

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

Present: Cllrs: R Penny, F Speak, and D Watkins. Clerk, Monica Anderton was in attendance.

662. **Apologies:** County Cllr Horncastle, Cllr J Douglas

663. **Declarations of Interest:** None

664: **Minutes of the meeting of 14th November 2016:** These were approved. It was noted that the description of the work **not** yet undertaken by NCC on the edges of the roads was incorrect and the correct location would be forwarded to Mr Westerby.

665: **Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda:**

- a) The possibility of warning signs relating to horse riders would be looked at by the Highways Department of the County Council.
- b) BT Openreach no longer deal with trees/hedges. Enquiry as to possibly moving the telegraph pole would be investigated.

666. **Planning:**

16/00195/ENFCOU – update: little to add to date. The Clerk will talk to the Enforcement Officer again;

16/03104/FUL: change of use of land from agricultural to garden at land south west of Leadgate Cottages, Chopwell: Permission **refused**;

16/04313/FUL: Conversion of stable and shed to residential at land west of Woodhead Farm; permission **granted**;

16/00426/PREAPP – Residential dwellings for 7 properties, off road parking and a play area: The Council has made a submission to the County Council after obtaining an extension, largely expressing concern about the possible load on local services;

16/00437/PREAPP: Conversion to dwelling on land north of Hedley North farm: The Council made no comment on this;

DC/16/01180/FUL: New Barn at Ravenside: The Application was discussed and agreed to make a statement with observations and comments copies to Northumberland and Gateshead.

16/04382/FUL and 16/04383/LBC: at Woodhead Farm – retrospective permission for works around listed farmhouse. As the work has already been carried out, the Council could not object. However, it commented on the problem of permitting such retrospective applications as it creates a loophole for others.

The easement across the Village Green noted from a letter in 2004 had not been traced by the Legal Department at County Hall. A further suggestion of tracing the payment would be followed up.

667: **County Councillor report:** Nothing.

668: **Correspondence:** weekly E news circulated from NALC; NCC – winter services leaflets; NCC – preapp protocol review; NCC – planning validation consultation.

669. **Possible Community hall:** The Group had met and set a programme of research to gather relevant details on a number of other village halls in the County to provide a base line for further actions. It was expected a second meeting will take place sometime in late January.

670. **Elections 2017:** The Clerk informed Councillors about the changes in procedures for nomination papers for this year's Council elections. She would send round a note with the main dates and requirements.

671. **Finance:**

a) The BoS still required a version of a resolution to identify the signatories by name. This was done and returned to them. (All now OK as per recent phone call).

b) The current balance on the account before today's payments is £1231.05

c) The following payments were authorised;

MFAnderton, Clerk, November 2016	120.89
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MFAnderton, Clerk, expenses to end January 2017	38.70

d) Budget for precept: Following a revised budget with comparisons to previous years, it was agreed to increase the precept for 2017/18 to £5000.

672: **Road repairs:** As noted above, the correct information would be sent to Highways re the uncleared gullies.

673: **Information received:** None.

674. **AOB:** None

675: **Date of next meeting:** Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn.

Chair:

Date: