

## HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

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

- 317. Apologies for Absence** – Councillor Colin Horncastle
- 318. Declarations of Interest** – None
- a) **Minutes** of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.
- 319. Matters Arising**
- a) **Memorial Plaque** – Minute 295a refers. Cllr J S Douglas is to pursue this with Clayton Memorials.
- b) **Signs.** Minute 295b refers. Letter had been sent to Mr Clark.
- c) **Broad oak Nature Reserve Sign.** Minute 295e refers. Telephone call received advising that this area is still designated as a nature reserve however the Wildlife Trust had still not taken over responsibility for the reserve. The sign had been taken down until this was resolved. It was noted that the public footpaths and rights of way were still in place in the area.
- d) **EDFER Boundary Lane Wind Farm Community Fund.** Minute 313 refers. Cllr Mrs F Speak advised that Parish Councils could apply to the fund as long as the application would benefit the whole community.
- e) **NE43 News.** Minute 314 refers. Cllr J S Douglas had sent information to Nick Spencer from Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council for inclusion in the next edition of NE43 News. The next edition is due to be published in mid December and it had been agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £15.00.
- f) **Hexham Courant.** Minute 315 refers. Cllr J S Douglas is waiting for the editor to contact him to include Hedley in the Village Notes section.
- g) **Grit Heaps.** Minute 312 refers. Following the request to Northumberland County Council to place grit heaps on the steep approaches to Hedley only 1 grit heap had been placed. Further request will be sent.
- h) **Town and Parish Councils Website.** Minute 301 refers. Councillors were encouraged to check out the new Parish Council section of the Northumberland County Council website which has some useful information. It was noted that Parish Council's could be responsible for the repairing of footpaths. As several footpaths are in need of repair in Hedley it was felt that quotes should be obtained to resurface certain areas. The clerk will clarify with NCC if Parish Council's are now responsible.
- i) **Northumberland Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.** Cllr C Horncastle had been asked to clarify the site allocation at Phoenix House, Hedley. No response to date.
- j) **Planning Application Reference No: 13/00518/FUL.** Installation of an endurance wind turbine on 24m mast on land NW of Hedley North Farm, Hedley, Stocksfield. It was noted that the applicant had won the appeal and the turbine would be going ahead.
- 320. Correspondence.** All correspondence since the October meeting had been listed on the agenda and was noted. All relevant items had been distributed to all councillors.
- 321. Northumberland Local Heroes.** Northumberland County Council has a new recognition scheme for people for contribute exceptionally to their community. Each person whose nomination is accepted will receive a small memento, a certificate and a letter from the Leader of the Council.
- 322. Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy Update.** The next stage of the consultation on this document will commence on 12 December 2014 and run until 11 February 2015. The next version of the Core Strategy will be a full draft of the document. This will bring together the parts of the document that were dealt with separately in the Preferred Options Stage one and two.
- 323. Finance**
- a) **Invoices for Payment.**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	£100.00		£100.00	SO
HMRC	PAYE 8	£25.00		£25.00	010660
Broomley & Stocksfield PC	Contribution to NE43 News	£15.00		£15.00	010661
Mrs A Senior	Expenses	£48.63		£48.63	010662

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- b) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £6353.82 as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 was noted (Statement 34).
- c) **Draft budget 2015-2016.** A draft budget had been prepared and will be finalised at the January meeting. It was agreed to add £3000 for repairs to footpaths and £300 for walling. It was suggested that a dog waste bin or litter bin should be placed in the village to encourage dog walkers to put up after their dogs. Parish Councillors to suggest locations at the next meeting. A further suggestion of flower beds in front of the village signs was suggested.

324. **Planning Applications.**

- a) Reference No: 14/03567/LBC. Listed building consent: To restore and upgrade the building, stabilise structure and make changes to layout. No objection sent as application is restoring the building to its original character.

325. **Grass Cutting** – Nothing to report.

326. **Dry Stone Walling** – It was noted that repairs to walling had been promised.

327. **State of the Roads.** Nothing further to report..

328. **East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** –.The next meeting of the Forum is to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00pm in Corbridge Parish Hall. The minutes of the October meeting will be circulated when available. It was noted that Tom Martin from Wylam had taken over from Adrian Hinchcliffe as chairman.

329. **Mickley Moor Farm** – Nil.

330. **Village Green** – Nothing to report.

331. **Information Items**

All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.

- Northumberland County Council – Archaeology in Northumberland
- War Memorials Trust – Newsletter November 2014
- Tynedale Hospice at Home – Newslink Autumn/Winter.
- Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2014

332. **Mineral Workings.** Nothing to report.

333. **Trees.** It was noted that some pruning was required to the trees on the village green. Cllr Mrs D M Watkins is to contact Tom Richardson for a quote.

334. **Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting is to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm in The Feathers Inn.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_