

HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th July 2014 at 7.00pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

Present: Councillors R J Penny, F A Speak, DRM Rodgeron, J S Douglass and Mrs D M Watkins
Mrs M Senior (Clerk)

249. **Apologies for Absence** – None

250. **Declarations of Interest** – None

251. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 12th June 2014, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record,

252. **Matters Arising**

a) **Highways and Neighbourhood Services** – Minute 232a refers. No further update had been received. Amanda Cryer will be contacted.

b) **Communication** – Minute 246 refers. A letter had been sent to Ella Browell although had not been received. Cllr Mrs F A Speak is to speak to a neighbour to see if they would be willing to deliver NE43 News around the village.

c) **Hitching Posts** – Minute 247 refers. After discussion it was agreed to erect a cross rail to the hitching posts to prevent horses from entangling themselves behind the posts.

253. **Correspondence.** All correspondence since the June meeting had been listed on the agenda and was noted. All relevant items had been distributed to all councillors.

254. **Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy Update.** As a result of the recent release of the 2012 subnational populations the full Draft Plan will not now be considered by the Policy Board on 24 July 2014. Given the importance of the emerging Core Strategy document to the future of Northumberland and to the Council's economic strategy it is important that Officers have the opportunity to fully consider the implication of the latest population projections prior to the publication of the full Draft Plan. A revised timetable is currently being drafted and will be circulated in due course.

255. **First Northumberland Town and Parish Council Parish Conference.** It was noted that the first parish conference is taking place on 25 September at County Hall, Morpeth. The conference will run twice, in the afternoon and evening, so as to provide an opportunity for more parish councillors to attend. The conference will last for approx 3 hours, beginning at 2.00pm and 6.30pm. The conference will launch the revised Charter, consider joint actions, the development of the relationship and future partnership working. Additional information and details will be sent out nearer the time.

256. **Service of Commemoration to Mark the Outbreak of WW1.** A service of commemoration will be held in Hexham Abbey at 4pm on Sunday 3rd August 2014. Cllr R J Penny will attend.

257. **Local Transport Plan Programme 2015-16.** The Council is once again invited to submit three priorities to be included in the NCC Local Transport Plan Programme 2015-16. The following priorities were agreed for inclusion:-

- a) Provision of cats eyes on the Hedley to Greenside Road.
- b) Layby at the west end of the village needs resurfacing/potholes filled.
- c) Kerbing on the West Hill
- d) Drainage improvements at the east end of the village by Clare Lea.

258. **Finance**

a) **Invoices for Payment.**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	£100.00		£100.00	SO
FEL Accounts	Internal audit fee	£24.00	£4.00	£20.00	010646
NALC	Subscription	£55.70		£55.70	010647
R Snaith	Grass cutting	£320.00		£320.00	010648

b) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £7122.28 as at 3rd June 2014 was noted (Statement 30).

259. **Planning Applications.** It was noted that the Hoodsclose Application had been withdrawn (reference number C/10/00255/CCMEIA). Whittonstall Action Group is stilling pursuing in case of re-submission. A copy of the latest report from NCC had been requested.

260. **Grass Cutting** – It was noted that the grass cutting was still going well. It was agreed extend the grass cutting at the east end of the village and up to the wall. It was agreed to pay an additional cost of £60 for the initial cut. Extensive weed killing had been carried out along wall, boundaries, lamp posts and trees. Cllr R J Penny will request that no more weed

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killing is carried out. It was noted that the cherry tree beside High View looks to be in poor condition. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

261. **Dry Stone Walling** – Nothing to report.
262. **East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** – Nothing to report.
263. **Mickley Moor Farm** – Nil.
264. **Village Green** – Cllr DRM Rodgerson is to remove the protective cover from the commemorative oak tree.
265. **Information Items**
All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.
- Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2014
 - NE43 News – Summer 2014
266. **Memorial Plaque.** It was agreed to erect a small stone memorial plaque by the hitching posts. Quotes will be obtained from monumental sculptors.
267. **Public Rights of Way.** It was noted that several stiles were in need of repair on all the public footpaths.
268. **Children's Play Area.** Due to the number of children now in the village it was suggested that the Parish Council could approach local landowners to lease a piece of land to provide an open space for the children to play. This could be leased on a rolling annual basis for a nominal fee.
269. **Garden Waste Bins.** Requests had been received to provide garden waste bins in the village. A request will be sent to Northumberland County Council.
270. **Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting is to be held on Monday 8th September 2014 in The Feathers Inn.

Chairman _____

Date _____