

**HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO COUNCIL APPROVAL**

**Minutes** of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

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

- 402. Election of Chairman.** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs F Speak, seconded by Cllr J Douglas and AGREED to re-elect Cllr Penny as chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Penny accepted and took the chair.
- 403. Apologies for Absence** – County Councillor Colin Horncastle.
- 404. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 405. Minutes** of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record,
- 406. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.** It was proposed by Cllr R J Penny seconded by Cllr J Douglas and AGREED to re-elect Cllr Mrs F Speak as vice chairman of the Parish Council.
- 407. Matters Arising**
- a) Resurfacing of footpaths.** Minute 386c refers. Cllr J S Douglas to carry out a survey of the footpaths during half term and advise.
  - b) Polling Station.** Minute 386a refers. The clerk will contact NCC to find out the timescales for providing a polling station for the next election 2016.
  - c) Parking on the Village Green.** Minute 400 refers. Cllr J S Douglas had spoken to the residents who were very amenable.
  - d) Village Green.** Minute 397 refers. Cllr R J Penny to clarify with the residents the areas to cut.
- 408. Correspondence.** All correspondence since the April meeting had been listed on the agenda and was noted. All relevant items had been distributed to all councillors.
- 409. Community Action Northumberland.** Letter from the Community Action Northumberland requesting financial support for the forthcoming year. It was agreed to give a £20 donation towards their work.
- 410. Northumberland County Council – Parish Councils Liaison Meetings.** It was noted that the next series of meetings with parish and town councils will take place during May. An hour before the main meeting commences there will be an opportunity to meet council officers to raise any local issue that may be outstanding or developing. The meeting is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00pm in Stocksfield SICA building. Cllrs R J Penny and Mrs D M Watkins will attend. Mrs Senior to make an appointment for them to discuss the West Hill with members of the Highways Department.
- 411. The Pensions Regulator.** Notification received from the Pensions Regulator advising of the staging date for Hedley Parish Council which is 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017. Cllr R J Penny advised to take no further action.
- 412. Consultation – Street Trading Policy.** It was noted that the consultation would run until 22 May 2015 and no comment would be made.
- 413. Finance**
- a) Invoices for Payment.**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	£100.00		£100.00	SO
HMRC	PAYE	£26.20		£26.20	010729
Mrs A Senior	Expenses	£33.57		£33.57	010730
NALC	Subscription	£70.02		£70.02	010731
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	£4.38		£4.38	010732
R Snaith	Grass cutting	£320.00		£320.00	010733

- b) Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £4275.14 as at 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 was noted (Statement 40).
  - c) Annual Return for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.** The Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 was accepted and approved by the Parish Council. The return will now be sent to be internally audited.
- 414. Planning Applications.** Cllr R J Penny had been notified by a resident of a planning application no: 15/01211/PA for the proposed change of use of 3 agricultural buildings to 3 dwelling houses. The Parish Council had not been informed of this and the clerk will contact the planning department for further clarification. This application was a pre-application notice and not a full planning application.

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415. **Grass Cutting** – It was noted that the grass cutting was still going well and to possibly consider a later starting date next year. It was noted that the ash tree stump on the road to Prudhoe was starting to sprout. Cllr J S Douglas to attend to.
416. **Dry Stone Walling** – Some repairs had been made to walls in the village and Cllr D R M Rodgeron enquired about arranging further repairs. £300 had been placed in the 2015/16 budget for dry stone walling. Cllr D R M Rodgeron to look into obtaining stone from Ladycutter Quarry and arranging a contractor to carry out some repairs.
417. **State of the Roads** - Nothing further to report
418. **East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum** –.It was noted that the next meeting will be held on 14 July 2015 at 7.00pm in Stocksfield Community Centre.
419. **Minerals Workings** – It appears that the wheel washing facility at Hollins Hill is not being utilised. The clerk will contact Lafarge Tarmac.
420. **Mickley Moor Farm** – Nil.
421. **Village Green** – Nothing to report.
422. **Information Items**  
All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.
- Clerks and Councils Direct – May 2015
  - Tynedale Hospice at Home – Newslink Spring 2015
  - NALC eNews – April 2015
423. **Small Holding.** The clerk will contact Mrs Hinchcliffe for an update.
424. **Pony in Field.** Cllr Mrs F Spence advised that a pony had been abandoned in the field at the bottom of the West Hill. This had been reported to the World Horse Welfare UK.
425. **Resignation of Clerk.** Mrs Senior handed a letter to the Chairman giving notice to resign as Clerk to the Parish Council. Mrs Senior to contact Community Action Northumberland to arrange for an email to be sent around the Parish Clerks in Northumberland advising of the vacancy.
426. **Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting is to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in The Feathers Inn.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_