

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hurworth Grange on Thursday, 6th December 2018 2018.

Those present:-

Margaret Williams, Elaine Hedley, Peter Foster, Paul Walters, Dorothy Oughton, Richard Lawley. Graham Wylie. Wilma Campbell

Also in attendance:

Cllr Lorraine Tostevin, Cllr Joe Kelley and the Parish Clerk (Peter Allan), and 6 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence:

Janine Forster

120. Chairman's Address The Chair, Paul Walters, opened the meeting and welcomed the Councillors. Two guests -Bree Stamp and Tony Winnett, and members of the public.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Council has had a meeting with Andy Casey, Head of DBC Highways Department, and he asked Margaret Williams to report on this meeting.

Meeting with 3 Councillors (P.W.,M.J.W.,W.C.),resident (H.J.) Parish Clerk and Ward Councillor (L.T.)Andy Casey and Paul Ibbotson from DBC on 27/11/2018.

Issues discussed:-

Yellow 'no parking' lines at the Spar and Westfield Drive nr Priory School

These requests are in a batch of 35 for the Darlington area and are being dealt with using consultation letters to nearby residents in the next 4 weeks

Consultation letters have also been sent to residents of Elmfield Rd

The idea of consulting the Academy for a parents' drop off system in their car park was not deemed a viable request due to H and S potential problems.

There will eventually be a 20 mph part funded restriction outside this school

Arriva bus route- Emerson/Sanderson Rd – There is a petition being organised by residents to object to a suggestion that the bus route in this area might be altered. There are no plans to put double yellow lines on these roads.

The Birches- following last month's PC meeting it has been arranged for D.B.C. to monitor traffic speeds in this area and report back.

There are plans to reduce the size of the bus 'pull in' at the chip shop by moving the lay-by out to the edge of the road. This will allow the bus to take on wheelchair bound passengers more easily and will also free up some parking spaces at this point.

The cost of putting in a special post with power to accommodate a defibrillator at the bus stop near the chip shop is circa £600

Roundhill Rd traffic calming- As well as a 20 mph speed limit past the school there are plans to put three areas with traffic priority signs, speed limits and speed calming bumps on the road past the new housing developments. A plan of the calming scheme was passed around the meeting.

Middi's speed monitor van sign – it was reported that if it was attached to a vehicle and had brake lights it might be legal.

There has been a lot of problems with loose dogs not under proper control chasing sheep in the fields up the Glebe to the Grange. The farmer has lost several lambs which were aborted and at least one ewe. Contact with the manager of footpaths and by-ways at D.B.C. has resulted in rather small notices asking dog owners to keep their dogs on the footpath and under close control.

Cllr Joe Kelley stated that he is in touch with the consultation team and will update the council with activities as they progress.

Elaine Hedley asked if there will be resident consultation regarding the yellow lines in Westfield Drive. Margaret Williams responded saying that the residents will be approached, but it may take a few weeks, as there are 35 projects being considered in Darlington.

121. Declarations of Interest

Wilma Campbell - HCA & EPICH
Nic Prior - Allotments

122. Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st November 2018.

The Minutes were accepted, Proposed by Dorothy Oughton and Seconded by Margaret Williams.

123. Co-option of two new Parish Councillors

The Chairman addressed the meeting, informing it that the Notice of Council Vacancies has been displayed for 15 working days, and that two candidates have put their names forward as potential Parish Councillors. Both candidates have been interviewed by members of the Council, and he is delighted to propose that Bree stamp and Tony Winnett be co-opted to Hurworth Parish Council. The council agreed unanimously. Both candidates were formally enrolled, signing the Register of Office and their Declaration of Interests. The meeting applauded the two new Councillors, who now joined the meeting in their new role.

124. Matters Arising

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- a. **Village Security.** Mark Middlemiss, speaking from the public gallery, reported that the company from which we had obtained quotations for the cameras was no longer in business. He has obtained further quotations which indicate a cost of £420 per camera. However, they need to be 'wired' cameras and not 'wireless' units.

This raises a question about liability when the cameras are installed on resident's property and wired into their supply. The question of insurance needs to be clarified, for the project to progress.

As Mark is no longer a member of the Council, the project was passed to Paul Walters to follow up. **Action Paul Walters.**

b. Parking in Hurworth

The informed the meeting that the council has a meeting with DBC, as reported by Margaret Williams and that a meeting with Darlington police and their new Parking Enforcement Team is scheduled for Thursday, 13th December. It was noted that the Chief Constable has acted very quickly to our request for their participation.

c. Hurworth Parish Entrance Plaques

Paul Walters reported that he has redesigned the plaques, as the original design resembled a grave, and the new design will encapture the Saxon heritage of the village. The plaques will be mounted and the lettering will be gold on dark brown.

Paul was pleased to announce that Bellway have agreed to assist, and have committed £500 towards the plaques, one of which will be on their land at the entrance to the village from Roundhill Road.

d. Dog Fouling

Graham Wylie has conducted a survey on 'Hurworth Live', and the results were as follows:-

1. 51 people recommended a 'Name and shame' campaign.
2. 27 recommended more dog poo bins and free bags.
3. Others suggested appropriate metal notices to be appended to lampposts.
4. Ten people have offered to become watching monitors, who will position themselves to identify dog owners who commit this offence.

Councillor Wylie showed some designs for notices that might be suitable for item 4 above.

Dorothy Oughton reported that the situation had slightly improved, despite the dark evenings and poor weather.

Cllr Tostevin informed the meeting that a private company called Kingdom are operating in parts of Darlington Borough and they have the powers to levy fines of £80 on offenders, if they are caught. The meeting agreed that Cllr Tostevin will contact this company, with a view to HPC engaging them. The Council are resolute in their objective in reducing the number of incidents of dog fouling in Hurworth.

e. Parish walks

Graham Wylie reported that he has done an amount of work on the design of a brochure which will contain details of the walks in Hurworth Parish. Graham showed the meeting a first edition of the brochure, and all agreed that this is an excellent start to the project.

The Clerk reported that he has been in touch with Steve Petch, the Manager of DBC Rights of Way, and he has stated that he is keen to help and provide information which can be used in the brochure. **Action: Clerk to arrange a suitable meeting for the Walks Team, a preferred date being 19th December at 4:00pm.**

125. Public Participation

- a. Malcolm Dryden asked if the map indicating the new Roundhill Road speed reduction engineering has been approved DBC. Margaret stated that in her view

that the plans have been passed, but implementation may be delayed until more houses have been built.

Mr Dryden stated that the condition of the road at present is poor, and that new lines and markings are required urgently. The old lines have been obliterated; cat's eyes should be installed. **Action: The council will report this back to Andy Casey.**

126. **Planning Report.** Richard Lawley reported as follows:-

PLANNING NOTES

Date	Reference	Address	Description	Notes
Tue 04 Dec 2018	18/01126/CON	Land To The Rear Of 21 Roundhill Road HURWORTH DARLINGTON	Approval of details reserved by conditions 10 (design and materials for surface of public footpath), 11 (scheme to protect public footpath during construction period), 12 (foul and surface water drainage details), 14 (internal highways layout), 15 (swept path analysis) and 16 (construction management plan) of planning permission reference number 16/00989/OUT dated 12 May 2017 for outline application for the erection of 3 No. detached dwellings (with all matters except access reserved) (Additional Ecological Appraisal; Arboricultural Impact Assessment; Odour Assessment; Ground Investigation Report and amended Layout Plan received 20 February 2017)	Adjacent to existing footpath, see no reason to object.
Fri 16 Nov 2018	18/01064/FUL	The Annexe Spa Wells Low Dinsdale NEASHAM DARLINGTON DL2 1PL	Removal of conditions 2 (garages to be used incidental to the main dwelling) and 3 (living accommodation not be occupied, let, or otherwise disposed of as a separate dwelling) attached to planning permission 16/01128/FUL dated 19 December 2016	They want to potentially live in the garage, and/or use it for commercial purposes
Thu 08 Nov 2018	18/01040/CON	Land At OSGR E430566 N510791 Roundhill Road Hurworth Moor DARLINGTON	Approval of details reserved by condition 2 (materials) attached to planning permission 18/00460/RM1 dated 21 September 2018 for reserved matters relating to scale, layout, appearance and landscaping pursuant to outline planning permission 17/01194/OUT dated 30 May 2018 for residential development for up to 95 dwellings (Amended plans received 24th August 2018 and 5th September 2018)	Detailing layout of development in more detail
Tue 06 Nov 2018	18/01031/FUL	Driving Range Blackwell Grange Golf Club Snipe Lane DARLINGTON	Erection of new golf swing bay constructed within existing driving range	
Mon 05 Nov 2018	18/01025/HR	Land At OSGR E430566 N510791 Roundhill Road Hurworth Moor DARLINGTON	Hedgerow Removal Notice for the removal of 3 metres of hedgerow	For further access and to feed High Voltage cables through
12/09/2018	18/00843/TFC	7 Croft Road HURWORTH DARLINGTON DL2 2HD	Works To Trees Protected Under Tree Preservation Order (No 4) 1968 (Woodland 3) - Felling Of 4 No. Pine Trees	Application declined, trees are in good condition, removing them with be of detriment to the surrounding area.

127. Neighbourhood Plan. Richard Lawley reported as follows:-

The booklet which provides a precis of the Neighbourhood Plan has now been completed and will be delivered by the Councillors to every residence in the Parish. Copies of the complete Plan, with the indexes will be available for perusal at Hurworth grange, the Mustard Tree and Hurworth Village Hall.

The Council wishes to express their thanks to Nigel Goddard and Hugh Jackson who undertook the bulk of the work in gathering, analysing and preparing the Neighbourhood Plan. They devoted a huge amount of time and effort to achieve this. We also express our thanks to Peter Commene, who has designed and compiled the booklets which have been prepared to highlight the features of the Plan for the benefit of the residents.

Richard circulated a copy of the new booklet to the meeting.

A public meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 30th January 2019, when all residents are invited to attend. This will be at the end of the 6 week consultancy period, and will be the last chance for residents to comment, discuss or alter the draft Plan. The finalised Plan will be submitted to Darlington Borough Council in February 2019.

128.Tree Report.

Peter Foster gave the following report:-

All the Tree Surveys for 2018 have now been completed and sent to the Council.

These indicate the health of all the trees in Hurworth, and indicate where remedial work is recommended.

The two oak trees, in commemoration the felled trees at Blackwell Lane will be planted on 7th December; the delay has been caused by the unsuitable weather.

Peter drew attention to the dead tree near the Priory School, which DBC has still not removed. This is potentially dangerous, and the c

Council needs to report this for the fourth time to the DBC **Arborist. Action Clerk** Graham Wylie offered to put the tree reports onto the HPC web site; this will be arranged.

A resident has commented that the lettering on the commemoration plaque on the Green requires re-painting. **Action Clerk to arrange this.**

129.Open Spaces and EPICH Report.

Wilma Campbell reported as follows:-

OPEN SPACES/EPICH

Following discussions with both Bellway and Miller Homes about including more wildlife friendly features into their developments, I am delighted to report the following responses.

Fran Nicholson, Planning Manager from Bellway.

"I can confirm that Bellway will be installing numerous bat bricks and bird boxes around our development site at Hurworth Gardens and I have requested a plan showing where they will be installed around site from our internal architect.

I can also confirm that we will be planting more native species beneficial for wildlife around the SUDS area and throughout site (where appropriate) as suggested by

yourself. We are not proposing to revise landscaping plans just at this very minute, as we are still quite a long way off from implementing the landscaping, but I will look to do this sometime in the Spring.”

Eddie Burton / Design Manager / Miller Homes

“Yes, I received your information and it has been passed on to our landscape designer. I am pleased to say that we are able to incorporate most of the general principles set out and for some aspects such as species we have contacted our landscape installation contractor for further advice and pricing. Due to the time scales for the planning application, it may be that some of the features need to be added following the decision.

We are happy to be part of the community and continue the design and character so our clients feel at home in the village.”

Hogweed on the River Tees has been treated twice this year at a cost of £900.

EPICH will be continuing their bulb planting scheme throughout the village over the next few months. Fourteen of the fifteen swift boxes bought by EPICH from the RSPB have been sold at half price to residents living in various areas of the Parish.

130. **Allotment Report** Nic Prior reported as follows:-

Further reports of dog fouling were in evidence, and it is hoped that the council's more stringent efforts will eradicate this problem.

The damage which a pupil of Priory School had caused has been repaired by the school's maintenance person.

The new posts and fencing will be installed as soon as the weather is more clement. **Action Clerk.**

A log will be kept of any persons who are seen to be trespassing on the allotments, which are private land.

Cllr Tostevin reported that residents have reported other incidents of anti-social behaviour by pupils from Priory School. **The Clerk was requested to arrange a meeting with the school.**

Graham Wylie will select the new notice board for Strait Lane allotments and arrange for tithe installation. **Action GW and Cle**

131. **Highways Report.** Margaret Williams reported:

a. Traffic

Highways report December 2018

Speed monitor readings November 2018

Site Linden Court incoming

N.B. There have been traffic lights on the stretch of road towards this monitor

% drivers over 30mph limit 6.9% Average speeder 33.1 mph

Max speed 55 mph on 1/12/2018 @1.30 hrs

Hurworth Rd opposite the Academy outgoing

% drivers over 30 mph speed limit 40.00% Average speeder 33.8 mph

Max speed 75 mph on 24/11/2018 @ 17.30 hrs

Steel Bridge incoming

% drivers over 30 mph speed limit 23.6% Average speeder 33.3 mph

Max speed 70 mph on 2/11/2018 @ 1.15 hr

The No Parking signs on the Green have been removed or broken and must be replaced. **Action Clerk**

Further emphasis was placed on the speeding on Strait Lane near The Birches; DBC will be carrying out covert speed checks on this area, and Elaine Hedley agreed to try to arrange Speed Watch sessions there.

Peter Foster drew attention to two drainage gullies which have not been cleared by StreetScene. Cllr Tostevin agreed to make suitable arrangements to address this and to arrange for Cllr Foster to meet with the StreetScene team. **Action Cllr Tostevin and Peter Foster**

- b. SpeedWatch** Elaine Hedley reported that one session had been carried out in November, the weather had been too bad to carry out further sessions. Several drivers have been logged as exceeding the limit and reported accordingly. Elaine and Dorothy intend to attend the meeting with the police on 13th December.

132. Matters of Interest

- a. Social Media Policy.** Elaine Hedley handed out a questionnaire requesting all councillors to give their opinion on each clause of a proposed Policy document which the Council will be asked to adopt. The responses will be reviewed at the January 2019 meeting, when Elaine hopes a decision can be reached.
- b. Community Notice Boards**
Graham Wylie, who has taken over the responsibility for preparing and siting posters on the Community Notice boards displayed some suggested posters, which he can get prepared at a very low cost. The Council's concern is that the cost of getting the excellent quality vinyl posters is costing approx. £100 and this requires an increase in the budget. Margaret Williams raised the question of which of the posters the Council should pay for, when there is a mixture of community events, council events and organisation's own fund-raising events. After discussion, it was agreed that Paul Walters and the Clerk would arrange a meeting with Skipbridge signs to discuss the various quality options and costs. **Action: PW and Clerk**

133. **Police Report.** Graham Wylie gave the following Police Report for December 2018:-

Here are the crime figures for November, provided by Patryk Montelatyc PCSO 8120

Crime Figures Hurworth – November 2018

Theft

02/11 – Hurworth Comp – Vehicle has been parked on the schools car park where a male walked up to it and has taken a Chainsaw

12/11 – Blackwell Golf club – some wooden fence has been cut up and taken overnight

19/11 – Hurworth Comp. – Handbag has been stolen from the school (possibly by one of the students) – bag found with items missing

28/11 – Roundhill RD – Stolen handbag from a vehicle (vehicle was left open)

ASB

02/11 – Linden Drive – Report of multiple quads driving through the village – area search no trace, must have been passing thought and not locals

14/11 – Woodlands Way – Kids with masks knocking on the doors and running away – area search no trace of the youths

16/11 – Bay Horse – report of 6/7 men drinking and throwing bottles around near the pub – attended and not as reported, spoke to staff in the pub who stated the men went outside for a cigarette but were not throwing anything around or weren't too loud.

Road Related

27/11 – Neasham Rd – tree on the road – council contacted and will sort it

Suspicious

28/11 – Emmerson Rd – suspicious white male in a white transit van looking into houses – Dealt with by police officer

134. Accounts for Payment

The Schedule of Accounts for Payment having been distributed to all councillors has accepted by the meeting.

Accounts for Payment as at 30th November 2018

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
HCA Newsletter	103136	Newsletter	60.00
MT Print newsletters	103137	Newsletter	723.00
Nat Assoc of Allotments	103138	Annual sub	66.00
AC Metals skip	103139	Allotment skip	240.00
HCA Photocopying N Plan	103140	N Plan	29.12
HCA newsletter	103141	Newsletter printing	60.00
Tees River Trust hogweed	103142	Hogweed spraying	900.00
Refund on Halloween Party expenses		Refund	-90.00

		Legal costs allotment	
Wellers Law Group	103143	case	2018.40
Bob Iles	103144	Salary	372.65
P D Allan	103145	Salary	691.20
Inland Revenue	103146	PAYE	198.00
P D Allan	103147	Admin expenses	64.98
Barclays Bank	DD	Bank charges	2.30
	Cheque		
Griffith N Plan prize not banked	expired	Refund	-25.00
Total Expenditure for November 2018			5310.65

135. Financial report

The Financial report to 30th November 2018, having been distributed to all councillors has accepted by the meeting.

Please see the Financial Report as an appenditure.

The Chair put before the meeting the following motions:

1. The Chairman asked the Council to formally accept and adopt the recommendations as detailed in the Minutes of the Finance Working Party form their meeting held on 6th November 2018.

Proposed by Dorothy Oughton, Seconded by Richard Lawley, Voted unanimously.

2. The Chairman asked the Council to accept and adopt the Schedule of Projects, as recommended at the Finance working Party meeting held on 6th November 2018.
Proposed by Wilma Campbell, Seconded by Graham Wylie, Voted unanimously.

3. The Chairman asked the Council to confirm the recommendation made by the Working Group that sets the Hurworth Parish Council Precept for 2019 at £56,000, which represents a 3.7 percent increase on 2018.

The Chairman asked the Council

Proposed by Elaine Hedley, Seconded by Peter Foster, Voted unanimously.

136. Web Site and Guestbook.

Graham Wylie reported that there has been no activity on the Guest Book, as most residents are now using Hurworth Live as there social interaction site.

Graham has taken over the updating and maintenance of the HPC web site, and Mark Middlemiss agreed to provide some hand-over training.

137. Association Reports

Peter Foster said that he had attended the November meeting of CDALC meeting in Durham.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the change of ownership of Durham Tees Valley Airport, which was generally welcomed.

Several objections have been raised about the increase in bus fares in the Durham area.

A full set of Minutes will be sent to the Clerk by Steve Ragg, and these will be distributed to councillors

138. Any Other Business (Non-Financial)

- a. Tony Winnett asked whether the council were going to support the Darlington Association of Parish Councils, which has been badly attended at the last three meetings. The Chair confirmed that Elaine Hedley and Dorothy Oughton will be attending representing HPC. The DAPC has a new Clerk and he and Derek Dodswell intend to market the meetings more diligently.
- b. Cllr Tostevin has followed up a query raised by the Clerk about Section 106 payments from Yorvik for their Croft House development. David Coates, Head of Planning confirmed that funding has been arranged and it is being deployed on the Hurworth Grange playground. Cllr Tostevin is trying to get this extended to make some available for the resurfacing of the Grange car park. **Action; Cllr Tostevin and Clerk**
- c. Wilma Campbell enquired the free bus being provided by Graham Wylie is being used. The response was that only one couple had availed themselves. It was suggested that more publicity is required and that Wednesday may be a preferable evening for the service.
- d. The Chair has arranged for the Christmas tree lights to be put up. **Action Clerk.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:47pm

