



**Minutes of the Hurworth Parish Council Meeting held
on Thursday 11th May 2023, starting at 7:30pm
in the Bagshaw Gallery**

Attendees

Parish Councillors present:

Cllr Dorothy Oughton, Cllr Peter Willis, Cllr Andrew Leigh, Cllr Peter Foster, Cllr David Crisp, Cllr Janine Forster,

Also

Peter Allan (Parish Clerk), Cllr Lorraine Tostevin, Cllr Paul Walters and 1 member of the public.

1. Chair's Opening Address

The Chairman welcomed the Councillors and members of the public.

- There are five vacancies for the Parish Council, and we have received applications and expression of interest from several residents. With this in mind, we will not co-opt any new councillors until we have set our plan and objectives for the year 2023-24.

2. Apologies for Absence

- None

3. Declaration of Interests

- Cllr Leigh – Hurworth Albion
Cllr Crisp - Allotments

4. Minutes from the Meeting Held 6th April 2023

- The minutes were accepted by the Council, proposed by Cllr Oughton .and Seconded by Cllr Crisp.

5. Update on Actions

- a. 20 mph speed limit on Hurworth Road. – Cllr Tostevin stated that there was no update as yet.

6. Ward Councillor's Update

- The Chairman congratulated Cllr Tostevin and Cllr Walters on their successful election campaign and election as Ward Councillors.
- Cllr Tostevin said that she had received a complaint about the position of the Welcome to Hurworth plaque near the Comet Inn. The residents claimed that this was actually Hurworth Place. It was pointed out by the Clerk that 8 years ago, the electorate was combined with 12 councillors representing Hurworth, and no specific seats for 'Hurworth Place or Blackwell Grange. This matter has been shelved, to see if any other residents express a view.

7. Public Participation

- No matters were raised.

Councillor Reports

8. Planning Applications – Cllr Willis

Cllr Willis reported:

There have been 4 planning applications made since the February report

1) Hurworth Spring Country Park

Erection of managers' dwelling plus triple garage and drive

2) 3 Chase End

Crowning of 2 trees – 1 Birch tree 15% reduction and 1 Aah tree 30% reduction

3) 2 Fox Close

Erection of 1.85m fence – 0.95m at side and rear

4) Stressholme Sewage Treatment Works

Erection of 1 kiosk and 1 centrifuge

9. Roads and Pathways – Cllr Willis

Cllr Willis Footpaths/roads reported:

Residents are complaining about the overall poor condition of the Roundhill Road pavement from Mowbray Drive to Westfield Drive – ongoing

Grass cutting of Manor Fields and The Green required

10. Trees – Cllr Foster

Cllr Foster reported: Cllr Foster asked the Council if they will purchase an oak tree to commemorate the Coronation. It would be planted in the centre of the miniature railway circuit. The Council agreed, and the Clerk was asked to arrange to purchase a 15ft oak tree. **Action Clerk**

11. Youth and Playground – No report

12. Open Spaces and the Environment – Cllr Andrew Leigh

Cllr Leigh reported: The bench which is situated between Neasham and Hurworth needs repairing; this was reported earlier. The bench has been inspected and will be repaired with a new timber fitting. Action Clerk

13. Highways and Traffic

Cllr Dorothy Oughton reported:

a. Traffic Report

The full details of traffic volumes and speed are shown separately on the HPC web site.

The average speed on Hurworth road has reduced again and is now 27mph.

b. No speed watch sessions were conducted in April.

14. Crime and Security – Cllr Oughton

Cllr Oughton informed the Council that a new PCSO has been assigned to our area, by the name of Rachel Waid.

The following crime details were reported: -

February 1 Highway issue

1 ASB

1 Burglary

1 Suspicious behaviour

1 RTC

March 1 Suspicious behaviour

April 1 Theft – handbag

1 Criminal damage

1 Burglary

1 ASB

1 Vehicle theft

1 Theft from vehicle

15. Allotments – Cllr Crisp

Cllr Crisp reported:

- a. Strait Lane allotment fence – The project to replace the fence has now been completed and is satisfactory.
- b. All the allotments are in good condition, and the new tenants are proving to be good workers and enjoy having their allotments
There is one name on the Strait Lane Waiting list.
The grass is now getting cut regularly.

16. Matters of Interest

- a. **Village Green Flagpole** – The new pole is now installed. Thanks go to Kelvin Russell for installing it.
- b. **Beech Tree Carving Project** – Cllr Forster reported that progress is being made, and it is hoped that a wood carving group will be established in the village. It was agreed that a member of the Hurworth Carving group would make a presentation at the June P C Meeting. **Action Cllr Forster to make the arrangements.**
- c. **Coronation event on the Village Green** – The event was a great success, the sun shone and approximately 500 people attended. The community groups who participated included the Friends of Hurworth Primary School, Hurworth Scout Groups, All Saints Church, Hurworth Albion and the Hurworth Community Centre. HPC funded the event.

17. Accounts for Payment

The Schedule of Accounts for Payment for April 2023, having been distributed to all Councillors, was accepted.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Stephen Herron	103838	Drone photos for lease	100.00
Eden Landscapes	103839	Allotment fence project	774.00
HCA	103840	Newsletter	60.00
G Fletcher	103841	Audit fee	250.00
Harrisons -Glass Fibre Flag posts	103842	New flag post	525.00
Severnside Defibs	103843	Defib pads	280.80
Skipbridge Signs	103844	Parking signs	72.00
Kelvin Russell	103845	Erecting flag post	50.00
Npower	103846	Christmas tree lighting	82.00

Enterprise Civil Groundworks	103847	Pathways repairs	380.00
P Robinson	103848	Salary	514.58
P D Allan	103849	Salary	1220.80
Inland Revenue	103850	PAYE	352.40
Friends of Hurworth Primary School	103851	Section 137 award	300.00
Nigel Goddard	103852	Planters	98.00
Eden Landscapes	103853	Labour & materials (5 items)	875.00
Barclays Bank	DD	Bank charges	2.30
Total expenditure for April 2023			£5,936.88

Annual Precept received £59,000.00

The following Section 137 awards were made at the financial year end 31st March 2023

Hurworth Country Fair 2023 cheque no 103836 £2,000
 Coronation Street Party cheque no 103837 £2,000

18. Financial Report

The Financial report to 30th April 2023 has been distributed to all Councillors, prior to the meeting, and no queries were raised.

Financial Report to 31st March 2024

BLUE=Allocated BLUE=Allocated

Ringfenced funds £11,689

	<u>Apr-23</u>	<u>May-23</u>	<u>Jun-23</u>	<u>Jul-23</u>	<u>Aug-23</u>	<u>Sep-23</u>	<u>Oct-23</u>	<u>Nov-23</u>	<u>Dec-23</u>	<u>Jan-24</u>	<u>Feb-24</u>	<u>Mar-24</u>	Total	<u>Budg et 2023-2024</u>
Revenue														
Precept	59000												59000	59000
VAT & Litter Picker refund	114		1850		3600						3700		9264	8200
Rent & Interest	20		120			120			120		120	550	1050	650

Grants													0	0
Allotment rent									1160				1160	1180
Total Revenue	59134	0	1970	0	3600	120	0	0	120	1160	3820	550	70474	0
Expenditure														2750
Salaries & NHI	2089	2200	2400	2200	2200	2400	2200	2200	2400	2200	2200	2400	27089	0
Gen. Admin Expenses	352	450	250	200	200	605	150	340	300	300	350	300	3797	4060
Trees		265	400	480	455	185	270	500	560	435	400	650	4600	5000
Open Spaces	218	80	600	1050	50	520	250	100	480	200	400	370	4318	4500
Section 137	382	500	2400	2000	0	500	500	1500	500	500	300	500	9582	10000
Projects	1459	3200		3000	1000	500	0	400	1500	800	600		12459	12000
Repairs, Maint & Training	867	100	300	60	0	650	120	80	180	0	0	300	2657	3000
Newsletters & Posters	60	60	60	60		60	850	60		240	60	850	2360	2500
Youth Activities		500				1500		500		300		200	3000	3000
Paths/ Grit/ Heritage Trail		200	130	300		300	0	100		320		250	1600	2000
Allotments			300	360		60		420				300	1440	1400
Highways & Defibs	234		500					500	500				1734	1500
Handyman	130	100	100	200		300	100	100	200	100	100	100	1530	1500
Parish Walks		150		150		0	0		200				500	500
Capital Expend & Ringfenced		180			258		0			259			697	517
VAT	146												0	
Total Expenses	5937	7985	7440	10060	4163	7580	4440	6800	6820	5654	4710	5920	77363	78977
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Funds in Hand less ringed	65106	118303	110318	104848	94788	94225	86765	82325	75525	68825	64331	63441		
Revenue less expenses	53197	-7985	-5470	-10060	-563	-7460	-4440	-6800	-6700	-4494	-890	-5370	11499	
Funds in Hand	118,303	110,318	104,848	94,788	94,225	86,765	82,325	75,525	68,825	64,331	63,441	58,071	Ringed	

19. Association Reports

- a. **Hurworth Village Hall** - Cllr Crisp reported that the hall was attracting new groups and was busy. They held a celebration in the hall on Coronation Day, with a free buffet and drinks. This was a good concept, but sadly poorly supported. Their next outdoor event will be the Forces Day concert. The Council agreed to make a Section 137 award of £300, to pay for the band; this is already in the 2023-24 budget.
- b. **HCA** – No official report. The Classic Car Rally will be held on 14th May.
- c. **Hurworth Albion FC – Cllr Leigh reported:** Reported that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 20th May at Hurworth Grange. They are arranging to hold a car boot sale to raise funds.
They have received some complaints from residents of the Bellway estate about noise. This is being addressed.

20. Any Other Business (Non-Financial)

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm
