

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

Present: Cllrs Penny, Speak and Douglas. Monica Anderton, Clerk, was in attendance together with 6 members of the public who discussed the planning application from Phoenix House.

676. **Apologies:** received from Cllr Watkins

677. **Minutes** from meeting of 9th January 2017: These were **approved** as a true record.

678. **Matters arising:** Following further information, the gullies had now been cleared. The Clerk would thank the Highways staff again.

679. **Planning:** DC/16/01180/FUL: Barn at Ravenside – permission **Refused**;

16/03811/FUL – farm building at Broad Oak Farm – permission **Granted**;

16/04200/FUL – rebuild of kitchen etc. at Woodhead Farm – permission **Granted**;

16/04384/LBC and 16/04383/FUL – retrospective permission re various at Woodhead Farm – pending;

16/04484/LBC and 16/04483/FUL – new ménage etc. at Woodhead Farm – application has been subsequently **withdrawn** for the time being;

16/04684/FUL and 16/04685/LBC: Conversion of agricultural buildings to residential holiday lets: The Parish Council **objected** on the grounds of access to the site being unsuitable for a growing development;

17/00079/FUL – Agricultural building at Hollings Farm – the Parish Council **support** this application;

17/00093/FUL: There was a great deal of discussion in the public part of the meeting about the objections to this application. A notice allowing a further 21 day extension had been affixed so there was time for a detailed response from the Council to add to other local objections. The full objection can be seen on the County Council website planning portal. The main objections included parking, sewage, work already undertaken and concerns that for a 'business to increase tourism and services in the area' , the fact that the property was up for sale was directly contradictory to the application. Other non- material considerations had been discussed but were not suitable for planning considerations.

Cllr Penny shared some of the conclusions from a recent pre – application for 7 homes to be built in the village where the council had expressed concerns; it was noted that the Planning Department considered the main problem to be a green belt issue.

It was also suggested that several other properties in the village had made payments for easements across the village green in the early 2000's. The Clerk would forward to County Hall where they were trying to ascertain the state of another easement which it was unclear whether it had been granted or not.

680: **Cnty Cllr report;** None

681: **Correspondence:** this was noted as listed in the Agenda; a further query about the mobile library van and it's probable insurance had been made. According to Active Northumberland – the original van had been underinsured to allow for a direct replacement; other options were still being considered.

682: **Possible community hall:** the next meeting of the working group would take place on 28th February to evaluate the varying information gathered from a number of community halls around the County and elsewhere.

683: **Elections May 2017:** There was a delay in providing the nomination forms to potential councillors.

684: **Finance:** a) the problem with Bank of Scotland had been satisfactorily resolved;

b) Balance at 31st January 2017 is £1161.15

c) the following payments were authorised:

MFAnderton, Clerk, January 2017	£120.89
MFAnderton, Expenses to end of January 2017	£36.71
Annual fee to host website -	£29.95
Annual fee for domain name	£24.00

Quote for grass cutting agreed to be 16 cuts for £170/cut as per 2016.

685: **Information received:** NCC Archaeology in Northumberland, V.22

686: **AOB:** ~ A query was raised about when the fast broad band would be switched on in the village. The Clerk would provide email address to Chairman re director of i Northumberland.

687: **Date of next meeting:** 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn