

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hurworth Grange on Thursday, 4th April 2019

Those present:-

Margaret Williams, Elaine Hedley, Peter Foster, Paul Walters, Dorothy Oughton, Richard Lawley, Graham Wylie, Bree Stamp and Tony Winnett.

Also in attendance:

Parish Clerk (Peter Allan), and 5 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Wilma Campbell, Nic Prior, Janine Forster, Lorraine Tostevin.

Declarations of Interest

None

184. Chairman's Address

The Chair, Paul Walters, opened the meeting and welcomed the Councillors and members of the public.

The Chairman informed the meeting that there will not be an election for Hurworth Parish Council, as only 8 candidates had registered.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 16th May 2019, and this will incorporate three functions:-

- 1 **The Annual Meeting**, at which the Chairman and Vice Chairman will be appointed, by which time all the new Councillors will have signed their Acceptance of Office.
2. **The Annual Assembly**, which is a Public Meeting, convened by the Council for the residents.
3. **The Parish Council's Monthly Meeting**.

185. Public Participation

1. A resident enquired about the new planning application from Bellway, requesting permission to build a further five houses.

Richard Lawley responded explaining that the application was a change in the number, but also in the style of the houses. It appears that Bellway see a market for 3 bedroom houses, rather than all the larger styles. He will cover this further when he gives his report.

There was also some concern about a new fence which has been constructed.

2. A resident enquired if there was any progress on the plans to enhance the children's playground at Hurworth Grange.

Bree Stamp responded, informing the meeting that there was now a lot of coverage on Facebook and the social media. She said that she is slightly disappointed at the response but is confident that they will attain the 200 supporters, which they are targeting to achieve a 'mass' sized group.

When this achieved, grants will be applied for, so the project is progressing well.

3. David Crisp, from the public gallery, asked if the Community team who have been working at Hurworth Grange could clean the Knell Gate passageway. Peter Foster agreed to investigate this, as it may be rubbish or tree branches from the two neighbours.

186. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th March 2019 were accepted, Proposed by Dorothy Oughton, Seconded by Peter Foster.

187 Matters Arising

a. Hurworth Parish Entrance Plaques

Paul Walters reported that he has another meeting with Bellway to discuss the size of the signage and the placing of the Village Entrance Plaques

It is intended that planters with flowers will be placed beside the plaques and it is important that the placing is accurate.

It is expected that these will be in place within the next four weeks.

b. Barbara Bell asked that thanks be expressed to the Council for their award of £300 to the Friends of Rockcliffe Court.

Barbara has arranged for students from Priory Hurworth House School who will be able to assist with the maintenance of the gardens at Rockcliffe Court.

188 Planning Report.

Richard Lawley reported as follows:-

PLANNING NOTES					
	Date	Reference	Address	Description	Notes
	Mon 25 Mar 2019	19/00274/TFC	Old House Gardens West End HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2JD	Notification to carry out works to trees in a designated Conservation Area - Felling of 1 No. Sycamore Tree (T1)	Tree in poor condition, felling for H&S
	Fri 22 Mar 2019	19/00266/NMA	Land At OSGR E430566 N510791 Roundhill Road Hurworth Moor DARLINGTON	Non Material Amendment of planning permission 16/00886/OUT dated 14 February 2017 (Outline planning permission with access details (all other matters reserved) for the erection of up to 100 No dwellings (Amended Travel Plan received 3rd October 2016) (Additional Habitat Survey received 10th October 2016) (Additional Qualitative Odour Assessment received 3rd November 2016)) to permit an increase in number of dwellings on site from 95 to 100 dwellings	Bellway development

	Fri 22 Mar 2019	19/00268/FUL	Entrance To Hurworth Springs Country Park Neasham Road Hurworth Moor DARLINGTON	Alterations to existing entrance to increase kerb radii	
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Richard said there was a large amount of information about the Bellway application on the DBC web site. Effectively, they wished to build five more 3 bedroom houses instead of the larger 5 bedroom houses.

189 Tree Report

Peter Foster reported that the care and maintenance which the Council has carried out in the last three years is proving its worth. He had inspected the trees around the village following the high winds, and all the trees were in good condition, with no broken branches.

A resident has reported a problem which appears to have been caused by the roots of four trees on Hurworth Grange land. The resident has applied for work to be done on these trees but DBC had rejected the application, as the trees are the subject of TPO's. The Council is now further investigating this matter.

190. Allotment report

In the absence of Nic prior, there was no report.

191. Highways.

Margaret gave a detailed report of the traffic monitoring as follows:-

Highways report for Hurworth - March 2019

Lindon court incoming

Total no vehicles 131,151

Max speed 65 mph on 18/3/2019 @ 11.00 hrs

% vehicles in excess of 30 mph speed limit = 28%

Ave spender travels @ 33.1 mph

Hurworth rd opposite school incoming

Total no vehicles 83,844

Max speed 75 mph on 1/3/2019 @ 1.00

% vehicles in excess of 30 mph speed limit = 45.3%

Ave speeder travels @ 33.2 mph

Round hill rd incoming

Total no vehicles 58,748

Max speed 65 mph on 14/3/2019 @ 23.00

% vehicles in excess of 30 mph speed limit = 16.5%

Ave speeder travels @. 33.00 mph

Same trends at all monitors as in previous months - no changes in results observed!

Some of you may have noticed a young man (Sam) clearing the verges of rubbish on all the main roads that come into the village- Roundhill rd , Neasham rd and Croft rd in particular. He has undertaken this task voluntarily because, as a relatively new resident in the village, he has been appalled by the amount of rubbish discarded in these areas. My grateful thanks go to him for making such a difference and for improving the look of the entrance roads to our village.

Tony Winnett added that Sam's parents have also been litter picking and our thanks are extended to them all.

Action: Clerk to arrange to have the bags collected by StreetScene.

192. Police report

Dorothy Oughton reported as follows:-

Hurworth March 2019

Criminal Damage

15/03 – Calder Avenue – damage to the rear window of a vehicle

17/03 – Blackwell Golf Club – damage to the green by youths – all left prior to police arrival.

19/03 – Blackwell Golf Club – damage to the putting green overnight time – no youths found

Theft

08/03 – Blackwell Golf Club – theft of grass cutting machine

ABS

06/03 – Blackwell Golf Club – off road bike on playing fields - left prior to police arrival

13/03 – Sycamore Close – a report of a vehicle being egged – no trace of any persons

18/03 – Blackwell Golf Club – ASB caused by youths in the area of driving range – youths left prior to police arrival

Suspicious

05/03 – Southfield Close – male going door to door trying to sell items, male appeared to be intimidating – no other issues

08/03 – Hurworth Moor Farms – possible poachers on farmers land – no trace of the poachers

16/03 – Belgrave Terrace – caller woken up during night time by unknown person banging on the front door. Unknown to who it was – no trace of anyone in the area

24/03 – Tees View – Intruder alarm on building site – area checked no one found

Graham Wylie advised Dorothy that the monthly PACT meetings are now being held at Neasham readings Rooms on 1st Wednesday of each month.

193. Litter Picking

Dorothy Oughton reported that the Hurworth Primary School has held a 'Litter Pick Day'. This was well supported and the children enjoyed the event, and a great deal of litter was collected.

Bree Stamp reported that young people from the Priory Hurworth House School have also participated in a litter pick in the village. The young people had enjoyed the experience, and it is expected that more sessions will take place.

Dorothy Oughton stated that the dog fouling was much improved, although the area along the Glebe was still being used by dog owners who are not picking up.

194. Parish Walks

In the absence of Janine Forster there was no report.

Graham Wylie distributed copies of the completed Walks brochure, which is now complete. **The Clerk was asked to print copies and distribute them.**
The meeting thanked Graham for his good work on this project.

195. Web site and Guestbook

Graham Wylie said that there has been very little activity on the web site, and only one message in the Guestbook.

The licence for the Guestbook software, £39, is due in May. The meeting discussed whether to continue with the facility. Finally it was agreed that Bree Stamp and Graham would seek alternative free software applications, which may be more suitable.

Association reports

Peter Foster reported that there is to be a meeting at Hurworth Village Hall on 8th April, when the Mayor of Cleveland will be detailing the plans for Durham Teesside Airport, now that it is in private hands.

Tony Winnett said that he had attended the Durham Tees Valley Airport Consultative Committee Meeting 3 April 2019.

Fairly quiet meeting. Tees Valley Authority now own Airport.

Stobart Group will be the operator and are in process of taking over Finance

HR and IT departments from Peel Group who are acting as caretakers.

The TVA Mayor setting up meetings with local authorities to explain forward progress.

196. Accounts for Payment

The Schedule of Accounts for Payment for March 2019, having been distributed to all Councillors was accepted by the meeting.

Accounts for Payment as at 31st March 2019

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Skipbridge Signs	103187	Replacement cheques	330.00
Cheque 103130 lost	103130	Cheque cancelled 103130 lost	-330.00
M Harrison	103188	Projects, allotments labour	150.00
P Walters Trav Exs	103189	Travelling expenses	85.40
Friends of Rockliffe Court	103190	Section 137 Award	300.00
HCA photocopying	103191	Neighbourhood Plan	149.36
Wave water rates	103192	Allotment water	13.52
Data Processing licence fee	103193	Licence	40.00
G Johnston	103194	Treework	823.50
MT Print	103195	Newsletter	592.00
HCA Festival Sect 137	103196	Community award Setion 137	2000.00
Bob Iles	103197	Salary	372.45
Barclays Bank	DD	Bank charges	2.30
P D Allan	103198	Salary	695.20
Inland Revenue	103199	PAYE	194.80
P D Allan	103200	Admin expenses	81.46
HCA	103201	Community award Setion 137	2000.00
Hurworth Village Hall	103202	Community award Setion 137	2000.00
BT Comms	DD	Communications	131.52
Total Expenditure for March 2019			9631.31

197. Financial report

The Financial report to 31st March 2019, having been distributed to all Councillors was accepted by the meeting.

BLUE-Allocated		Financial Report				Financial Report as at 31st March 2019						Ring fenced funds £12,687				
Green = Committed	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Total	Budget	Variance	
Revenue																
Precept	54000												54000	54000	0	
Other Litter Pick & VAT	2572			2140	2719							2913	10344	10800	-256	
Ren, Interest, other			33			40		50	129			320	572	340	232	
Grants				3200						5000		0	8200	8200	-1000	
Allotment rent £15	140		20		20					720	140	100	1140	1140	0	
Total Revenue for month	56712	0	53	5340	2739	40	0	50	129	5720	140	3333	74256	75280	-1024	
Expenditure																
Salaries & NHI	1360	1263	1263	1459	1262	1263	1361	1262	1265	1434	1172	1262	15686	15800	86	
Gen. Admin Expenses	693	699	1310	162	371	323	352	65	180	138	108	362	4763	4900	-137	
Trees	0	750	234	0	0	3352	765	0	1035	599	310	477	7522	7500	22	
Open Spaces	503	0	0	513	325	130	212	900	0	404	60	346	3393	4000	-607	
Section 137		2852	0	0	445	0	1150	-90	40		1662	300	6359	4000	2359	
Projects		80	0	600	1100	8101	1589	0	0		2443	110	15043	23200	-8157	
Legal Costs		0	0		1100	0	3050	1682	2021	1711	1940	0	11504	200	11304	
Neighbourhood Plan		0	1200			193	115	4	1464	324	326	120	3746	3500	246	
Newsletters	60	60	60			60	275	843	200	60	60	592	2270	3400	-1130	
EPIC Support (S137)							0	0				0	0	3050	-3050	
Paths/ Grit/ Heritage Trail/ Train			0			80	35					0	115	500	-385	
Allotments	24	40	280	346		362	7	255	332	240	30	13	1929	1100	829	
Highways & Floods	175	70		165			303	0	0				713	1000	-287	
Handyman	30	566	120		150	0	0	0	0	50		40	956	1000	-44	
Country Fair & Concert										0	0	6000	6000	4000	2000	
Capital Expenditure & Training					259						258		517	518	-1	
VAT	84	65	141	144	289	1800	1061	390	404	342	931	8	5659	2250	3409	
Total Disbursements	2929	6455	4608	3389	5301	16664	10285	5311	6941	5362	9300	9630	86175	79718	6457	
Revenue less expenses	53783	-6455	-4555	1951	-2562	-16624	-10285	-5261	-6812	358	-9160	-6297	-11919	-4438		
Funds in Hand less ring fenced	48,483	102288	95811	91256	83207	90845	74021	63736	58475	51863	52021	42881	36564			
Revenue less epenses	53,783	-6,455	-4,555	1,951	-2,562	-16,624	-10,285	-5,261	-6,812	358	-9,160	-6,297	12,687			
Balance Forward	102266	95811	91256	93207	90645	74021	63736	58475	51663	52021	42861	36564	49251			

198. Any Other Business (Non-Financial)

1. The defibrillator cabinet has now arrived, and we are waiting for the post to be installed.
2. Dorothy asked when the memorial plaque would be getting painted. This will be done within a week, weather permitting.
3. It was agreed that the Council will send a letter to Cllr Joe Kelley, who is not standing for re-election. Joe has supported Hurworth throughout his tenure as Ward Councillor, and we all owe him our thanks.

The Chairman drew the meeting to a close, thanking all of the Councillors for their support and effort during his tenure as Chairman. He wishes the new incoming Council good luck, he said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time on the Parish Council, and hoped that the new Councillors will enjoy the experience.

The meeting closed at 8:01pm

