

HEDLEY ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn

Present: Cllrs Penny, Speak, Rodgerson, Watkins and Douglas. Monica Anderton, Clerk was in attendance. Also in attendance – County Councillor Horncastle

876: **Apologies:** Cllr Celino

877: **Declarations of Interest:** None

878. **Minutes** from meeting of 9th July 2018: These were **approved** as a true record.

879. **Matters arising:**

a) Karbon Homes – the Clerk would try to clarify who owns the area around Hedley House so that improvements can be made in the future;

b) According to the Highways people, the hedge is alright now. It was recollected that the original plans for the property may have included a possible boundary change to accommodate a future radiusing of the corner. Cllr Horncastle would try to find out if this was the case as the junction is still dangerous.

880. **County Councillor's report:** Cllr Horncastle mentioned the Marley Tiles proposal – to be summarised in the next item. There was little else to report: budget time is coming up soon; there is a new highways Inspector in the Hedley area – Mr Harrison, who can be reminded about the cats eyes being replaced and the Core Strategy comments etc. following the recent consultation will be put together by the end of the month.

881. **Marley Tiles Application:** Cllr Horncastle noted that there appeared to be a problem in that the affordable housing is going to be built off – site; (the numbers are also very few). There will be a site visit by the Strategic Planning Committee with the officer in charge of the application – Neal Armstrong. The Clerk also reported that there is a significant list of objections to the development from local residents, other parish councils, Durham County Council to name but a few. These can be seen on the website in full.

882. **Speeding Survey:** PC Burke had replied to the latest query as to when this would be undertaken. The police are ready at any time apparently but they need the County Council to check that the relevant signage is all in working order and they are behind with a number of surveys on the go.

883. **Local Transport Plan 2019/20:** It was agreed to put the matter of Horse warning signs back on this. Additionally, the Clerk would enquire of costs if the Parish Council wished to do it for itself. The Council would also put in a request to have the pavements on the main road resurfaced as they are a danger to pedestrians.

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

885. **Finance:** a) Balance at 5th September 2018 is £4017.53 (including £3000 precept)

b) The following payments were authorised:

MFAnderton, Clerk, July 2018 £127.50

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DCTree Care re grass cutting, August £300.00

CPRE subs £36.00

Insurance premium, Came & Company, It was agreed to opt for the 3 year fixed premium which allows a further 5% reduction in premium for all three years. £345.17

A request from Tynedale Sport was refused

886. **Information received:** Clerks & Councils direct, CPRE local and national magazines, NCC leaflets on disposing of hazardous household waste.

887: **Roads:** Nothing to add to what has been minuted

888: **AOB:** ~ the Chairman had looked at trees with the gardener and he had provided a quote of £400 to trim a number of trees; this was approved and the Clerk would let Mr Collins know;

~ There is a water leak from the stopcock at the junction with the Feathers Inn– to be reported to Northumbrian Water;

~ The Hydrant warning sign opposite Hedley Hill Farm at the west end of the village appears to be blacked out. This needs to be checked with the Fire Service;

~ It was noted that the first village walk was very successful. Another three have been fixed to the end of the year. Information will be out on the website.

889: **Date of next meeting:** 8th October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Feathers' Inn.

Chair:

Date: