

HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th August 2013 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

- 61. Present:** Councillors R J Penny, F A Speak, J S Douglas, County Councillor C Horncastle
Mrs M Senior (Clerk)
- 62. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs D M Watkins
- 63. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 64. Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th July 2013, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record,
- 65. Matters Arising**
- a) **Memorial** - Cllr Mrs F A Speak presented two designs to be considered. It was agreed to go with the post and rail option with a small memorial plaque placed on the side of one of the posts. Costs will be obtained and brought back to the next Parish Council meeting.
 - b) **Information Leaflet** – A draft leaflet had been produced for consideration. It was agreed to distribute the leaflets to all households.
- 66. Correspondence**
All correspondence had been listed on the agenda and was noted. All relevant items had been distributed to all councillors.
- a) **Don't Stand For It Campaign** – NCC is re-launching the campaign to reduce dog fouling across the County. If a Parish Council feels any specific areas needs to be targeting then officer will visit the localities and attach posters and signs. Civil Enforcement Officers have been trained to issue fixed penalties for dog fouling and littering.
- 67. Finance**
- a) **Invoices for Payment.**
Mrs A Senior – Salary up to 30/07/13 – £100.00
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE - £25.00
FEL Accounts – Internal Audit – £24.00
 - b) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £6950.73 as at 6 July 2013 was noted (Statement 19).
- 68. County Councillors Report** – Colin Horncastle advised that he was to meet with Louise Hayward who is NCC, Highways and Neighbourhood Services Manager within the next few weeks to discuss all outstanding issues. Colin will be asking for an update to the West Hill repairs at this meeting. Colin is to request Louise to attend a Parish Council meeting.
- 69. Planning Application**
- a) Planning Application No: 13/01426/FUL Proposed timber building for agricultural storage at Land South West of Leadgate Cottages, Chopwell - GRANTED
- 70. Grass Cutting** – Grass cutting is still unsatisfactory. The situation will continue to be monitored and reviewed.
- 71. Dry Stone Walling** – Nothing to report
- 72. State of the Roads**
- a) Pavements – following the visit by the sweeper, the surface of the pavements has been damaged. This will be reported to NCC.
 - b) Clare Lea – Again following the visit by the sweeper, the surface of the road has been damaged.
 - c) Gulleys – The gully at the entrance to Hedley East Farm is blocked as are many of the gulleys in Hedley. Further drainage work may need to be carried out once the gulleys have been cleared. Mrs Senior will request the gully tanker to visit Hedley.
- 73. East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** – The next meeting of the Forum is to take place on 2nd October 2013 at 7.00pm in the Spetchells Centre, Prudhoe. Mrs Senior advised that she had given notice as clerk to the Forum and they were currently looking for a replacement.
- 74. Minerals Workings** – Colin Horncastle advised that it was likely that the Hoodsclouse application was to go to committee in October. A further site visit is to be arranged and every effort will be made

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to ensure that as many members of the Central Planning Committee attend. He advised Paul Kelly, County Councillor for Bywell, is the chairman and Colin himself would not take part in the vote.

75. Mickley Moor Farm – Nil.

76. Village Green – Nil

77. Information Items

All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.

Community Action Northumberland News – Summer Issue distributed to all councillors.

Northumberland County Council – Public Transport Newsletter – Special Edition August 2013.

78. Water leaks. It was noted that there was a leak on the service pipe feeding Feathers Cottage. This had been reported to Northumbrian Water. Michael Banks is the contact at NWL.

79. Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme 2014-15. The Council is once again invited to submit up to three priorities to be included in the NCC Local Transport Plan 2014-15. There are currently no items on Hedley's priorities however after discussion the following priorities were agreed for inclusion.

a) Traffic calming within Hedley Village.

b) Footpaths – top surface had been damaged by the sweeper. This needs to be renewed.

c) Shuttle buses to connect with mainstream bus services.

80. Date and time of next meeting – The next meeting will be held on 14th October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Feathers Inn.

Chairman _____

Date _____