

HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th July 2013 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

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

42. Apologies for Absence – None

43. Declarations of Interest – None

44. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2013, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record,

45. Matters Arising

- a) **Footpath Diversion** – The public footpath sign has now been relocated. Minute 27a refers.
- b) **Memorial** - It was agreed to provide a rail with hitching posts to tether horses on the village green with a memorial plaque. Cllr Mrs F A Speak will come up with a design and cost and bring back to the next Parish Council meeting. Minute 27b refers.
- c) **Information Leaflet** – A draft leaflet had been produced for consideration. Cllr Mrs D M Watkins will liaise with the clerk and come up with a final draft for consideration. This item will be placed on the agenda of the August meeting. Minute 27d refers.

46. Correspondence

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

- a) **Footpath Diversion No 12** – NCC had received an application to divert footpath number 12 at Woodhead. The Parish Council had no objection to the diversion.
- b) **Northumberland County Council** – The next joint meeting of NCC and PCs will be held on Tuesday 15 October at 6.00pm, venue to be confirmed.
- c) **Guy Opperman MP** - Letter received from Guy Opperman advising of the work he will be carrying out in the next 6 months. He is currently surveying residents locally and putting together a series of action plans.
- d) **Free Parking For All** - NCC is in the process of offering communities the opportunity to enjoy free parking in Hexham and Corbridge. NCC is making arrangements to meet with those PCs throughout July and August and any views must be communicated through the lead PCs.

47. Finance

- a) **Invoices for Payment.**
Mrs A Senior – Salary up to 30/06/13 – £100.00
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE - £25.00
- b) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £7463.78 as at 6 June 2013 was noted (Statement 18).
- c) **Change of bank account signatories.** It was agreed to add Cllr F A Speak as an additional signatory on the bank account. Mrs D Witherspoon will also be removed. The relevant forms were completed accordingly and the clerk will forward them to Bank of Scotland.

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

49. Planning Application – Nothing to report

50. Grass Cutting – Grass cutting is still unsatisfactory. The situation will continue monitored and reviewed in one month. The paving work is still to be completed to the required standard. The invoice will be withheld until the work is finished. Cllr R J Penny is to speak to the contractor. Following the work by the utility companies along the Prudhoe road

51. Dry Stone Walling – Cllr J Douglas is to still to speak to the landowner.

52. State of the Roads

- a) **West Hill** – Colin Horncastle advised that this work was listed as a priority and he was to speak to the Highway engineers to see when the work was scheduled.
- b) **Prudhoe road** – It was noted that work had been completed on the road to Prudhoe. Thanks will be sent to NCC, Highways.

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- 53. East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** – A meeting of the Forum had been held on Tuesday 2nd July 2013 in Riding Mill. A copy of the minutes is to be circulated to all councillors.
- 54. Minerals Workings** –. This application continues to drag on, the latest expected date to committee having been postponed yet again, this time at the request of UK Coal, they have decided that they wanted to submit further information for consideration by the planning officers and committee. Due to the timing of the submission of this information, NCC had no choice but to withdraw the application from the agenda of the planning and environment committee for July. The date for the application to be determined was to be 02/07/2013, but it is now likely to be September. The members of the WAG continue to fight against this application on behalf of the residents and businesses that will be effected, also on behalf of the parents and pupils of Whittonstall First School. Press releases will continue to be circulated in local papers to try and keep everyone informed and updated of any news and progress.
- 55. Mickley Moor Farm** – Nil.
- 56. Village Green** – Nil
- 57. Information Items**
All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.
Community Action Northumberland News – Summer Issue distributed to all councillors.
- 58. Street lighting.** It was noted that the street light on High View was out. This will be reported.
- 59. NE43 News.** Copies of NE43 News had been received and would be distributed accordingly. An electronic copy had been placed on the website.
- 60. Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be held on 12th August 2013 at 7.30pm in the Feathers Inn.

Chairman _____

Date _____