#### **Hurworth Parish Council**

# Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held at Hurworth Grange on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

## Parish Councillors present:-

Cllr Graham Wylie. (Chairman), Cllr David Crisp, Cllr Peter Foster, Cllr Elaine Hedley, Cllr Sam Ring-Viney, Cllr Lynn Wylie, Cllr Amanda Oughton, Cllr Dorothy Oughton,

#### Also

Cllr Tostevin, Peter Allan (Parish Clerk) and six members of the public attended this meeting.

# **309.** Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Janine Forster, Cllr Bree Stamp, Cllr Chou,

## 310. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Crisp – Allotments Cllr Lynn Wylie - HCA

#### 311. Chairman's Address

- The Chair, Cllr Graham Wylie opened the meeting, by welcoming all the Councillors and members of the public attending the meeting, and drew attention to the distancing regulations. No agendas were handed out.
- Council vacancies. The period of advertising the vacancies, having passed, the Council is permitted to co-opt two replacement Councillors. Two candidates have expressed their interest. Following an interview, Mrs Julie Coulton accepted the offer to become a Parish Councillor, and we have pleasure in Registering her Acceptance this evening. Julie Coulton signed the Register of Acceptance, countersigned by the Parish Clerk, and joined the other Councillors at the meeting.
- **312. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020** were accepted by the Council, Proposed by Cllr Foster and Seconded by Cllr Lynn Wylie.

## 313. Public Participation

a. A resident expressed considerable concern about the amount of additional traffic visiting the Westfield Drive estate.

This is largely due to the football matches and practice session on the HACSA field. Vehicles are being parked on the green area of Manorfield and also on the pavements, with the occasional blocking of resident's drives.

It appreciated that HACSA have an agreement which allows vehicles to be parked in the priory School private car park, but the capacity of this car park and the HACSA ground car park is not adequate to host the increasing supporter traffic, which the football teams are attracting. The Chairman agreed to look at ways to protect the green area, and to have further dialogue with the HACSA management.

In addition to the surplus traffic, there is also concern about the speed of some vehicles driving at excessive speeds in a built up resident estate, with young children and animals.

This traffic appears to be taxies and parents taking and collecting children from the schools situated on Westfield Drive.

Cllr Hedley commented that the road is too short for a radar trap to be operated and SpeedWatch would have a similar problem.

It was generally agreed that speed bumps would not be a welcomed solution. The chairman agreed that the Council would give consideration to possible antidotes.

b. Two residents expressed their concern about the latest version of the Darlington Plan, and how this could affect the number of houses which will be built in Hurworth in the future.

Their main concerns are with regard to the planning for access from their home and business up a private track that was still highlighted as potentially available for building opportunities. They questioned what the point of the plan was, if it was only valid for five years, and this left uncertainty beyond that period. They stated that they wanted this section of the Plan to be removed and asked how this could be addressed.

Ward Councillor Tostevin addressed the meeting, in response to this and similar comments which have been noted.

The DBC Local Plan is currently in the 'consultation phase' and individuals and councils have the opportunity to submit their views, concerns and suggestions.

The present Plan for Hurworth includes the construction of 655 houses. The Bellway and Miller Homes estate account for 190 of this allocation.

The recent application, which is being processed, is for the construction of up to 700 houses on the site opposite the Darlington Arena. Part of this area is within Hurworth Parish, with the rest being within Darlington. The Hurworth area will absorb approximately 375 houses, which will embrace thirty percent of Affordable Housing, Council houses and private houses.

Many residents think that this particular location is actually within Darlington, and is not recognised as part of Hurworth Parish, so there has been very little opposition. It is unlikely that the residents of the new Arena estate will use Hurworth village facilities, as Darlington centre is more convenient.

The total of the 190 houses already under development plus the 375 on the 'Arena' site, means that the Hurworth quota is almost accounted for.

To support DBC's policy in respect to Hurworth, the application for 175 houses on the west side of Roundhill Road has been rejected.

The Plan will protect Hurworth for the next five years, and thereafter overtures may need to be made to further protect our green spaces.

This discussion did add emphasis to the need to complete and get acceptance of the Hurworth neighbourhood Plan, and this document can be used as the local qualified view for the next 15 years.

It was also agreed that HPC will submit a report to the Advisory Committee. The Chairman undertook to gather together the views of the Council and any resident submissions, so that a unified report can be composed. **Action Chairman.** 

# 314. Planning Applications

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

Planning applications 02/04/2020-06/05/2020									
1	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments					
1	01/07/2020	06/07/2020	20/00535/FUL	Objection - light					

Address	4 Chase End HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2JH											
About	Erection of two storey side extension incorporating Juliette balcony to rear and alterations to front elevation including construction of pitched roof over existing flat roof (as amended by plans received 05.08.20)											
2	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments								
	02/07/2020	08/07/2020 oft Meadows Cro	20/00545/LBC	None NGTON DL2 2SD								
Address												
About	Listed Building Consent to replace existing timber fence with new timber fence upto 1m high and extend fencing to enclose garden area											
3	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments								
3	02/07/2020	08/07/2020	20/00544/FUL	None								
Address	3 Croft Meadows Croft Road DARLINGTON DL2 2SD											
About	Replace existing timber fence with new timber fence upto 1m high and extend fencing to enclose garden area											
4	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments								
4	07/07/2020	20/00558/FUL	20/00558/FUL	leading to further works								
Address	Old House Gardens West End HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2JD											
About	Demolition of 2 no. greenhouses and erection of 3 no. connected porta cabins for use as office building (Use Class B1)											
5	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments								
3	17/07/2020	17/07/2020	20/00605/FUL	None								
Address	39 Fria	rs Pardon HUR	WORTH DARL	INGTON DL2 2EA								
About	Removal of existing flat roof over existing garage and side extension and construction of new pitched roof with installation of 3 no. velux rooflights											
6	Rec'd Date	Val Date	REF	Comments								
O	24/07/2020	27/07/2020	20/00631/TFC									
Address	43 & 44 The Green HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2AA											
About	Notification to carry out works to 9 no. trees in a designated Conservation Area - Leylandii(A1) crown reduction upto 30%, Holly(T1) 20% reduction to outer branches, Sycamore(B1) 2.5-3m clearance to adjacent garage and chimneys and upto 3m reduction to west side of crown, Sycamores(B2/3) removal of epicormic growth, Sycamore(B4/B5) crown lift upto 6m, Elderflowers(C1/2) crown lift upto 4.5m											

7  27/07/2020 29/07/2020 20/00645/FUL None  Address  Application submitted under Section 73 of the Town and Countainers Act 1990 for the variation of cond 2 (approved plans) attached permission 19/00172/FUL dated 18 April 2019 (Erection of singarage and batting practice nets following removal of 4 No. containers) to permit changes to location of practice nets following removal of 4 No.	ntry Planning I to planning single storey . shipping										
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06/08/2020 11/08/2020 20/00686/FUL None	None										
Address Existing Caravan Site Snipe Lane Hurworth Moor DARL	Existing Caravan Site Snipe Lane Hurworth Moor DARLINGTON										
	Formation of hardstanding for the siting of 1 no. mobile home, creation of 2 no. touring plots, erection of 1 no. utility building with paved area and 1 no. toilet block										
Rec'd Date Val Date REF Comi	ments										
19/08/2020 21/08/2020 PP-08995405 None											
Address The Granary Hilton House Farm Neasham Road HURV DARLINGTON DL2 2BA	The Granary Hilton House Farm Neasham Road HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2BA										
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12 Rec'd Date Val Date REF Com	ments										
25/08/2020 25/08/2020 20/00757/TF None											
Address Land At Meadowbank Close HURWORTH PLACE DAR DARLINGTON DL2 2HZ	RLINGTON										

About

Works to 8 no. Lime trees protected under Tree Preservation Orders (No.3) 1995 and (No.12) 2004 - removal of basal & stem epicormic growth & Ivy, as per arborist report

# 315. Tree Report

Cllr Foster reported as follows:-

## **Tree Report July and August 2020**

Cllr Foster reported:-

- a. Village Green Now that the bird nesting season is over, three trees have been trimmed, and the canopies of the overhanging branches which impede traffic, have been heightened. The lime trees have also been trimmed.
- b. The Christmas tree It has been inspected, and we are pleased to report is back to being in good health.
- c. Lychgate The tree which had become overgrown by ivy has been removed. This proved to be a big task as the ivy had grown throughout the tree and was stifling it. This tree will be replaced with a flowering pear tree.
- d. Manorfield The three oak trees which the Council planted, but subsequently died, will be replaced.
- e. Fox Close Following letters from a resident's legal adviser, regarding alleged damage to the external garden wall of their property, the Council has been forced to reduce the size of one of the beautiful oak trees, which are over 100 years old and a beauty spot of the village. The twin oak tree is the subject of a TPO and therefore cannot be touched. The work will be carried out, with great reluctance, on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Comments noted - it is a shame that this fairly new resident did not carry out a detailed survey prior to purchasing the property, and taken this into consideration before agreeing to proceed with the conveyance.

#### 316. Allotment Report

Cllr Crisp reported as follows:-

## 1. Allotments

The COVID 19 Lockdown generated a lot of attention at the allotments; many residents using their allotments as a welcome facility to expand their activities while many establishments are closed. The allotments have been very successful in producing a bumper crop this year. All the allotments are taken at present.

The Allotment Fun Day was a major triumph this year, with great support from local residents. The day included a free BBQ, drinks, games, and a tombola, with excellent community spirit. Although the whole event was a 'free day', it still ended up with a profit, which will be used by the allotment holders to purchase a rotavator.

This will become an annual community event. Cllr Crisp thanked everybody who took part and supported the event.

## 2. Village Hall Report

A number of activities have now resumed after the COVID 19 lockdown these include

- Indoor bowls
- Line Dancing
- Bingo evenings

The Village Hall are organising an outdoor concert on the Village Green on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate the end of the war VJ Day. This starts at 2:00pm and COVID 19 distancing and regulations will apply.

## 317. Open Spaces & EPICH Report

Cllr Lynn Wylie reported as follows:-

## **Open Spaces Report – September 2020**

# **Open Spaces Audit**

This was completed in early August, and a report has been submitted to the Parish Clerk.

Most of the benches are in good order, although there is some vandalism to a couple of them, but they would all benefit from a good clean and most require re-varnishing too.

A plan of work has been requested for Martin Harrison to complete the required maintenance.

There were no major issues to report with any of the open spaces (detailed in the audit), apart from some trimming/ removal of brambles and bushes growing over pathways; these have all been completed by Lynn & Graham Wylie, apart from the Sycamore tree growing next Knell Gate, which was trimmed back by John & Judith Redfern (thanks to them both).

## **EPICH Report – September 2020**

## **Update on the Lychgate Orchard**

The initial groundworks have now been completed, and plans are underway for what planting is required commencing Spring next year.

A grant has been applied for to cover the cost of installing an information board at the Lychgate Orchard site to advise on EPICH's aim, what wildlife the sire supports, and history of the site; funding will also help cover costs of 2 other site signs too.

#### **Stolen Plants**

It is really disappointing to report that Geraniums have been stolen (again) from the Strait Lane notice board planter. It was widely reported on Facebook, but if anyone has any information

relating to the culprit(s), then please let the Parish Council know through the usual email channel.

## **Upcoming Meeting and AGM**

A general meeting is planned to be held at the Grange on 8th September at 6:30pm.

All parishioners are welcome to attend the AGM, which is planned to be held at the Grange on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6:30pm.

During the month, a complete **Open Spaces Audit** was carried out, the details of which can be studied on the Council web site.

## 318. Playground and Youth Affairs

Cllr Stamp was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted the following report:-

- Playpark all my contacts at DBC and Groundworks are still not back at work so this is on pause until they return
- Summer activities these did not happen this year due to current situation.
- Fair Produce show The Chairman will be providing this report.
- I am waiting for an update on the Martin Staudt situation. I believe the Clerk is keeping in touch.

# 319. Highways and Traffic Report

## a. Speed Watch

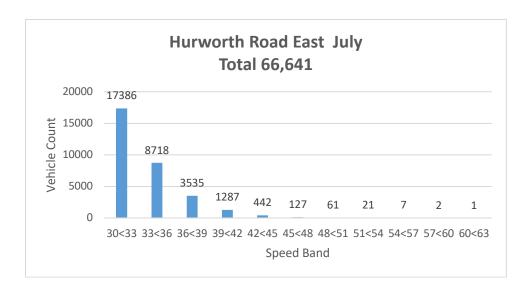
Cllr Hedley reported that there has been four and one half sessions carried out; rain causing the cessation of one session. Eighty Two vehicles were recorded and reported for exceeding the speed limit.

# b. Traffic Statistics for July and August:

# **Traffic Report September**

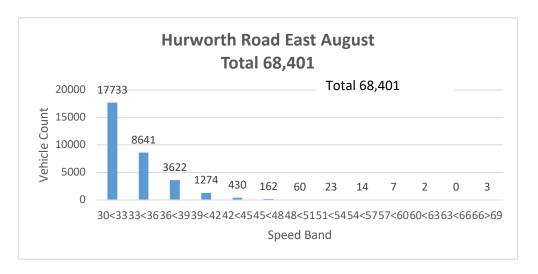
#### Hurworth Road.

We have set the Monitor on Hurworth Road to record the speeds in 3MPH Bands (The Normal setting is 5MPH bands) this allows us to highlight vehicles doing more than 30MPH but it also shows those doing 36MPH and above, this is the speed at which the Darlington Police would regard as a traffic offence.



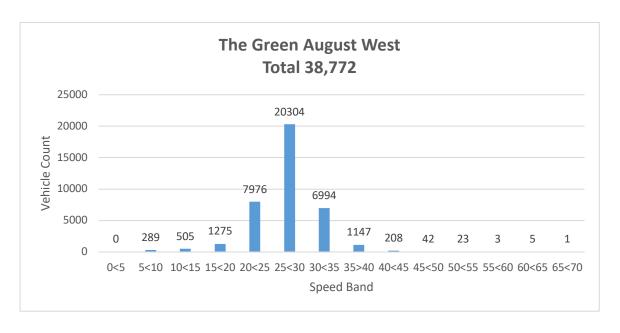
The total number of vehicles was 66,641 (77,826 in July 2019) of which 5,487 were doing 36MPH and above . This is 8.23% The percentage doing 30MPH and above is 47.4%.

The picture for August is as follows:



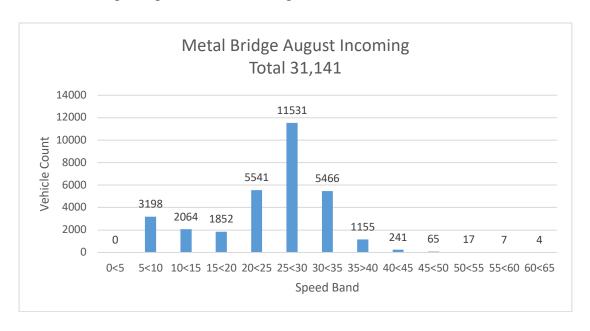
The total number of vehicles was **68,401** (67,860 in August 2019) of which **5,597** were doing 36 MPH and above. This is **8.18%** The percentage doing **30MPH** and above is **46.74%**. The speed figures are much the same as those obtained over the past four months. Speeding on Hurworth Road continues to be a cause for concern.

The Green. We have a full month's worth of figures for August:



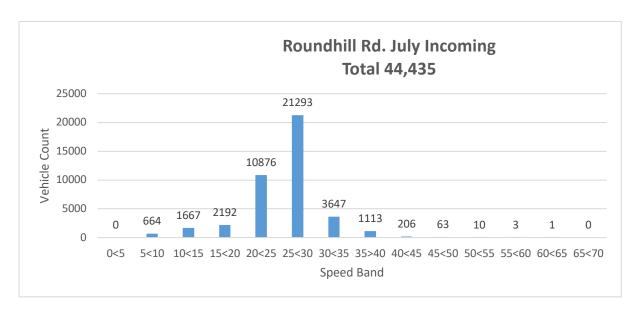
The percentage of vehicles doing 30 MPH or above is 21.72%. (Total 8423)

The August figures for Metal Bridge:



The percentage of vehicles doing 30 MPH or above is 22.33%. (6955 Total)

Finally, the July figures for Roundhill Road



# The percentage of vehicles doing 30 MPH or above is 11.4% (5043 Total)

The Roundhill speed figures are similar to those recorded in pre-lockdown months..

The Speedwatch team have been active over the past month

#### **Actions:**

Cllr Hedley put a motion to the Council:-

Now that we are confident that the 3 MPH speed bands works we will set the other monitors to record in 3 MPH bands.

Given the problems associated with moving the devices from one pole to another, we would like to propose the purchase of two new compatible devices to solve this problem. It is possible to set the monitor to record in either direction without turning it around.

The Council agreed in principal, and the Clerk was requested to obtain a quotation for two more compatible speed monitors. **Action Clerk.** 

A decision will be taken, either at the October meeting, or earlier via an E Mail vote

#### 320. Matters of Interest

The Chairman reported:-

1. Claim for Legal Costs from Court Case. No payment has been made to the Parish Council.

Interest is being charged at one half a percent per month on the outstanding balance. The council intends to escalate the enforcement, as this is a debt brought on by this debtor and effectively owed to our community.

#### 2. Projects

The Chair made a review of the 2020 Projects, several of which have been either dropped or postponed, partly due to the COVID 19 situation this year. This has resulted in there being some available funds available at this time.

The Chairman referred to the situation of Hurworth Grange which is owned by the Parish Council and is under 'an all repairing' lease to Hurworth Community Association (A Registered

charity) The Grange Community Centre has been closed throughout COVID 19, and has had lost it's revenue streams from all the events, bookings and activities.

A number of projects need to be addressed which include the following:-

a. The Grange guttering is in need of repair; the metal guttering to be replaced by plastic. The cost is circa £3,000. As this is beyond repair status, the Council should undertake this project.

A motion was tabled by Cllr Graham Wylie, seconded by Cllr Hedley that HPC undertake this project, committing £3,000. The vote taken was unanimous; Cllr Lynn Wylie did not vote as she had declared an interest.

- **b.** There are several repairs and improvements required within the Grange, these include:-
  - The replacement of the heating pipes in the basement, cost circa £1200
  - Completion of the refurbishment of the kitchen
  - Completion of the installation of the new fire detection system

A motion was tabled by Cllr Graham Wylie, seconded by Cllr Dorothy Oughton that HPC make a section 137 award to HCA for £2,000 to assist in these tasks. The vote taken was unanimous; Cllr Lynn Wylie did not vote as she had declared an interest.

c. The roof of the garage outbuilding needs a new roof. Half the work was carried out two years ago, but the cost of £7,000 to do the other half had to be deferred due to lack of funds. There are now concerns that a heavy snowfall could have a devastating result. A motion was tabled by Cllr Graham Wylie, seconded by Cllr Hedley that HPC offer to lend HCA £7,000 to fund this work. The terms for repayment will be agreed, if the HCA Management Committee accept this offer.

The vote taken was unanimous; Cllr Lynn Wylie did not vote as she had declared an interest.

# 3. Roundhill Road pathway

The Chairman reported that Miller Homes had agreed to construct this pathway, and are waiting for clearance from DBC Highways department. This was recently reported in the Northern Echo. Cllr Tostevin agreed to be the Council's interface with Miller Homes.

#### 4. Hurworth Craft and Produce Fair

The Chair reported that arrangements for the event are well advanced. The Fair will be judged in 'virtual mode'. Registration of all exhibits will be taken at Hurworth Grange on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 12.00, Graham and Lynn 4.00pm - 6.00 on Friday. and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September up to 12:00 noon.

All exhibits will be brought to the Fletcher Hall and displayed. Eight judges have accepted their roles and will do the judging on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 12:30pm. Cash prizes and rosettes will be awarded to all prize winners.

# 321. Police Report

Cllr Amanda Oughton submitted the following Police Report:-

## **HURWORTH CRIME FIGURES July and August 2020.**

Hurworth Crime Figures: 02/07/2020 - 01/08/2020

## 02/07- Theft & Handling:

Report of male taking fish from Snipe lane pond. Officer attended and spoke to male. All fish returned to pond and incident crimed.

## 03/07- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Potential scam phone calls, Sanderson St. Words of advice given by call handler.

## 06/07- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Suspicious male in Rockliffe area, thought to be selling goods door to door. Male reportedly left area quickly therefore no Police attendance. NPT made aware to increase patrols in the area.

# 12/07- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Unknown people knocking on doors early hours/ late evening in Tees View. Reassurance given to IP and NPT made aware to increase patrols. No crime committed at the current time.

## 12/07- Highway Disruption:

Vehicle joyriding in Tees View area. VRM obtained and checked. No police attendance due to ongoing incidents. Car seen on cameras leaving the area.

# 12/07- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Unknown male seen entering gardens in Friars Pardon. CCTV showed males face, published on Facebook to identify male. Positive result, male's address visited and warned about behaviour. Caller contacted and reassured.

## 13/07- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Males seen with motor cross type bike, lifting it over the barrier on Hurworth Moor. Police attended, however no persons seen.

# 21/07- Road Related Offence:

Dangerous driver on Croft Road, VRM obtained by caller. Information checked, no officers available to attend. However, no further sightings in the area.

## 22/07- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Cannabis and Nitrous Oxide canisters found on 2x occasions at Hurworth Community Centre. Unsure of time/ date they arrived there. Passed onto NPT, patrols increased in that area.

#### 22/07- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Male acting suspiciously behind car dealership on Croft Road. Police attended, area search of premises, however no persons seen.

#### 23/07- Vehicle Theft:

Stolen motorbike in Hurworth Place. All leads of enquiry exhausted therefore crime closed, but can be re-opened if necessary or new evidence arises.

## 23/07- Highway Disruption:

Fallen tree near to Tees View. Officers on scene to help with traffic control. Once the Council were on scene to remove it, Police officers were stood down.

#### 25/07- ASB Nuisance:

Load music around The Chase, Hurworth. Time lapse since call made and due to no officers being available, no attendance. No further calls were made and so it was presumed the music had stopped.

#### 26/07- ASB Nuisance:

Ongoing party at Greenfield Close. Time lapse since call made, due to no officers being available. No further calls were made. Tried to reconnect caller, unsuccessful.

#### 29/07- Vehicle Theft:

Theft of car parts on Croft Road. All lines of inquiry where examined, however nothing to help identify a suspect. Therefore, the crime was closed but can be re-opened if necessary or new evidence arises.

#### 30/07- Road Related Offence:

Tractors driving dangerously on Round hill Road. Police unable to attend, tractors believed to be from the local area so may have turned off the road. No further calls of them causing problems in the area. When patrolling the area, no tractors have been seen driving in this manner.

## 31/07- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Suspicious group of youths in the woods, near to the Railway cottages, Hurworth Moor. Believed to be taking drugs. Police attended area, however youths must have left before their arrival. NPT have continued to patrol the area and have seen the youths since and managed to seize drugs and issue warnings in relation to this. Regular patrols will continue in this area.

Hurworth Crime Figures: 02/08/2020 - 01/09/2020

## 03/08- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Unknown person knocking on windows and doors in Tees View, in the early hours. Police attended, area search no trace of the person.

#### 05/08- Road Traffic Collision:

Combine harvester has caused damage to parked car on Church View and has driven away. Checks done on both vehicles involved, details obtained. Officers have engaged with owner of damaged car and completed required forms.

#### 07/08- Road Related Offence:

Off duty officer has reported a vehicle for dangerous manner of driving towards Bridge Road. VRM obtained for vehicle and observations passed to other officers. On duty officer attended area, no sign of the reported vehicle.

## 08/08- Concern/ Collapse/ illness:

Unknown young male reported to be at the side of Croft Road. Caller worried in case male is 'Missing from Home'. Description and location passed to call handler. Officers passed these details and asked to look out for male when in the area.

#### 12/08- Alarm:

Property in Hurworth Moor had an intruder alarm go off. Police attended to check area, everything secure, false alarm.

## 12/08- Concern/ Collapse/ Illness:

Two males seen from Railway Cottages on the train line, under the bridge. Police attended and did thorough search of both sides of the track and under the bridge, however no males found. Network rail and Transport Police also aware of the incident.

## 14/08- Highway Disruption:

Mobile home being transported Neasham Road. However, it blocked the road access. Officers attended road, but it was no longer blocked. Tensions had risen between all involved parties so officers stayed on scene and spoke to persons involved. Once road all clear and everyone had moved on, then officers left area.

## 14/08- Concern/ Collapse/ Illness:

Young female found wandering by herself. Officers attended area of Hurworth Road. Parents were found and necessary details taken.

# 15/08- Protest/ Demo (Spontaneous):

Evans Halshaw Croft Road. Access to establishment blocked due to protest. Due to level of other incidents, officers unable to attend until later. Sgt on duty engaged with owner to ascertain situation severity and protestors had already left the area.

#### 16/08- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Hurworth Moor, unknown persons trespassing land around a property shining torches. Officers attended and searched area. No persons found and gates to compound still secure.

#### 18/08- Road Related Offence:

Caller reported dangerous driver caught on dash cam on the 14/08, on Neasham Road, Hurworth. Information forwarded to relevant officer.

#### 21/08- Animals/ Wildlife:

Caller reporting two dogs have tried to jump up and bite him when along the river in Hurworth. No injuries have been caused. Officers created an appointment for caller. His account has been taken and details recorded. Information passed to Darlington Borough Council Dog warden.

## 23/08- Burglary (Business/ Community):

Blackthorn Drive, compound where equipment stored has been broken into. Officers have attended, details taken. Crime has been created, due to no scope for CSI or CCTV enquiries crime has been closed until further information has been gathered. Crime can always be re-opened.

# 23/08- Road Related Offence:

Accident has occurred in which one vehicle has been written off and the other driver involved has driven away on Round hill Road. Officers attended as the incident was an immediate. Details taken for those involved at scene. Arrangements by officers to have vehicle transported away.

# 25/08- Highway Disruption:

Vehicle has spun off Croft Road into a hedge. Vehicle is not obstructing anything. There are no collisions, no injuries and the owner of the vehicle happy to remain near until recovery arrives.

#### 25/08- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Snipe Lane, Hurworth moor reported an abandoned vehicle. Officers have attended, but no trace of the vehicle.

## 26/08- Burglary (Business/ Community):

Greenfield Close, suspects have broken into porta cabin. Incident has been crimed, however no scope for CSI or any CCTV enquiries. Officers have been in contact with IP/ owners of business to keep them updated.

## 26/08- Suspicious/ Insecure:

Railway Cottages, Hurworth Moor reported an abandoned vehicle. Officers attended, located the vehicle and had recovery come and remove it.

## 29/08- Highway Disruption:

As above, another abandoned vehicle. The same outcome.

## 29/08- Highway Disruption:

Reports of a large Peacock in the road at Evans Halshaw Croft Road. Officers already engaged with other priority jobs, however officer within the area said they would keep an eye out. However, no peacock seen within the area.

## 30/08- Highway Disruption:

Croft Road, dangerous driving reported. VRM of the vehicle obtained and details checked. Observations sent out to all officers within the Darlington area, to keep an eye out for the vehicle.

## 31/08- Highway Disruption:

Broken down vehicle in a dangerous place on Croft road. Contact made to owner of vehicle, they had managed to move the vehicle away from any dangers and were happy to wait for recovery.

## 01/09- ASB Nuisance:

Hurworth Grange, youths seen throwing apples. The centre was not open, caller has told relevant people about the youths. No officers available to attend and no further calls. Local Neighbourhood Policing Team will increase patrols in the area.

**2. CCTV** The Council discussed the practicality of installing CCTV cameras at two locations within the village. It was agreed that Cllr Amanda Oughton will investigate costs and possible locations; this will be reported back at the next meeting. **Action Cllr Amanda Oughtton.** 

#### 322. Parish Walks

Cllr Ring-Viney reported that partly due to the weather and partly due to the COVIC 19 regulations, no walks have been arranged in the last two months.

The chairman informed the meeting that Tracie Jacobs has been organising daily and weekly walks in the Parish. He suggested that Cllrs Forster and Ring-Viney liaise with this group, so that they can pool their activities.

#### 323. Council web site

Cllr Graham Wylie reported that the web site is up to date and working well. Appropriate information is also posted on the Hurworth Live Facebook site, and the schedule of events are published in the Village Dairy in the All Saints Church newsletter.

# 324. Accounts for Payment

The Schedule of Accounts for Payment for August 2020, having been distributed to all Councillors has been accepted with no queiries raised by the Councillors.

# **Hurworth Parish Council - Accounts Payable August 2020**

<u>Name</u>	Cheque No.	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
HCA	103420	Photocopying Photocopying for	22.20
HCA	103421	playground survey	192.98
G Wylie	103422	Honorarium	100.00
A Iles	103423	Salary	479.60
P D Allan	103424	Salary	721.80
Inland Revenue	103425	PAYE	127.20
Tees River Trust	103426	Hogweed donation	1000.00
Public Loans Board	DD	Loan repayment	258.62

# **Total Expenses payable for August 2020**

£2,902.40

The Clerk drew attention to the payment to the Tees River Trust, which is an annual contribution towards the cost of eliminating the giant hogweed. We requested approval to make this payment. The Council approved it.

# 325. Financial report

The Financial report to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 has been circulated to all Councillors; it was accepted by the Parish Council.

BLUE-AllocatedBLUE-Allocated		Financial Report to 31st August 2020						Ringfence	ed 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	Budget
Revenue														Date	2020-21
Precept	59000												59000	59000	59000
Litter Picker & VAT refund		3189			100	2950						2950	9189	3289	9000
Rent, Interest & sundry			19		100	30			30			330	509	119	500
Grants, Recovery of legal costs				340		3000	630	3000					6970	340	2000
Allotment rent										620	540		1160	0	1180
Total Revenue for monti	59000	3189	19	340	200	5980	630	3000	30	620	540	3280	76828	62548	71680
Expenditure															
Salaries & NHI	1538	1228	1329	1438	1329	1350	1450	1350	1350	1450	1350	1350	16512	6862	16600
Gen. Admin Expenses	958	192	1106	79	122	950	200	300	400	300	400	300	5307	2457	5000
Trees and Open Spaces		2366	148	333	0	2900	450	350	500	750	400	400	8597	2847	7500
Open Spaces & EPICH			82		1000	800	450	500	700	600	1100	750	5982	1082	7000
Section 137	800	317	0	1310		3000	300	300	500	400	100	4000	11027	2427	10500
Projects			40		133	1260	1150	600	950	600	1250	2000	7983	173	12000
Legal Costs & training		500				120	0	200	20	0	200		1040	500	1500
Newsitrs & notices			254		60	800	150	150	120	90	850	170	2644	314	3400
Paths/ Walks/ Heritage Tr	all	54		40		300	100	500	300	200		200	1694	94	2000
Allotments			15	300	0	100	60	140	100	100	80	120	1015	315	1250
Highways								45	420	310		125	900	0	1000
Handyman			160	110	0	160	215		160	120	90	70	1085	270	1200
Capital & N Plan			18		259				1000	259			1536	277	1518
VAT	25	287	48	76	0	50	50	30	120	120	130	190	1126	436	1600
Total Disbursements	3321	4944	3200	3686	2903	11790	4575	4465	6640	5299	5950	9675	66448	18054	72068
Revenue less Expenses	55679	-1755	-3181	-3346	-2703	-5810	-3945	-1465	-6610	-4679	-5410	-6395	10380		-388
Funds in Hand less ring fi	45,422	101101	99346	96165	92819	90116	84306	80361	78896	72286	67607	62197	55802		
Revenue less epenses	55,679	-1,755	-3,181	-3,346	-2,703	-5,810	-3,945	-1,465	-6,610	-4,679	-5,410	-6,395	12,499		Ring fenced
Balance Forward	101101	99346	96165	92819	90116	84306	80361	78896	72286	67607	62197	55802	68301		

The Clerk informed the Council that the Notice of Public Rights had been displayed on the Council notice boards and on the web site for more than six weeks, in accordance with the legislation. Nobody had taken the opportunity to inspect the Council's books.

# 326. Association Reports

There were no association reports made.

The meeting was closed at 8:25pm.