

## HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

**Present:** Cllrs Penny, Speak, Rodgeron, Watkins and Douglas. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance. Also in attendance – John Dixon and Mike Brennan.

866: **Apologies:** Cllr Horncastle and Cllr Celino

867: **Declarations of Interest:** None

868. **Minutes** from meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018: These were **approved** as a true record.

#### 868. **Matters arising:**

- a) Local Transport Plan: - re horse signs. It was agreed to remind NCC that there used to be warning signs in place until they were damaged. *(To note as the request letter for the 2019/20 LTP has arrived and there is time until after next PC meeting to apply for this and other matters).*
- b) Dixons' development: Mr Dixon explained that GF White were being very slow in matters but they were hoping to have further information soon to forward to the Council. Land of theirs at the end of the village had been a consideration to offer to the Council as a community space. It was suggested that land behind Mr Brennan's house might actually be more accessible. Mr Dixon agreed but pointed out that GF White would have to be consulted as well;
- c) Marley Tiles site: A planning application has been received for the development of 109 homes (by Barrat housing) for this site. (18/02239/FUL): whilst the council is not opposed to the housing development itself, there is a lot of concern about the access to the site both for potential residents and for construction traffic. The site entrances are to be off Lead Lane, before Broadoak Quarry and although heavy vehicles already use this road, it is often seriously eroded because of outflows from the quarry site. Between Broadoak and Hedley there is a single track road with a weight limit, and is therefore impassable for any heavy traffic and very unsuitable for any volume of traffic once the houses are occupied. The road from Whittonstall if to be used, would require heavy traffic to have used small country roads; and the road from the Consett main road has a very steep hill with a dangerous bend and a river at the bottom. The Clerk will draft comments to NCC planning and will inform Cllr Horncastle as well. At present it appears that Durham CC have not been informed as Ebchester will be heavily impacted by the development.
- d) Millennium oak issue – has been reported back to resident;
- e) The hedge that was causing problems at the exit onto the road through Hedley is growing and will soon be out of control. The Clerk will inform Cllr Horncastle of this;
- f) Complaints have been received about the state of Hedley House and its surroundings, especially when seen next to the Village Green. This is not the Council's responsibility but Karbon Homes will be asked again to look at the issue.
- g) The gardener would be asked to put weed-killer down on the pavements and in some of the drains where there are blockages;
- h) The report of the Community Survey is attached to the minutes. Mr Brennan summarised the positive response and that a number of people had volunteered to become the committee responsible for organising events etc. The Council would help with funding where possible either from its own

funds, which are limited, or by accessing grants, if needed. The BBQ on 29<sup>th</sup> July would be a trial of the system and would go on the website to help.

869. **County Councillor's report:** Cllr Horncastle had asked that the Council take note of the Local Plan and asked about the hedge. (The Local Plan is largely unchanged re Hedley: the quarry is still included in the future plans for aggregate and the 109 planned homes at Marley Tiles appears to be 50% of the new housing requirement for the Central sector for one year).

870: **Correspondence:** Circulated as emails: weekly E News from NALC.

871. **Finance:** a) Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 is ££1872.53 (including £22.27 VAT rebate)

b) The following payments were authorised:

MFAnderston, Clerk, June 2018	£127.50
DCTree Care re grass cutting, June	£300.00
DCTree Care re grass cutting, July	
Authorised for payment in August	£300.00

872. **Information received:** Clerks & Councils direct

873: **Roads:** ~ potholes have been reported and some white markings suggest further road improvements are to be made in some areas;

~ At the Survey meeting, traffic calming was raised as an issue; the Council are still waiting the outcome of the speed monitoring and would chase this up;

~ (*the Lead Road to Ebchester is earmarked for patching work closures in the last week of August*).

874: **AOB:** It was noted that a resident has kindly cleaned the road signs at the top end of the village and painted the Millennium seat as well. The Council would like to acknowledge this and thank the resident.

875: **Date of next meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn.

Chair:

Date: