

## **Hurworth Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held via ZOOM, on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

#### **Parish Councillors present:**

Cllr Graham Wylie (Chairman), Cllr Peter Foster, Cllr Elaine Hedley, Cllr Janine Forster, Cllr Lynn Wylie, Cllr Bree Stamp, Cllr David Crisp, Cllr Peter Willis., Cllr Kelvin Russell.

#### **Also**

Cllr Lorraine Tostevin, Peter Allan (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

#### **416. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr Amanda Oughton, Cllr Dorothy Oughton. Cllr Sam Ring-Viney.

#### **417. Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Lynn Wylie – HCA  
Cllr Crisp – Allotments  
Cllr Russell – Hurworth Albion

#### **418. Chairman's Address:**

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting and explained how the meeting would be conducted in ZOOM mode.

##### **a. Allotment Dispute Outcome**

The allotment holder, who took the Council to court and lost their case (the Council was awarded all Costs), has declared themselves bankrupt; the Council was informed of this by the Insolvency Investigator.

This Council will now need to write off the debt of over £16,837.

**419. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021** were accepted by the Council, proposed by Cllr Graham Wylie and seconded by Cllr Hedley.

#### **420. Public Participation:**

A resident asked for a report on the road and pathway changes, which were due to start in February, but appear to have been postponed. Cllr Tostevin informed the meeting that although the work schedule has been agreed, there is currently an ongoing discussion regarding who will be paying for the work. This is being negotiated between the housing constructors and DBC.

It has also become clear that part of the hedgerow will need to be removed to make space for the new pedestrian pathway. The pathway is essential for the safety of the village and two new estates.

Cllr Lynn Wylie expressed disappointment, but wasn't surprised, by the decision on removal of the hedgerow, and asked to be kept updated on the final decision regarding how much of the hedgerow will be removed.

A resident raised the question why two Councillors had consistently not attended meetings held via Zoom, and what action would be taken, if any, regarding this non-attendance.

The Clerk advised that as apologies had been given, then no further action would be taken; CDALC have also advised that due to the Pandemic, that no action should be taken in regard to Councillor non-attendance.

#### 421. Planning Applications

1. Cllr Ring-Viney, although unable to attend this meeting, submitted the following report regarding planning applications submitted in the month of February 2021.

| Planning applications |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |            |              |                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1                     | Rec'd Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Val Date   | REF          | Comments           |
|                       | 21/12/2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10/02/2021 | 20/01233/FUL | None               |
| Address               | Sundial House 9 The Green HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2HA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |              |                    |
| About                 | Conversion of outbuildings into 1 no. two bed dwelling including partial demolition to rear section, with alterations and extension to roof and installation of 2 no. roof lights, two storey rear extension, alterations to windows and doors, associated internal works, landscaping including creation of sunken courtyard and erection of boundary fence                                                                                                                                                  |            |              |                    |
| 2                     | Rec'd Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Val Date   | REF          | Comments           |
|                       | 28/01/2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 04/02/2021 | 21/00093/FUL | No public Comments |
| Address               | 7 Blind Lane HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2JB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |            |              |                    |
| About                 | Removal of porch to west elevation and erection of new porch and entrance to north elevation, demolition of orangery and erection of single storey extension to east elevation, erection of attached garage/store/wc, conversion of existing garage loft into habitable space with new glazing, conversion of attic into habitable space with 3 no. dormers, construction of chimney within existing garden room, alterations to windows and doors including additional windows and associated internal works |            |              |                    |
| 3                     | Rec'd Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Val Date   | REF          | Comments           |
|                       | 05/02/2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 22/02/2021 | 21/00129/FUL | None               |
| Address               | 25 Church Row HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2AQ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |            |              |                    |
| About                 | Erection of single storey rear extension with 4 no. roof lights and associated internal alterations and addition of silicone wash to existing rear wall above proposed extension                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |              |                    |
| 4                     | Rec'd Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Val Date   | REF          | Comments           |
|                       | 05/02/2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 05/02/2021 | 21/00124/LBC | None               |
| Address               | 9 The Green HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2HA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |              |                    |
| About                 | Listed Building Consent for the conversion of outbuildings into 1 no. two bed dwelling including partial demolition to rear section, with alterations and extension to roof and installation of 2 no. roof lights, two storey rear extension, alterations to windows and doors, associated internal works, landscaping including creation of sunken courtyard and erection of boundary fence                                                                                                                  |            |              |                    |

| 5              | Rec'd Date                                           | Val Date   | REF          | Comments |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|
|                | 08/02/2021                                           | 11/02/2021 | 21/00136/FUL | None     |
| <b>Address</b> | 74 Woodlands Way HURWORTH PLACE DARLINGTON DL2 2HP   |            |              |          |
| <b>About</b>   | Erection of first floor extension to front elevation |            |              |          |

| 6              | Rec'd Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Val Date   | REF          | Comments |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|
|                | 11/02/2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 19/02/2021 | 21/00156/FUL | None     |
| <b>Address</b> | Flat At Springfield Farm Springfield Farm Croft Road DARLINGTON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |              |          |
| <b>About</b>   | Application submitted under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the variation of condition 3 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 18/00015/FUL dated 03 May 2018 (Conversion of triple garage into a residential dwelling and a two storey extension at the side) to permit changes for the redesign of garage to three bed residential dwelling including, alterations to internal layout, window and door openings with dormer windows to east and south roof slopes and two storey extension to east elevation |            |              |          |
| 7              | Rec'd Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Val Date   | REF          | Comments |
|                | 24/02/2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 24/02/2021 | 21/00199/FUL | None     |
| <b>Address</b> | 6 Evesham Grove HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2YE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |            |              |          |
| <b>About</b>   | Removal of hedge and erection of 1.9m fence to rear of property (Retrospective Application)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |            |              |          |

#### 422. Tree Report

Cllr Foster reported that there is nothing to report this month.

Cllr Stamp enquired about the tree at Hurworth Grange which has a notice advising people not to park under it. The Clerk informed the meeting that we are awaiting permission from DBC Planning Department to be allowed to remove two branches, which are dead and deemed potentially dangerous.

**Action: Clerk to make a formal TPO modification application.**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Council have started a Review of the Tree and Open Spaces policy. This will encompass the scheduling of all trees and Open Spaces within the Parish. The exercise is to ascertain ownership of trees and Open Spaces, so the Parish Council can review their 'Duty of Care'.

A team, including one resident, who has offered to assist, have started work on this exercise. Interactions with DBC Estates Department and the Land registry will need to take place to clarify ownership and responsibility.

#### 423. Allotment Report

Cllr Crisp reported that all the allotments were occupied and there is a Waiting List at both Strait Lane and Hurworth Grange.

An Allotment Meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, with two changes to the Allotment Rules recorded, and the Council are now asked to confirm their agreement.

1. Residents of Neasham will be allowed to apply and be allocated an allotment in Hurworth. This is limited to only one person at a time on the Waiting List.
2. Fires on the allotments will be allowed from 3:00pm rather than 6:00pm. This will ensure that allotment holders are present whilst the fire is still alight.

A rotovator has been purchased, from the funds raised at the Allotment Fun Day, and this is available for use by all allotment holders.

The Fun Day for 2021 will be held on 7th August and will be open to the public. The Council have agreed to make a section 137 Award of £300, as they did last year.

Members of the Allotment Committee have agreed to cut the grass on the allotments this year, free of charge; only the fuel cost will be claimed.

Cllr Crisp requested that a letter is sent to the previous person responsible for the grass cutting to request that the lawnmower, purchased by the Council, is made available to the new grass cutting team.

**Action: Clerk to write to request access to the Council purchased lawnmower.**

#### **424. Open Spaces & EPICH Report**

Cllr Lynn Wylie reported as follows:

##### **Open Spaces Report – March 2021**

Nothing to report.

##### **EPICH Report – February 2021**

A meeting was held via Zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

##### **Tees Valley Nature Partnership**

Following the grant awarded from the Tees Valley Nature Partnership, work is underway on designing the information board for the Lychgate Orchard. It is expected to be completed at Easter and the remainder of the grant will be used to purchase an information board at the Grange Heritage Orchard to provide detail of the trees that are planted there.

##### **Promoting Biodiversity**

The group are keen to engage with the residents, of Hurworth, to promote how they can increase biodiversity in their own garden (ponds and wildflower area), as well as identifying areas in the village for wildflowers; any ideas on suggested locations are being requested.

The group have identified an area that they are looking to support, which is to plant natural woodland species along the all-weather path at the Grange.

Grants are available for this community work, and the EPICH Chair has applied for one to support this initiative. The aim is that the grant will be used to buy wildflower seed, and pond starter kits, which will be made available to those in the village who are interested in making their gardens more biodiverse. A decision is expected from the grant fund in the next couple of

months, and should the application be successful, further detail will be made available to the village.

### Coach Lane

Following the tidy up last September, the group are planning to sow further wildflower seeds along the verges in Coach Lane; yellow rattle seeds have already been sown, to help restrict grass growth along the verges to allow for wildflower seeds to grow.

A resident sowed wildflower seeds a couple of years ago, to great success, and the flowers received lots of lovely feedback from people using the lane, as well as making a great feature.

### Heritage Orchard

Following extensive and unplanned pruning last year, further unplanned pruning has recently been completed by an unknown individual. The Heritage Orchard is under the care of EPICH, so the group have decided to put together a detailed plan of pruning requirements, and this will be made available for the next PC meeting (April).

### Bees

Following the extreme weather conditions, this winter, 7 out of the 8 hives have survived; the lost hive was a weak hive, so the loss wasn't unexpected, and the good news is the remaining hives are doing very well with lots of bee activity.

### Hedgehogs

Hedgehog awareness week, this year, runs from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> May. The EPICH Chair is hoping to locate a supply of hedgehog boxes to give away to interested residents in the village; boxes had been promised, but availability has been hampered by the pandemic restrictions.

It is hoped that with more awareness of hedgehogs, in the village, that people will be keen to share detail of hedgehogs spotted in their garden/ in the village, and this information will be used to update the village hedgehog map.

This detail will also be submitted to Darlington Borough Council to get a small mammal sign for the village warning motorists to drive carefully.

### Removal of hedgerow along Roundhill Road

A member of the EPICH group advised that they had been approached by a resident, on Roundhill Road, to say that hedgerow along the back of a house in Evesham Road had been removed and replaced with fencing.

There are concerns from the group and resident, that this could set a precedent and encourage other residents to remove hedges and extend their gardens with a fence boundary; not only is this a potential major eye sore, but it presents a huge loss of habitat for wildlife.

This matter has been brought to the attention of the PC, and EPICH will support any action that can stop this removal of wildlife habitat.

EPICH had held a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and made plans for their objectives in 2021; Cllr Lynn Wylie, the Council representative attended.

Cllr Lynn Wylie gave details of the EPICH plans to plant woodland flowers in the Nature Reserve. They have applied for a grant, but due to the lateness of any award being made (even if it is successful), will mean that it will be too late to purchase and plant the wildflower plugs, so are also seeking funding from HPC.

Cllr Foster expressed his support, as did the Chairman. The Clerk informed the meeting that there is £500 in the 2020-21 budget for EPICH, and the meeting agreed that this should now be given to them. **Action Clerk.**

A member of the public, who has long term ties with Hurworth, said she had recently walked through the Grange grounds and had been shocked by the ‘damage’ which has been done by spreading wood chippings onto large areas within the nature reserve.

This lady claimed that brambles have also been removed and that serious harm has been inflicted on the wildlife who inhabit the wooded area.

Although this subject was not on the agenda, a lively debate ensued, with Cllr Foster stating that no damage has been done, and that he, himself, has created as many as 50 hedgehog hotels. He also added that, during a recent school trip, the teachers and pupils had been delighted with the wildlife and condition of the woods.

Several Councillors spoke on the subject and suggested that the lady returns to the Nature Reserve in two months’ time, when she will see the spring flowers and that the eco status has not been adversely affected.

Cllr Lynn Wylie said that while collecting litter around the scout hut area, the brambles were unruly and were sharp enough to hurt visitors, but they also harbour litter, and make it difficult to pick it up. Cllr Lynn Wylie stated that she would continue to work with EPICH to continue the right balance of clearing and maintaining the grounds.

The state of the Heritage Orchard was also discussed, and it is believed that EPICH are preparing a paper for future guidance to the upkeep, pruning and grass cutting within the orchard.

It was suggested that an ‘expert’ should be asked to visit and give an independent opinion. The Chair stated that the Council were prepared to meet with the people, who had showed concern about the work being done to maintain the Grange grounds, but both residents had declined to meet; the Council are currently not intending to involve an independent assessor at this time.

As this item was not on the agenda, the Chair advised that the discussion would not be prolonged any further, and if it was felt that further discussion was required, then it would be added to the April meeting agenda.

## **425. Playground and Youth Activities**

### **a. Cllr Stamp reported:**

Following the delay to the start of the project due to COVID19 we eventually commenced the recruitment of volunteers in the autumn, and we were able to begin the detached youth work training on-line prior to Christmas. There were six of us that completed the training, which is not as many as we hoped, but certainly enough to get things moving. The six trained workers can be supplemented with other volunteers (as long as they are partnered with someone who has been through the training and have a DBS and safeguarding certificate). It is proposed that we will have one or two teams out each Friday evening (a team is two people).

Having recently met with those who had completed the training we will look to commence the detached work after Easter. We wanted to wait for increased daylight hours, return of a couple of DBS forms, and for the additional relaxation to the lockdown restrictions.

We have set the date for launching the work of Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, which will be low-key as we begin this new initiative. We are currently reviewing the current guidance and putting together our risk assessments. Any work will be COVID19 compliant.

It is likely that the Friday Night Drop-In at the church won't re-open until September at the earliest, so to get the detached work up and running for the lighter nights will be timely.

#### **b. Hurworth Grange skateboard rink**

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been approached about resurfacing part of the skateboard rink.

Cllr Russell amplified on this request stating that a petition had been circulating asking whether residents would be interested and would use the skateboard amenity when/ if it was put into a serviceable condition. To date over 300 people have signed this petition.

The Chairman showed a video of the skateboard being used for an event, some years ago, when the rink was held in high repute and used continuously.

Cllr Russell said that he believes it is the Council's responsibility to regenerate this community amenity.

The section chosen to be resurfaced is the right-hand side as well as the bank at the wall end.

One quotation has been obtained, and the cost is circa £18,000.

The Clerk has been asked to see whether a grant can be obtained. **Action: Clerk.**

### **426. Highways and Traffic Report**

Cllr Hedley reported:

1. No Speed Watch sessions had been carried out in February due to both weather and COVID 19 restrictions. Sessions will start again as soon as we are given permission.
2. One new person has agreed to join the Team and will receive training

**Traffic Volume:** The table below compares vehicle counts for February 2021 with those of **pre-covid** February 2019. The figures for The Green and Metal Bridge are unavailable as we only had three speed monitors at that time. **The other locations show great reductions in traffic volume.**

|                | February 2019 | February 2021 | % Change          |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Metal Bridge   | N/A           | 17039         |                   |
| The Green      | N/A           | 24214         |                   |
| Hurworth Road  | 72876         | 32525         | <b>55.5% DOWN</b> |
| Linden Court   | 111598        | 74874         | <b>32.9% DOWN</b> |
| Roundhill Road | 51015         | 30967         | <b>39.3% DOWN</b> |

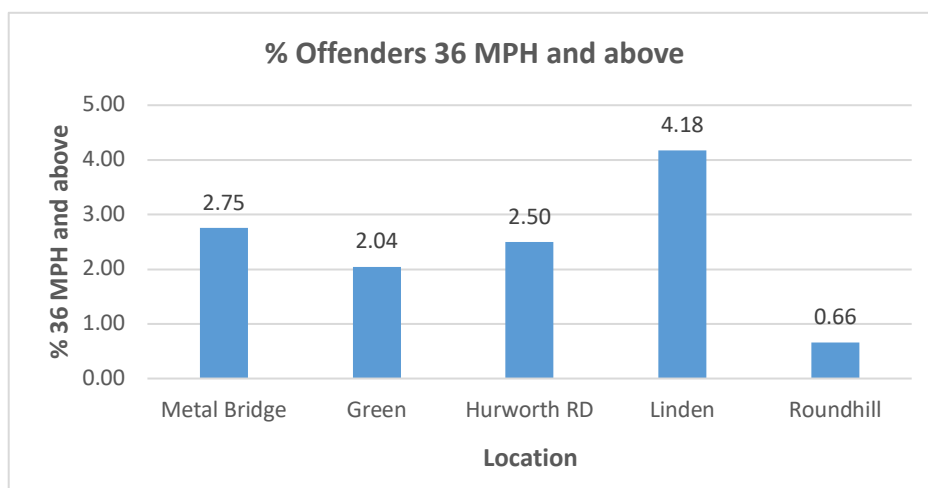
**Traffic Speed:** The next table compares average speeds for February 2021 with February 2019. **Three locations show reduction in average speed.**

|                | Average Speed MPH |               |                       |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
|                | February 2019     | February 2021 | Change                |
| Metal Bridge   | N/A               | 25.1          |                       |
| The Green      | N/A               | 26.7          |                       |
| Hurworth Road  | 31.2              | 27.8          | <b>3.4 MPH Slower</b> |
| Linden Court   | 29.3              | 27.7          | <b>1.6 MPH Slower</b> |
| Roundhill Road | 28.0              | 24.8          | <b>3.2 MPH Slower</b> |

In April 2020 our worst ever speeding figures were recorded on Hurworth Road. **The average speed was 32.8 MPH and 15% of traffic was doing 35.9 MPH or more.** The latest figures are less concerning.

### Percentage of Traffic Speeding Offences:

The chart below shows the percentage of motorists who would have in the eyes of Durham Constabulary have committed a speeding offence at each location in February.



We are unable to compare these figures with those for 2019 as the old system recorded at 5 MPH intervals e.g. 5<10 MPH, 10<15MPH. We now use 3 MPH intervals as this highlights vehicles doing **36 MPH and above (offenders)**.

The percentage of drivers doing 36 MPH or above is a cause for concern. It is possible to highlight at which times during the day most speeding occurs.

The Speedwatch sessions will resume as soon as permission to do so is received from Durham Constabulary. Once again the sessions will target the problems which are highlighted in the Speed Monitor Data.

Full details of the traffic statistics can be found at: <https://www.hurworthonline.com/> under (...more) Speeding or under (Parish Council) in the Document Archive.

Full Speed Monitor details are available for perusal on the HPC web site.

### 427. Matters of Interest

#### a. Roundhill Road roadworks

This was covered in Public Participation.

#### b. CCTV Project

- The Chairman recently met with the CCTV supplier, and has forwarded the report to Cllr Amanda Oughton, who is heading this project. The Chairman expressed disappointment that Cllr Amanda Oughton had not responded to this report.
- There are stringent rules relating to using CCTV in public places, and a variety of permits will be required. There are also decisions to be made about the location, as it has been assumed that the camera (s) will be mounted on resident's property.
- The meeting decided to put this project on hold until such time that Cllr Amanda Oughton is able to progress it further; most probably after Lockdown.

**c. Fourth Defibrillator**

- A fourth defibrillator will be installed near the Comet Inn attached to the HPC toilet block. Jack Binks has raised the funding from a fund-raising campaign, and the unit has been purchased. Our thanks to Jack Binks and his team.
- It should be installed within the next three weeks.

**d. Welcome to Hurworth Plaques**

- Mr Andrew Casey Head of DBC Highways attended a meeting on site in Hurworth and has agreed the two sites for the 'welcome to Hurworth' plaques. We may still be required to submit a formal Planning Application, but this project can now move forward.

**e. HCA Lease**

- The new seven year all repairing lease with Hurworth Community Association has been drafted and is in the course of being signed by all parties.

**428. Accounts for Payment**

The Schedule of Accounts for Payment for February 2021, having been distributed to all Councillors, was accepted with no queries raised by Councillors.

**Hurworth Parish Council - Accounts Payable February 2021**

| <u>Name</u>                                     | <u>Cheque No.</u> | <u>Details</u>     | <u>Amount</u>  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| BT                                              | DD                | Telephone comms    | 159.62         |
| Barclays Bank                                   | DD                | Bank charges       | 2.30           |
| ZOOM licence                                    | 103489            | licence charges    | 14.39          |
| a Iles                                          | 103490            | Salary             | 479.60         |
| P D Allan                                       | 103491            | Salary             | 711.80         |
| P D Allan                                       | 103492            | Admin expenses     | 26.71          |
| Inland Revenue                                  | 103493            | Revenue charges    | 137.20         |
| HCA Newsletter                                  | 103494            | Newsletter charges | 60.00          |
| <b>Total Expenses payable for February 2021</b> |                   |                    | <b>1591.62</b> |

**429. Financial report**

The Financial report to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 has been distributed to all Councillors, prior to the meeting, and no queries have been raised.

| BLUE=AllocatedBLUE=Allocated    |        | Financial Report to 28th February 2021 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | Ringfenced funds £12,499 |  |  | Total  | Yer to Date | Budget 2020-21 |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--|--|--------|-------------|----------------|
|                                 | Apr-20 | May-20                                 | Jun-20 | Jul-20 | Aug-20 | Sep-20 | Oct-20 | Nov-20 | Dec-20 | Jan-21 | Feb-21 | Mar-21 |                          |  |  |        |             |                |
| Revenue                         |        |                                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                          |  |  |        |             |                |
| Precept                         | 59000  |                                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                          |  |  | 59000  | 59000       | 59000          |
| Litter Picker & VAT refund      |        | 3189                                   |        |        | 100    | 2905   |        |        |        |        |        | 2950   |                          |  |  | 9144   | 6194        | 9000           |
| Rent, Interest & sundry         |        |                                        |        |        | 100    | 30     |        | 20     |        |        |        | 330    |                          |  |  | 480    | 150         | 500            |
| Grants, Recovery of legal costs |        |                                        |        | 310    |        | 4200   | 650    |        |        |        |        |        |                          |  |  | 5160   | 5160        | 2000           |
| Allotment rent                  |        |                                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | 820    | 250    | 50                       |  |  | 1120   | 820         | 1180           |
| Total Revenue for month         | 59000  | 3189                                   | 0      | 310    | 200    | 7135   | 650    | 20     | 0      | 820    | 250    | 3330   |                          |  |  | 74904  | 71324       | 71680          |
| Expenditure                     |        |                                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                          |  |  |        |             |                |
| Salaries & NHI                  | 1538   | 1228                                   | 1329   | 1438   | 1329   | 1328   | 1437   | 1328   | 1329   | 1438   | 1343   | 1350   |                          |  |  | 16415  | 13722       | 16600          |
| Gen. Admin Expenses             | 958    | 192                                    | 1106   | 79     | 122    | 80     | 193    | 390    | 97     | 343    | 162    | 320    |                          |  |  | 4042   | 3560        | 5000           |
| Trees                           |        | 2366                                   | 148    | 333    | 0      | 1224   | 693    | 0      |        | 293    |        | 800    |                          |  |  | 5857   | 5057        | 7500           |
| Open Spaces & EPIC              |        |                                        | 82     |        | 1000   | 0      | 544    | 22     | 100    | 25     |        | 450    |                          |  |  | 2223   | 1773        | 7000           |
| Section 137                     | 800    | 317                                    | 0      | 1310   |        | 2992   | 3210   | 770    |        | 100    |        | 1200   |                          |  |  | 10699  | 9499        | 10500          |
| Projects                        |        |                                        | 40     |        | 133    | 212    | 92     | 0      | 4489   | 50     |        | 1600   |                          |  |  | 6616   | 5016        | 12000          |
| Legal Costs & training          |        | 500                                    |        |        |        | 0      | 0      | 0      |        | 0      |        |        |                          |  |  | 500    | 500         | 1500           |
| Newsletters & notices           |        |                                        | 254    |        | 60     | 60     | 60     | 68     | 593    | 60     | 60     | 90     |                          |  |  | 1305   | 1155        | 3400           |
| Paths/ Walks/ Heritage Trail    |        | 54                                     |        | 40     |        | 0      | 0      | 0      |        | 0      |        | 280    |                          |  |  | 374    | 94          | 2000           |
| Allotments                      |        |                                        | 15     | 300    | 0      | 234    | 125    | 450    | 23     |        |        | 60     |                          |  |  | 1207   | 1147        | 1250           |
| Highways                        |        |                                        |        |        |        | 0      |        | 354    |        |        |        | 240    |                          |  |  | 594    | 354         | 1000           |
| Handyman                        |        |                                        | 160    | 110    | 0      | 100    | 0      |        |        |        |        | 70     |                          |  |  | 440    | 370         | 1200           |
| Capital & N Plan                |        |                                        | 18     |        | 259    |        |        |        |        | 259    |        |        |                          |  |  | 536    | 536         | 1518           |
| VAT                             | 25     | 287                                    | 48     | 76     | 0      | 18     | 30     | 182    | 908    | 58     | 27     | 280    |                          |  |  | 1939   | 1632        | 1600           |
| Total Disbursements             | 3321   | 4944                                   | 3200   | 3686   | 2903   | 6248   | 6384   | 3564   | 7539   | 2626   | 1592   | 6740   |                          |  |  | 52747  | 44415       | 72068          |
| Revenue less Expenses           | 55679  | -1755                                  | -3200  | -3376  | -2703  | 887    | -5734  | -3544  | -7539  | -1806  | -1342  | -3410  |                          |  |  | 22157  |             | -388           |
| Funds in Hand less ring fenced  | 45,422 | 101101                                 | 99346  | 96146  | 92770  | 90067  | 90954  | 85220  | 81676  | 74137  | 72331  | 70989  |                          |  |  | 67579  |             |                |
| Revenue less expenses           | 55,679 | -1,755                                 | -3,200 | -3,376 | -2,703 | 887    | -5,734 | -3,544 | -7,539 | -1,806 | -1,342 | -3,410 |                          |  |  | 12,499 |             | Ring           |
| Balance Forward                 | 101101 | 99346                                  | 96146  | 92770  | 90067  | 90954  | 85220  | 81676  | 74137  | 72331  | 70989  | 67579  |                          |  |  | 80078  |             | fenced         |

### 430. Crime Figures for February

Cllr Oughton submitted the following Crime figures for the month of February 2021:

#### **Hurworth Crime Figures**

01/02/2021 – 01/03/2021

#### **Concern/ Collapse/ Injury/ Illness**

Hurworth House School – Pupil jumping in front of traffic

Hurworth House School – Pupil making threats to jump off a bridge

Hurworth House School – 2 pupils are on the wrong side of the bridge near the Otter and Fish Pub.

Hurworth Comp – Drunk male walking up and down the road outside the school

Geneva Woods – Drunk female acting suspiciously in Geneva Woods

Eamont Drive – Concerns for a child

#### **ASB Nuisance**

Blackwell Grange Golf Club – Small red Quad on the grounds

Dinsdale Golf Club and Spa – Unknown male trespassing on the grounds

Hurworth Grange – Group of males drinking and setting a fire – Covid breach

#### **ASB Environmental**

Dinsdale Golf Club and Spa – Quad bike on the grounds

#### **Burglary – Residential**

Woodlands Way – Back door of property has been smashed; suspects scared off by neighbours.

Friars Pardon – Back door of the property has been smashed and jewellery has been taken

### **Burglary – Business/Community**

Roundhill Road – Storage unit broken into and contents taken.

### **Suspicious/ Insecure**

Teesway – White van with no Reg slowly followed a female walking her dog.

Holdforth Grange – Suspicious male peering over the wall into the gardens.

The Lanes – Covid Breach

Crossfield Close – Covid Breach, group of males playing football on the field x 2

Geneva Woods – Possible youths with an air rifle shooting at birds

Railway Cottages – White van parked up surrounded by small silver canisters, possible Nitrous Oxide

Geneva Woods – Suspicious male appears to be burying something

### **Criminal Damage**

Strait Lane – Smashed Padlock and damage to a fence

Church Row – Damage to a vehicle

Hurworth House School - Pupil has smashed a window

## **431. Association Reports**

### **a. HCA Meeting**

Cllr Lynn Wylie reported as follows:

### **Hurworth Community Association Report – March 2021**

A meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February via Zoom. The following was mentioned/ discussed:

- Work on the gas heating pipework, in the cellar, had been put on hold due to the extreme weather. It has been decided to add radiators, in three of the office, to replace the electric heaters, which are in danger of overloading the electrics when all of them are in use at the same time
- The replacement of the gutters had been stopped due to the adverse weather
- The insurance claim, in relation to Covid-19, is still in limbo
- The Grange office has been moved into the old library, and the new library has now been set up
- A query was raised, regarding whether the bands would return after Lockdown was lifted. The Grange Manager advised that he had spoken to them, and that yes, they would return
- Even though the Grange staff are on full furlough, they have been coming in on a volunteer basis to make sure that the fabric of the building is maintained, and a level of service is being offered to the tenants
- The Grange Manager advised that he has had great difficulty in getting tradespeople to do work at the Grange, due to the age and the complexity of the building. Martin has worked out well as a 'Jack of all Trades' in helping with jobs
- The bar is in Limbo and losing £2,000 per month, the reserves will last to July/August
- Improvement works to the Grange bar have been agreed, and work is expected to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> March. It was felt that, to attract more people into using the Grange bar that it needed to be improved decoratively, layout and improved seating. There are original features, which have been covered up for years, such as original parquet flooring and

fireplace, and these will be uncovered to make the Grange bar more in keeping with the period style of the Grange.

**b. CDALC**

Cllr Foster informed the meeting that he had attended a CDALC meeting, held in ZOOM mode. The details will be sent to the Clerk, who will distribute to all Councillors.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.16pm