At the Meeting of the Council held at Hauxley Village Hall on at 6.30pm on Monday 11th January 2016

**Present:** Cllrs W Appleby, R Callender (Chair), K Graham and I Thomas.

The Parish Clerk in attendance – Miss E Brown

6 Members of the Public was in attendance

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| **52.** **Apologies for absence: –** None.  **53. Co-option of Councillors**  **To consider candidates for co-option – Mr John Lightfoot –** The Clerk read out Mr Lightfoot’s application. He had lived in Radcliffe since 1989. Due to his imminent retirement from working in the oil industry he would like to contribute to the environment and quality of life in the local area and maintain the integrity of village life. Members agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr Lightfoot on the Council. The Clerk would make arrangements for Mr Lightfoot to complete his acceptance of office.  **54. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda –** None.  **55. Public Questions (maximum of 15 minutes):** Mrs Irene Liddle informed the Council that an article about Hauxley as a fishing village in the early 1900’s had recently been published in the Tyne & Tweed magazine. The article had been written by Irene and Eleanor George from Felton.  Mrs Hay enquired, due to the recent flooding in the village whether the culvert from McGowans required clearing. Flooding had taken place in the allotments and on old school row. The Clerk would ask the NCC Flood and Coastal Erosion Management Team for a site visit.  **56. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2015** were agreed as a true record.  **57. Matters arising there from:**  a. Parking obstructing access to Low Hauxley – The Clerk would continue to progress this.  b. Warning sign for cyclists at entrance of Sustrans track – Cllr Graham had received a quote for a sign with the wording ‘warning – please slow down in village and watch out for pedestrians.  c. Untidy land report – The Clerk informed that an enforcement officer had attended the site and following on from that visit the matter has been referred to the Coastal Protection Group. This Group will look at the movement of sand and consider if there is a breach of legislation outside the Planning Framework to deal with. The Members requested that County Councillor Arckless be copied into any future correspondence and be asked to help speed things up as this had been ongoing for sometime now.  d. Rotting tree by verge – Members queried who owned the verge. The Clerk would investigate further with the tree officer.  e. a litter bin for High Hauxley – The Clerk would investigate a new bin.  f: Maintenance of Allotment walkways – The walkways are currently under water from the recent flooding caused by heavy rainfall. It was therefore not possible to progress this item. Cllr Graham had spoken to the person who had blocked the path and it was hoped to be cleared as soon as the water had subsided.  g. Pylon cables over allotments – Cllr Graham had attended a site visit with Northern Powergrid who believed that all of the cables were dead and indeed hanging too low. The Officer from Northern Powergrid was to provide written feedback to this effect.  **58. Standing item –**County Councillor Arckless was not present.  **59. Finance:**  a) Financial Summary - documents circulated with agenda or available from the Clerk  b) Payments   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Cheque No** | **Creditor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | | **11.01.16** | 100583 | ADT | Newspage | £60.00 | | **11.01.16** | 100584 | E Brown | Clerk wages/expenses | £194.16 | | **11.01.16** | 100585 | HMRC | PAYE | £47.40 |   The payments for the month were agreed.  c) Receipts   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Ref** | **Debtor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | | 07.12.15 |  | Barclays | Interest | £0.21 |   **60. Planning:**  a) To report on any planning decisions:  b) Planning matters pending: 15/01332/PREAPP | Proposed demolition of existing double garage and construction of 1 no. one and a half storey dwelling | Land North Of 2-3 High Hauxley Northumberland NE65 0JW – Members had no comments.  c) To consider any planning matters: None.  **61. Requested Agenda Items:**  61.1: Consideration of budget – Following consideration, Members agreed to increase the precept to £4000.  61.2: Consideration of pension scheme pending auto enrolment – Members agreed to NEST as their chosen pension provider.  61.3: Resignation of Clerk and recruitment of replacement – The Council noted the Clerk’s resignation and her agreement to work until end of April to complete the year end accounts. It was agreed to advertise the position with a deadline date of 29th January. Interviews would take place on 6th February between 11am and 2pm. Cllrs Callender and Thomas would conduct the interviews. Cllr Callender would check the availability of the Village Hall.  **62. Correspondence Received**  62.1: NCC - Consultation on Proposal to amalgamate James Calvert Spence College South Avenue and James Calvert Spence College Acklington Road – The Clerk had circulated this consultation for comments.  62.2: The Pensions Regulator – Are you prepared for your staging date – This item had been discussed during agenda items.  62.3: NALC – Future Audit arrangements – The Clerk would circulate this for information.  62.4: Community Action Award invitation – No Members wished to attend.  **63. Items for next agenda:**  64. **Date and time of next meeting:** The next meeting would take place on Monday 14th March 2016 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley.  The meeting closed at 7.40pm | Clerk✓  Clerk  Clerk  Graham  Clerk  Graham  Clerk  Clerk✓  Appleby  Clerk  Graham  Graham |
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