

HEDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the 'Feathers Inn'

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

448. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Colin Horncastle.
449. **Declarations of Interest** – None
450. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th June 2015, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record, with one amendment. Cheque number 010680 to R Snaith was issued for £480.00
451. **Matters Arising**
a) **Polling Station.** Minute 430b refers. A review of polling stations and polling districts is being undertaken by Northumberland County Council. It was agreed to contact NCC and advise that the current arrangements for Hedley are unsatisfactory as the nearest polling station is Whittonstall and there is no public transport. Residents would like to be able to vote within the village and the suggestion of the hire of a portacabin for the day will be put forward with major elections being held in The Feathers Inn.
452. **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.
453. **SECOND ANNUAL TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE** will take place on Thursday 24th September 2015 at West Hartford Fire Station, Cramlington. The conference programme had been circulated together with the booking form.
454. **Finance**
a) **Invoices for Payment.**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	CHEQUE	VAT	NET	CHQ NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	£104.48		£104.48	SO
R Snaith	Grass cutting – Amended	£480.00		£480.00	010680
HMRC	PAYE	£26.20		£26.20	010681
Mrs A Senior	Expenses	£10.09		£10.09	010682
R Snaith	Grass cutting	£160.00		£160.00	010683
FEL Accounts	Internal audit	£24.00	£4.00	£20.00	010684
R Snaith	Grass cutting	£200.00		£200.00	010685
Broomley & Stocksfield PC	NE43 News	£60.00		£60.00	010686
Ira Watt	Distribution of NE43 News	£20.00		£20.00	010687

- b) **Bank Balance.** The bank balance of £4559.91 as at 5th June 2015 was noted (Statement 42).
455. **Planning Applications.**
a) 15/00130/FUL – New agricultural general purpose/livestock building to replace existing redundant buildings. Hollings Farm, Lead Lane, Newlands. GRANTED
b) 15/02180/VARCCM – Variation of condition 1 (approved plans), 28 (restoration phasing plan), 44 (restoration Masterplan) and 46 (Restoration Masterplan) of application 08/00060/CCMEIA – Consolidation of planning permission 90/E/698 and 06/00164/CCM and a variation to condition 2 and 3 on permission 90/E/698 and 06/00164/CCM in respect of dates for cessation of sand and gravel extraction, tipping of waste and restoration at Ebchester Quarry, Lead Lane, Newlands. No objection sent.
456. **Grass Cutting** – It was noted that weed killer had been sprayed on the edges of the grass to avoid the need for strimming. It was felt that this was excessive and Cllr R J Penny is to speak to Mr Snaith .
457. **Dry Stone Walling** – Nothing to report.
458. **State of the Roads** - Cllr J S Douglas had completed a footpath survey report which had been passed to Colin Horncastle.
459. **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.
460. **To consider priorities for inclusion in the Local Transport Plan Programme 2016-2017**
The following priorities will be put forward for consideration in the LTP 2016-17.
a) Ref 6283 CATS EYES. Request for cats eyes on the stretch between Hedley and Greenside. Northumberland County Council advise that there have been no injury

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accidents on this section of road. It will be monitored and action taken as appropriate if accidents do occur. It was noted that there had been 2 accidents on this stretch of road, 1 reported and 1 unreported. This information will be passed onto NCC.

- b) Ref 6284 WEST HILL. Kerbstones to be installed on the West Hill. Northumberland County Council advise there is insufficient funding to address this issue however it can be reconsidered for future years. Cllr R J Penny is to contact Debmatt to provide a quote for this work.
- c) Ref 6285 CLARE LEA. Drainage improvements at the east end of Hedley by Clare Lea. Northumberland County Council advises that this section of road is being considered through the annual review of road maintenance priorities which is currently taking place. This involves a technical appraisal, using a number of factors including condition data, defect data, cost/benefit analysis and the value to local communities.

461. Minerals Workings – Nothing further to report.

462. Mickley Moor Farm – Nil.

463. Village Green – Nothing to report.

464. Information Items

All relevant items had been distributed to councillors by email.

- NALC eNews – July 2015
- Community Action Northumberland – Summer News 2015
- Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2015

465. Appointment of Clerk – It was noted that Mandy Senior would be leaving on 31st August 2015 and Monica Anderton had been appointed to take over with effect from 1st September 2015. A model contract of employment had been prepared and would be agreed at the next meeting.

466. Notice board. It was noted that the notice board was in need of tidying up. An updated map of Hedley will be prepared by Cllr R J Penny and placed in the notice board.

467. NE43 News. It was agreed to pay Ira Watt £20 for the distribution of NE43 News.

468. Road Sweeper. Northumberland County Council will be contacted to arrange a sweep of the village.

469. Date and time of next meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 14th September 2015 in The Feathers Inn.

Chairman _____

Date _____