

## HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

1. **Present:** Councillors R J Penny, D Rodgerson, F Speak, T Watkins.  
Mrs M Senior (Clerk)
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Councillor J S Douglass
3. **Declarations of Interest** - None
4. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record,
5. **Matters Arising**
  - a) **Village Green** - It was agreed to lay wood chippings on the area cleared of shrubs last year. Hollybush Nursery can provide wood chippings for £45 per load. Cllr Doug Rodgerson is still to arrange.
  - b) **Litter Pick** - The annual litter pick is to take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am. It was arranged to put flyers through every door in the village.
6. **Correspondence**

All correspondence had been listed on the agenda and was noted.

  - a) **Campaign to Protect Rural England** – viability. CPRE Northumberland is currently experiencing problems with poor attendance at meetings, lack of active members and lack of officers. Comments and suggestions are requested.
  - b) **Community Action Northumberland** – Spring Conference. CAN Spring Conference is to be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm in North Sunderland and Seahouses Sports and Community Centre.
  - c) **Prudhoe Community Partnership** – Green infrastructure projects. Partnership public meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm to discuss issues and opportunities for green infrastructure projects in the area.
  - d) **Police and Crime Commissioner, Audit Committee** - Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria have agreed to set up a Joint Independent Audit Committee to maintain an effective internal audit of their affairs. They wish to appoint members of the public to be independent members to the committee. Application forms and further details can be obtained by emailed [deanlowery@gateshad.gov.uk](mailto:deanlowery@gateshad.gov.uk) or by telephoning 0191 4332128.
7. **Finance**
  - a) **Accounts up to 31/03/2013.** Summary for year 2012/2013 presented to the Council. It was agreed for the clerk to provide a more detailed summary showing the previous year's accounts. This will be presented at the May meeting.
  - b) **Invoices for Payment.**
    - David Feeney – Salary and expenses up to 30/09/12 - £321.04
    - Mrs A Senior – Salary and expenses up to 31/03/13 – £555.80
    - HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE - £125.00
    - HM Revenue & Customer – PAYE £52.00
  - c) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £6246.58 as at 25 March was noted (Statement 16).
8. **Planning Application** – Planning Application No: 13/00518/FUL – Proposed installation of endurance wind turbine on 24 metre mast, Land North West of Hedley North Farm. It was agreed to send an objection to the application on the following grounds:-
  - Visual impact
  - Disturbance to wildlife
  - The turbine is of a commercial type and is excess to the needs of the farm.
  - Concerns over the cumulative effect of turbines in the area. Possible application submitted for a turbine at Mickley Grange.

Planning Application No: 12/03533/OUT – Outline application for residential development (7 Dwellings), Land North of Hedley Hill Farm was refused permission.

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9. **Grass Cutting** – Tim Green was no longer interested in continuing with the grass cutting in the village. An alternative contractor had been found; Kris Fagan and it was agreed to accept his quote of £70 per cut with an additional £10 for disposal of grass cuttings when required.
10. **Dry Stone Walling** – The clerk will enquire as to the eligibility of Hedley Parish for funding from the Wind Turbine Developer Community Fund in respect of the Boundary Lane Wind Turbines. It was noted that stones had been removed from a wall within the village boundary.
11. **State of the Roads** –
  - a) Work is still awaited on the ruts on the West Hill which had been reported to the County Council. The clerk will contact NCC for an update.
  - b) NCC will be requested to sweep the roads through the parish.
12. **East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** – The next meeting of the Forum will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013.
13. **Minerals Workings** – It is unlikely that the Hoodsclouse application will go to committee before the July meeting. The Whittonstall Action Group were still being diligent in the efforts.
14. **Mickley Moor Farm** – A letter had been sent requesting equipment and vehicles not to park near the water pumping station.
15. **Village Green** – It was noted that the residents of The Old Forge were proceeding with the diversion of public footpath no 9. NCC will be contacted to move the public footpath sign to a more appropriate location
16. **Information Items**
  - a) BDO LLP – Audit Briefing 2013
  - b) Came & Company – Parish Matters, Spring 2013
  - c) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Countryside Voice
  - d) Community Action Northumberland News – Spring Issue
  - e) Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation – Your healthcare in Hexham.
  - f) NALC eNews – March 2013
17. **Date and time of next meeting** – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.30pm in the Feathers Inn.