

Hurworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hurworth Grange on Thursday, 3rd January 2019.

Those present:-

Margaret Williams, Graham Wylie, Elaine Hedley, Wilma Campbell, Peter Foster, Janine Forster, Dorothy Oughton, Tony Winnett, Bree Stamp.

Also in attendance:

Cllr Joe Kelley, and 4 members of the public.

1. Opening address

The Vice Chair, M Williams opened the meeting, welcomed the Councillors and members of the public wishing everyone a Happy New Year. She drew attention to the forthcoming Aviva bus service strike from 6th to 12th January inclusive.

2. Apologies

P Walters (holiday), Nic Prior (work), Clerk P Allan (personal), Cllr L Tostevin (holiday)

3. Declarations of Interest

Wilma Campbell - HCA and EPICH

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th December 2018.

The Minutes were accepted, Proposed by E Hedley and Seconded by D Oughton.

5. Matters Arising

- a. **Dog Fouling.** G Wylie suggested another possible way of limiting continued dog fouling within the village may be to purchase 2 dog fouling plastic bag dispensing units, to be placed in appropriate areas. These cost £94:80 each + VAT . Total cost £160.
After discussion the motion was proposed by G Wylie and Seconded by P Foster. Motion was defeated by 5 votes to 4.

6. Public Participation

John Petty explained his ongoing concern about the potentially dangerous state of Roundhill Road due to mud left by construction vehicles. Bellway had addressed concerns by sweeping road twice a day but Miller Homes had not acknowledged his repeated requests. HPC will contact Miller Homes to address the situation.

Action Clerk

Liz Petty asked if HPC could upgrade Grange play area with more adventurous equipment similar to that found in Darlington areas. HPC explained they were planning to use the 106 money available in 2 years time, for this purpose. Mrs Petty felt that this was too long to wait and asked HPC to look into finding another source of finance. B Stamp agreed that the play equipment needed updating and will look into how other areas have been financed.

Action B Stamp

7. Planning Applications – No report given.

8. **Neighbourhood Plan** - T Winnett thanked all councillors who had helped to distribute the précis of the Neighbourhood Plan in preparation for the forthcoming Public Meeting on 30th January 2019, in the Fletcher Hall at 7:15pm. There had been a slight delay in distribution due to photocopier failure. Waiting for comments to come in. Cllr Kelley reported that DBC would not be considering the Local Plan until after the May election.

9. Matters of Interest

- a. Social Media Policy – E Hedley explained that she had not received comments from all councillors yet about the draft document she had distributed at the last meeting. T Winnett thought that the content could be condensed down to two paragraphs. This needs to be discussed fully at next meeting.

Action Clerk

10. Police Report – G Wylie Hurworth Crime Figures, December 2018

Criminal Damage

07/12 – Evans Halshaw – Male smashed the rear window of one of the vehicles on site, then made off as the alarm sounded

21/12 – Evans Halshaw – 2x unknown suspects trying vehicles and smashing windows

Theft

12/12 – Elm field Road – theft of tools from a vehicle - Investigation ongoing.

ASB

06/12 – Hurworth Comp. School – report of youths targeting one of the members of staff on the carpark, the youths were shouting and throwing stones at the staff – No damage caused, no injuries, area searched no trace for the youths, no Identification possible as it was too dark during the evening.

Animals/Wildlife

06/12 – Rail tracks in Hurworth – report of a cow on live railway – the cow has eventually been put back on the field

10/12 – Croft Road – sheep on the road – no officers attended due to other ongoing incidents

Suspicious

04/12 – Elmfield Rd – report of male knocking on doors, being rude and taking pictures of houses – male has been spoken to as well as their supervisor – nothing suspicious and no pictures on male's phone.

08/12 – Westfield Drive – report of a suspicious van driving up and down the road – information recorded

21/12 – Strait Lane – someone has pushed a half a pack of jelly into caller's letter box

26/12 – Hurworth Moor – 2x males with lurcher type dogs on farmer’s field. –
Officers came out but couldn’t find the males

11. Accounts for Payment

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

Accounts for Payment as at 31st December 2018

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
		Delivering HPC	
All Saints Church	103148	Newsletters	200.00
Peter Foster Trav exs	103149	CDALC Meeting	36.60
G Johnston Tree work	103150	Tree work	1034.55
Barclays Bank	DD	Bank charges	2.30
		Christmas tree,&	
Eden Landscapes	103151	allotemnts	120.00
Peter Commune N Plan	103152	N Plan booklet design	200.00
Wave water rates	103153	Allotment water 3 months	222.20
G Wylie Web site licence	103154	Web site licence	111.75
Joyce Wedge	103155	Allotment refund of bond	30.00
HCA Printing N Plan	103155	Printing booklets N Plan	1264.56
Bob Iles	103156	Salary	372.65
P.D Allan	103157	Salary	691.40
Inland Revenue	103158	PAYE	198.60
Wellers Law Group	103159	Legal expenses	2366.40
P D Allan N Plan and exs	103160	N Plan binders, exs	89.16
Total Expenditure for December 2018			6940.17

12. Financial Report as at 31st December 2018

The Financial report, having been distributed to all Councillors was accepted by the meeting. The Detailed Report is in the Minutes Annexe, and on the web site under ‘Financial Reports’.

2019 Precept – M Williams

At our Finance meeting it was decided to raise the precept to £56,000, however after repeated offers to the claimant were rejected and the case will now go to court, HPC will need additional fees for a barrister. All councillors will have received an email to agree to raise the precept from £56,000 to £59,000. This motion needs to be agreed by the council.

Proposed by G Wylie, Seconded by T Winnett. All 9 councillors who were present at the meeting voted via email on 4th January 2019 to accept the proposal to raise the precept to £59000.

13. Web Site and Guest Book - G Wylie

Website licence £111.75 per year

Calendar app £39.93

Events for website/ calendar/ Hurworth Live/ Hurworth Together

Litter pick – Saturday 26th January, 10:00am on the Green.

Public meeting 30th January, Fletcher Hall, The Grange at 7:15pm.

[Action G Wylie](#)

14. Any Other Business (Non Financial)

- a. Dorothy Oughton said that she intends to hold another village clean-up day on Saturday 26th January, 10:00am meet on the Green. All equipment supplied.
- b. Airport Consultative Committee. P Foster suggested that T Winnett should become HPC representative on this committee due to his previous experience in working with this group. Proposed by P Foster and Seconded by G Wylie. T Winnett agreed.
- c. Priory meeting. As Priory have not confirmed any dates for meeting with HPC representatives, contact needs to be made again. B Stamp agreed to pursue this. [Action B Stamp](#)
- d. Fibre broadband. J Forster asked for an update on completion of this. Cllr Kelley reported that eighteen months ago he was told it would be completed by May 2019 however at last meeting Hurworth was close to borderline as they are seen to be commercially viable.
Cllr Kelley will look at Sec of State analysis and report back at next meeting.

The Vice Chair closed the meeting at 7:30pm.

