At the Meeting of the Council held at Hauxley Village Hall on at 6.30pm on Monday 11 September 2017

**Present:** Cllrs W Appleby, I Thomas, and R Callendar (Chair)

**Apologies:** The Parish Clerk in attendance Vicki Smith

1 Member of the public was present

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| **15. Apologies for absence**  Cllr K Graham  **16. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**  None  **17. Duncan Hutt – Northumberland Wildlife Trust**  Duncan Hutt kindly attended the parish meeting and gave an update on the new Nature Reserve. Hauxley Nature Reserve has been received well by the public and visitor numbers are expected to increase. It was reported by members that the new signs at the entrance to Low Hauxley have considerably helped the amount of traffic that has been directed into the village incorrectly. It was also noted that the wildlife trust had actively taken steps to ensure that information on the internet was corrected.  Mr Hutt reported that the Nature Reserve had had no further contact with Cheviot Holdings and felt they had been misrepresented at the meeting that was held.  The clerk was asked to chase up the Cheviot Holdings development and seek an update.  An update on the water levels in the field was given and it was reported that it seemed to have settled now that the pipe has been cleared and the valve was fitted. It was agreed by all that this must continue to be monitored, especially now that winter was approaching.  **18. Public Question Time (maximum of 15 minutes)**  *In accordance with Section 1(d-g) of the HPC Standing Orders members of the public present may address the council at this point on the agenda. The Council reserves the right to respond or debate the issue at a later date*.  None  **19. To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th July 2017.**  The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.  There remains 2 Councillor Vacancies within the parish of Hauxley. The clerk to continue to publicise this.  **20. Matters arising there from:**  **20a – Contaminated Land**  Ivor Rackham attended the parish meeting and gave his latest update on his findings in relation to the water testing issues and the reports of manganese and other minerals in the water.  Pressure is continuing to be placed on various organisations regarding the water in the disused mine. Work has since begun to pump out water into the sea, without any filtering process, which in turn is leaving an orange stain on the rocks, this is despite the area recently being give a special protection status. The pumping work is said to be a short term solution but if it is to continue on a longer term basis then a proper filtering process will need to be implemented. Nifca nor RSBP were consulted before the pumping work began although the EA has granted the Coal Authority a license to carry out the work. It is expected that the Coal Authority will continue to test until October. A request for the results will be made.  It was reported that the water on the main lake has been bubbling. This has been reported to the coal authority who have said that this is not linked to the current water problems.  The parish council have researched the effects on manganese and according to an EU paper it is readily cleared from humans via faeces and urine unless there is already a predisposed condition.  Ivor agreed to keep the parish council up to date as and when he received information.  **20b. Sustrans Signage**  There remains no contact from Sustrans. The clerk was requested to see if Cllr Graham would like to pass this item over for further action.  **20c.** Planning application 16/02282/ful update  The clerk to continue to chase NCC for a response and decision. Residents are anxiously awaiting the outcome of this planning application.  The clerk to also seek clarification on what the determination date is.  **20d. Grass cutting quotes**  Louise Little has agreed to maintain the grassed areas and planters of Hauxley. The clerk to contact to request formal prices for audit purposes.  Further work to be undertaken:   * Removal of the bush beside the seat outside Stable Manor * Strim the back of the wash house in Low Hauxley * Provide and plant daffodil bulbs around the seat.   **21. Standing item – Report by County Councillor**  None  **22. Finance: documents to follow**  **a) Community Account:** End balance as 30 August 2017 £5136.95  **b) Business Saver Account** End balance at 30 August 2017 £1847.03  **c) Financial Summary :** to be circulated with the agenda  **e) Payments**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Cheque No** | **Creditor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | | **11.09.17** | 100631 | K GRAHAM | Notices | 167.60 | | **11.09.17** | 100632 | ADT | Webpage | 60.00 | | **11.09.17** | 100633 | ADT | Web Hosting | 180.00 | | **11.09.17** | 100634 | SLCC | Membership Renewal | 55.00 | | **11.09.17** | 100635 | V Smith | Wages | 220.96 | | **11.09.17** | 100636 | NCC | Additional Grass Cutting | 79.50 | | **11.09.17** | 100637 | Martin Smith | Ground Maintenance | 140.00 |   **f) Receipts**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Ref** | **Debtor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | |  |  |  |  |  |   **23. Planning:**  **a. To report on any planning decisions:**  20 Kirkwell Cottages, High Hauxley – GRANTED  **b. Planning matters pending:** None  **c. To consider any planning matters:**  **24.Agenda Items**  **24.1 Local Transport Plan Programme 2018-19**  The clerk to submit the following priorities to NCC:   * Hauxley Lane – the sides of the road on the section between the A1068 and Kirkwell Cottages is crumbling. * End of Hauxley Lane before the bend at Stable Manor * Kirkwell Cottages and Low Hauxley – Concern over traffic speeds   **24.2 Grass Cutting**  Cllr Graham raised an issue with the pavements in High Hauxley and grass growing through them which has resulted in pedestrians choosing to walk on the road. This issue was passed to him from a resident. Cllr Calendar and Cllr Appleby are to look at this further and decide if this is something Louise Little could take on.  **24.3 Audit**  The Clerk and the chair updated other members about the Audit queries and responses that have subsequently been sent back. The Clerk to send these to members electronically. The Clerk to contact LBO to ascertain if there will be any financial penalty for missing the deadline. A forward plan or calendar with alerts is to be created to prevent this from happening.  **24.4 Newspage items Sept, Octo, Nov**  Items for the newspage were discussed. The Clerk to create.  **24.5 Stones for Chapel Row inc delivery**  Chapel Row residents have requested that they also have some stones delivered as in previous areas of the village. It is expected that we will need around 10 tonnes. Cllr Calendar to contact the clerk with some available dates who will then contact Rentons to arrange.  Cllr Thomas has requested that Arriva are contacted and asked to put bus timetables on the new bus stops at Hauxley Lane and Percy Drive.  **25. Correspondence Received:**  **25.1 Fire & Rescue Plan consultation letter**  Noted  **25.2 Core Strategy withdrawal**  Noted  **25.3 Parish Council Policy Checklist**  The clerk to email and members to decide which, if any the parish council would like to have  **25.4 Update on action to inform landlords of their responsibilities and ensure safety of vulnerable persons within the County of Northumberland**  Noted  **25.5 Community Chest Scheme**  Noted. The clerk to add to Facebook  **25.6 4th Annual Town and Parish Council Conference 5 October 2017**  Noted  **25.7 Joint meetings with Town and Parish Council**  Noted  **25.8 Applications for Transparency Fund**  Noted  **25.9 Remembrance Day Sunday** – Cllr Appleby will attend on behalf of Hauxley Parish Council  **26 – Date and time of next meeting**  The next meeting with take place on Monday 13 November 2017.  The meeting concluded at 19.45pm.  Agenda items to include  Audit outcome  Budget preparations and precept discussions  Neighbourhood Planning | CLERK  CLERK  CLERK  CLERK  CLERK  RC/WA  CLERK  CLERK  RC  CLERK  CLERK  CLERK  CLERK |
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