

## HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

**Present:** Councillors R J Penny, F A Speak, DRM Rodgerson, and J S Douglas  
Mrs M Senior (Clerk)

291. **Apologies for Absence** – Mrs D M Watkins
292. **Declarations of Interest** – None
293. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record with the addition of the following item.
- a) **Northumberland Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.** Cllr C Horncastle was asked to clarify the site allocation at East Farm, Hedley.
294. **Residents.** A resident raised the matter of Broadband provision in the village.
295. **Matters Arising**
- a) **Memorial Plaque** – Minute 275c refers. Cllr J S Douglas is to pursue this.
- b) **Signs.** Minute 286b refers. Cllr J S Douglass had spoken to the resident regarding the repositioning of the village entrance signs. Mr Clark had spoken to NCC Highways dept who advised they had no objection. Mr Clark is willing to move the signs and Vehicle Activated Sign at his own expense. It was agreed to write to Mr Clark to ask him to put his request in writing to the Parish Council who will then pursue this will Northumberland County Council.
- c) **Garden Waste Bins.** Minute 275e refers. NCC is unable to give consideration to the request for garden waste bins in the near future. The Parish Council's expression of interest will be kept on file and if NCC extend the service then Hedley will be included in any evaluation process for wider expansion.
- d) **Insurance renewal.** The additional cover of £4000 had been added to the policy for damage to the village green. This had been added at no extra cost.
- e) **Broadoak Nature Reserve Sign.** Minute 289 refers. No response had been received from Lafarge Tarmac re the removal of this sign. A further letter will be sent.
296. **Correspondence.** All correspondence since the September meeting had been listed on the agenda and was noted. All relevant items had been distributed to all councillors.
297. **Great North Air Ambulance.** It was agreed to donate £50.00 to the Great North Air Ambulance.
298. **Japanese Knotweed.** Northumberland County Council had been contacted re the Japanese Knotweed growing on the grass verge to the east of the village. It is usually the land owner's responsibility to prevent it from spreading. As it is on the highway verge this is the responsibility of NCC however Japanese Knotweed cannot be treated after the end of September but this will be put in the programme to deal with next year. The highway verge is NCC's responsibility however any hedge or verge that extends beyond the highway would be the landowner's responsibility.
299. **Joint Meeting NCC and Parish and Town Councils.** The next joint meeting of NCC and Town and Parish Councils will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6.00pm in the Library Room, Queens Hall, Beaumont Street, Hexham.
300. **Northern Gas Networks.** Invite received from Northern Gas Networks to discuss its social investment programme. This includes discussions on fuel poverty, engaging hard to reach groups, partnership working, supporting rural communities and carbon monoxide safety matters. This is to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> November at The Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle from 9.30am – 1.30pm.
301. **Town and Parish Council Conference.** A new web portal has been produced specifically as a tool to help Town and Parish councillors and clerks. The website can be found at [www.townandparish.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.townandparish.northumberland.gov.uk).
302. **Finance**
- a) **Invoices for Payment.**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	£100.00		£100.00	SO
HMRC	PAYE 7	£25.00		£25.00	010655
CPRE	Subscription	£36.00		£36.00	010656
R Snaith	Grass cutting	£480.00		£480.00	010657
D Kendall	Mole trapping	£27.50		£27.50	010658
Great North Air Ambulance	Donation	£50.00		£50.00	010659

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- b) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £5668.67 as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 was noted (Statement 33).
- c) **Annual Return for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.** Following the conclusion of the Annual Return by BDO LLP, it was agreed to approve and accept the Annual Return for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.
303. **Planning Applications.**
- a) Reference No: 14/03216/LBC. Listed building consent: Repointing of the external walls of the Old Chapel, Hedley with lime mortar. No objection sent.
- b) Reference No: 14/03102/FUL. Proposed sun room extension to rear, attic conversion, eaves height raised and new porch at Ravenside Bungalow, Hedley. No objection sent.
- c) Reference No: 13/00518/FUL. Installation of an endurance wind turbine on 24m mast on land NW of Hedley North Farm, Hedley, Stocksfield. The clerk to clarify the outcome of the appeal decision.
304. **Grass Cutting** – It was noted that the last cut of the season had been carried out.
305. **Dry Stone Walling** – Nothing to report.
306. **State of the Roads.** It was noted that the sign on the bend dropping down the West Hill was still in need of repair. This will be chased up. **Update:** *This sign is on order and will be erected as soon as it is received.* Northumberland County Council will be contacted to clear the runoff from the field from the gliding club entrance.
307. **East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** – The next meeting of the Forum is to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 6.30pm in Wylam Institute.
308. **Mickley Moor Farm** – Nil.
309. **Village Green** – Nothing to report.
310. **Information Items**  
All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.
- Community Action Northumberland – Annual Report 2013-2014
  - Northumberland Association of Local Councils – Annual Report 2013-2014
  - NALC eNews – September 2014
  - Tynedale Hospice at Home – Light up a Life, Remembering at Christmas. Three events to be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Prudhoe Methodist Church; Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at Hexham Abbey and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at St Marys CE Church, Ponteland at 4.30pm.
311. **Mineral Workings.** It was noted that the Bradley Cottages public enquiry was ongoing and feedback from the Whittonstall Action Group will follow.
312. **Grit Heaps.** Northumberland County Council will be asked to place the grit heaps on the steep approach roads to the village. **Update:** *Request placed 16.10.14.*
313. **EDFER Boundary Lane Wind Farm Community Fund.** The meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September had been cancelled as no applications had been received. The next meeting is to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October. Cllr F Speak is to clarify if Parish Council's can apply to the fund.
314. **NE43 News.** Cllr J S Douglas advised that the deadline for articles to NE43 news was 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Articles would be accepted if space allowed however it was agreed for the Parish Council to contribute if an extra charge was incurred for additional copies.
315. **Hexham Courant.** Cllr J S Douglas had spoken to Gemma Brown from the Hexham Courant. It is hoped that a regular entry will be published in the village notes section. Cllr J S Douglass to submit the information.
316. **Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting is to be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm in The Feathers Inn.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_