

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Penny, Speak, Rodgeron, and Douglas. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance. Also present for item 5 – Mike Hopgood and John Renwick.

767. **Apologies:** Cllr Watkins and County Cllr Horncastle.

768. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest relating to the meeting.

769. **Minutes** from meeting of 11th September 2017: These were **approved** as a true record.

770. **Matters arising:** a) Role of Council – although Cllr Horncastle had responded verbally to the recent letter sent by the Council, a formal written reply is requested with an acknowledgement that communication between the County Council and the small local parish council is very poor. The copied letter to Mark Ketley, and Cllr Riddle would also be re-sent directly to them and to Cllr Glen Sanderson as Cabinet member in charge of many of the services. Cllr Sanderson would be invited to the next Parish Council meeting that he could conveniently attend. **(MA)**

b) Hedges – a letter had been sent by the County Council to the resident about their dangerous hedge. They have just under 2 weeks more to comply and if they do not, the County Council will write to inform them that NCC will cut the hedge and invoice them.

c) GFWhite – a late reply had been received from GFWhite indicating they will look at more than the single option they suggested to the Council. It would be pointed out that they were indicating urgency on the matter but the Council had not yet heard anything from their legal representatives on the matter. **(MA)**

d) Garden waste bins: Information on how many people would pay for a garden waste bin needs to be collected. It is suggested the question be asked on the flyer that will go out to all residents regarding the Village Survey. The cost of a garden waste bin is currently £31 for the year. **(DP)**

e) Speeding through Leadgate Cottages had been reported. The Police are waiting on information gathered by the County Council on speeding through the village and also car usage at Leadgate Cottages. When this has been analysed, they will get back to us with the results for further action.

f) Horse warning signs: these have appeared on West Hill. The Clerk will check that it is the County Council who have placed these.

771. **Village Survey Group report:** This was presented at the last Council meeting and was considered between then and now. Talks are ongoing to obtain a piece of suitable land that

the Council will have title to which can be used for any future Village project as identified by the Survey. It is felt that currently the costs and demands of building a new Hall are prohibitive but other things such as a Play area could be considered. It is important that as many residents as possible see the report and feel able to come and make their points of view known to the Council. To this end, it is suggested that the full report be put onto the website and a summary report be made available as a flyer to be put through resident's doors and to go into the notice board. John Renwick will forward the report to the Chair who will produce a .pdf file for the website. The Summary will be produced from the current working summary with input from the Chair and from John Renwick. It will be made clear that a full copy of the report will be available on request. There is a space for another councillor to be co-opted onto the Council if they are willing; or if preferable to an individual, an interested person to act as a liaison specifically relating to the Survey project but also to inform other members of the public. It is noted that people are reluctant to talk to the Council, especially at a formal meeting and it is thought the venue may be off putting. A coffee morning was suggested at which residents could come and talk with councillors informally. The village has a mixed community and some people do not have computers; some younger people only use Facebook and Twitter. The 5 researchers who led the Survey project should liaise directly with those individuals who had expressed significant interest in progressing matters within the village. The Council will respond to public interest as far as they can by facilitating matters.

It was suggested that the Council Chair approach a few individuals and that Mike Brennan would approach Claire Green similarly. A short target time of 2-4 weeks was suggested to get the report/flyer prepared to go through doors.

772. **Planning:** 16/04382/FUL – retrospective changes at Woodhead Farm – **Granted** permission

17/02882/FUL – rear porch at 5 Leadgate Cottages: supported by Parish Council and **Granted** permission.

773. **County Councillor's report:** Cllr Horncastle reported on the letter from NCC re the hedges in item 4 above.

774. **Correspondence:** Circulated as emails – NALC e- news; letter re lighting from NCC regarding liquidation of supplier to lighting contractors causing a delay in completing the project; A-boards policy being inspected in various areas in the county.

775. **Finance:** a) Balance at 30th September 2017 is £1778.32

b) Audited Accounts: these were approved and have been posted on the notice board for the statutory 2 weeks. The comments by the auditors concerning the variation in insured assets were noted.

c) The following payments were authorised:

MFAnderston, Clerk, September 2017 £122.10

R Snaith, grass cutting – Sept/October £510.00

It was agreed to renew the CPRE membership at £36.00

The high costs of grass cutting were discussed. A very large amount of the precept goes on this, 18 cuts at £170 per cut in the present season. It was agreed that the Chair would talk with the gardener about starting a bit later; reducing the cuts by 2 or 3, or possibly reducing the cost. At the same time an alternate quote for the work would be sought. **(DP/JD)**

776: **Information received:** Community Champion Awards forms

777: **AOB:** None

778: **Date of next meeting:** 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn.