

## HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

**22. Present:** Councillors R J Penny, F A Speak, D R M Rodgeron, J S Douglas, D M Watkins.  
Mrs M Senior (Clerk)

**23. Declarations of Acceptance of Office** – Councillor R J Penny signed and gave his declaration of acceptance of office.

**24. Apologies for Absence** – None

**25. Declarations of Interest** – None

**26. Minutes** of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record,

### **27. Matters Arising**

- a) **Footpath Diversion** – The public footpath sign is due to be relocated within the next few weeks.
- b) **Memorial** - .It was agreed to provide a rail with hitching posts to tether horses on the village green with a memorial plaque. A trough and pump will be looked into at a later date.
- c) **BT Telegraph Pole** – BT Openreach had advised that the oak tree would not cause any problems to the telegraph pole or wires for a number of years. This will be monitored.
- d) **Information Leaflet** – A draft leaflet had been produced for consideration.
- e) **iNorthumberland** – Residents were being encouraged to register their interest for superfast broadband either on the iNorthumberland website or by completing a flyer. The flyers are being sent out to the Parish Council and it was thought they could be distributed with the information leaflets. Councillors had offered to distribute the leaflets although residents would be informed that this was just an expression of interest and not a promise that any progress would be made.
- f) **NALC Training Sessions** – Cllr Mrs D M Watkins was unable to attend the training session in June however expressed an interest in any further sessions being arranged.

### **28. Correspondence**

All correspondence had been listed on the agenda and was noted. All relevant items had been distributed to all councillors.

- a) **Sport Tynedale** – The AGM of Sport Tynedale is to be held on 13 June 2013 at NCL House, Burn Lane, Hexham at 6.30pm.
- b) **Northumberland County Council**
  - **Free Parking For All**
  - **Community Agreements – Proposals to support areas at risk of flooding**
  - **Proposed Changes to the Planning System.**

### **29. Finance**

- a) **Invoices for Payment.**
  - Mrs A Senior – Salary up to 31/05/13 – £100.00
  - HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE - £25.00
  - K Fagan – Grass cutting - £210.00
- b) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £7463.78 as at 6 June 2013 was noted (Statement 18).

**30. County Councillors Report** – Colin Horncastle was unable to attend the meeting.

### **31. Planning Application**

- Planning Application No: 13/01426/FUL – Proposed building of a stable block on empty agricultural land measuring 15m x 3.6m x 3.2m at Land south west of Leadgate Cottages, Chopwell. After consideration it was agreed to send no objection to the planning application.

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- Planning Application No: 13/00469/RENE - Proposed erection of 1 x V29 turbine with rotor height of 31.5m and tip height of 46.5m – it was agreed to send an objection to this application although it is not in the Hedley Parish.
- 32. Grass Cutting** – Grass cutting had begun with the new contractor although had not got off to a good start due to problems with machinery. The situation is to be monitored and reviewed in one month. The paving work had also been completed at Meadow Crest although was not satisfactory. The invoice will be withheld until the work is completed to the required standard. Cllr R J Penny is to speak to the contractor.
- 33. Dry Stone Walling** – It was noted that stones can be removed from existing walls in poor condition to repair other walls. Cllr J Douglas is to speak to the landowner to see if an agreement can be reached for stone to be taken from elsewhere on the farm and used to repair the walls within the village boundary.
- 34. State of the Roads**  
a) **West Hill** – No further updated had been received. Colin Horncastle was to pursue this on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 35. East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** – The next meeting of the Forum will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 in Riding Mill.
- 36. Minerals Workings** – The Hoodsclouse land has now been sold by UKC however they do maintain the mineral rights to the site therefore the application continues unchanged. Due to the recent elections NCC planning committee has now changed and they are arranged another site visit and WAG will be working to ensure that a significant number of the committee members attend. NCC is unlikely to consider this application until September/October as UKC wish to submit new data which is expected shortly. It is unknown at this stage what the data comprises. WAG is expressing to both NCC and Guy Opperman its extreme dismay at such further delay, which will mean that all affected residents will have been under the blight of the application for 4 years.
- 37. Mickley Moor Farm** – Nil.
- 38. Village Green** – Nil
- 39. Information Items**  
All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email. Nothing to report.
- 40. Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.30pm in the Feathers Inn.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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