

## HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

178. **Present:** Councillors R J Penny, F A Speak, DRM Rodgerson, Mrs M Senior (Clerk) and County Councillor Colin Horncastle.
179. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr D M Watkins
180. **Declarations of Interest** – None
181. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record,
182. **Matters Arising**
- a) **Memorial** – Minute 160a refers. The memorial is due to be erected within the next few weeks.
  - b) **Footpath Report.** Minute 160c refers. The inspection due to be carried out in the Easter holidays had been postponed. This will now be completed over the May half term holidays, week commencing 24 May 2014.
  - c) **EDFER Boundary Lane Wind Farm Community Panel Nominations.** Minute 160d refers. Cllr Mrs F A Speak had attended the first meeting of the panel held on 25 March 2014. Five members had been appointed to make decisions on the applications. The application is a two part process and £12,300 is to be allocated each year. The next meeting of the committee will be held on 24 June 2014. Cllr R J Penny to email the application process to councillors.
183. **Correspondence**  
All correspondence had been listed on the agenda and was noted. All relevant items had been distributed to all councillors.
184. **Community Action Northumberland.** Letter from CAN requesting financial support for the forthcoming year. It was agreed to give a £50 donation towards their work.  
It was noted that the Spring Conference of CAN is to be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at Stannington Village Hall at 2.00pm.
185. **Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service.** Northumberland Fire and Rescue has commenced a formal consultation for the Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017. It was noted that the consultation will run until 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The draft plan and consultation survey can be found at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NFRplan>.
186. **Planning and Enforcement Team.** NCC advise that there is a resource pressure in the Monitoring and Enforcement Team as 3 members of staff are currently off sick. NCC will continue to actively pursue breaches of planning control however their response times will take slightly longer. It was noted that NCC had arranged a number of training sessions for Town and Parish Councillors on the basics of the planning system.
187. **GTAA Stakeholder Consultation.** It was noted that NCC is carrying out a periodical review of the housing needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showman in the area.
188. **Parish and Town Councils Draft Charter.** Comments will be submitted on the draft charter as follows:
- Unreasonable to expect Parish Councillors to commit to attend meetings.
  - Unable to commit to attending meetings due to part time nature of Parish Councillors with other work commitments.
189. **Post 16 Transport Consultation.** Cllr Mrs D M Watkins had completed the questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council. Comments can be viewed online.
190. **County Councillor's Report**  
Cllr Colin Horncastle was unable to attend the meeting.
191. **Finance**
- a) **Invoices for Payment.**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	£100.00		£100.00	SO
HMRC	PAYE	£25.00		£25.00	010635
R Snaith	Grass cutting	£390.00		£390.00	010636
Community Action Northumberland	Donation	£50.00		£50.00	010637

- b) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £6182.28 as at 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 was noted (Statement 28).
  - c) **Annual Return for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.** This will be presented for approval at the May meeting.
192. **Planning Applications.** Nothing to report.
193. **Grass Cutting** – It was noted that the grass cutting was going well.
194. **Dry Stone Walling** – Some repairs had been made to walls in the village.

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195. **State of the Roads**  
All issues will be brought to the attention of Louise Haywood and Amanda Cryer when they attend the meeting on 12 May 2014.
196. **East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** – The minutes from the meeting of the Forum held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.00pm will be distributed when received.
197. **Minerals Workings** – John Renwick attended the meeting to give an update on the Hoodsclouse application. It is felt that the application will not come to committee until June. The Parish Council had offered to pay for a bus to transport people to the planning meeting. NCC had commissioned a second environmental impact report from a separate body, Southern Green. The applicant is able to view the report initially. A meeting is to be held with NCC, Southern Green and UK Coal on 16 April to discuss the findings of the report. Once this meeting has been held and any materials error corrected then the report will be able to be viewed. NCC believe that the application can be determined in June although it is unknown whether any further amendments will be made to the application. Whittonstall Action Group have requested support from Guy Opperman.
198. **Mickley Moor Farm** – Nil.
199. **Village Green** – Northern Gas Networks are to lay pipes across the village green to supply Rock Cottage. Cllr R J Penny had signed the appropriate consents to enable them to do so.
200. **Information Items**  
All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – Countryside Voice Spring 2014
  - Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2014
  - Community Action Northumberland – Spring News – March 2014
  - NALC eNews – April 2014
  - Northumberland County Council – Health and Wellbeing Board – Newsletter Spring 2014
  - Came and Company – Parish Matters – Spring 2014
201. **Litter pick.** It was noted that the litter pick had not been very well attended but fortunately there had been very little litter. It was suggested that the litter pick could be carried out after the barrel race when the village may have more litter. It was agreed to check the village after the barrel race to assess the levels of litter.
202. **Septic Tank.** Cllr Mrs F A Speak advised that Northumbrian Water is due to undertake work to install a cement container at the site of the old mine working at the end of April as a temporary solution to overflow effluent running into the shaft workings. It was agreed to write to Northumbrian Water to express concerns that a long term solution is found and implemented as soon as possible.
203. **Hollins Hill Quarry.** Cllr R J Penny advised that a sign had been erected at the Hollins Hill Quarry stating 'Ebchester Landfill Site'. Mrs Senior will look into this.
204. **Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting is to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in The Feathers Inn.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_