	7699	5350	8475	69020	30686	72068
Revenue less Expenses	55679	-1755	-3181	-3346	-2705	932	-5734	-10620	-6160	-7079	-4810	-5195	6028		-3888
Funds in Hand less ring fenced	45,422	101101	99346	96165	92819	90116	91048	85314	74694	68534	61455	56645	51450		
Revenue less expenses	55,679	-1,755	-3,181	-3,346	-2,703	932	-5,734	-10,620	-6,160	-7,079	-4,810	-5,195	12,499		Ring
Balance Forward	101101	99346	96165	92819	90116	91048	85314	74694	68534	61455	56645	51450	63949		fenced

380. Association Reports

a. Hurworth Community Association Report – December 2020

Due to Lockdown, there have been no meetings in November, so nothing to report.

The meeting finished at 7:40 pm.