At the Meeting of the Council held at Hauxley Village Hall on Monday 12th January 2015

**Present:** Cllrs R Callender (Chair), T Green and H Wilkinson.

The Parish Clerk in attendance – Miss E Brown

1 Member of the Public was in attendance

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| **56. Apologies for absence –** Cllr K Graham – The apologies were accepted.  **57. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda -** None.  **58. Co-opted Vacancy –** To consider the co-options of Member(s) – Iwan Thomas of High Hauxley was previously on the Parish Council 10-15 years ago for a couple of years He had resided in the village for 25 years and would like to join the Council to put something back into the local community. The Members agreed to co-opt Mr Thomas unanimously. The Clerk would arrange for Mr Thomas to complete the necessary paperwork to attend the March meeting as a Councillor.  **59. Public Questions –**.None.  **60. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2014** were agreed as a true record.  **61. Matters arising there from:**  a) Bus shelter repairs – The Clerk was pursuing quotations which had been higher than anticipated. It was agreed that as the bus shelter was used a repair was necessary. Two further quotations were required. The Clerk would circulate the quotations to Members for consideration.  b) Pirate ship on the dunes – The NCC Enforcement Officer had written to the owner requesting the removal of the decking and confirmation that this will be done within a reasonable timescale. This would be monitored for removal over the first two months of 2015. It was agreed that Cllr Callender would chase this up at the end of February and this would be returned to the March meeting for an update.  c) Yellow lines request at slipway – Highways Officer Richard McKenzie informed that any restriction such as yellow lines to prevent parking next to the grass would need to be added to the Local Transport Programme 2016-17.  d) Priority signage/junction markings at entrance of Sustrans track – Highways Officer Richard McKenzie was not aware of any issues at the entrance to the track, assuming that traffic speeds are generally low with the lack of marking encouraging drivers to the cautious. He suggested this be kept an eye on and reconsidered if it becomes a problem. A warning sign, particularly for cyclists heading north could be considered. The Clerk would request the warning sign be investigated.  e) Designation of right of way – Public Footpath No 12 (points J-K) – The progress of determining the application required the County Council to gather and evaluate the available evidence from all interested parties. Any additional facts or evidence in support or rebuttal of the application were considered. A draft report will be produced by the Definitive Map Officer, which will include officer recommendations based on consultation responses, this would be distributed to interested parties who have responded to the consultation at least 4 weeks before the Planning , Environment and Rights of Way Committee meeting to be coml[iled into a final report. The consultation deadline would therefore be 21st March.  f) Parish Council leaflet – Cllr Callender had been unable to produce the leaflet in the run up to Christmas and it was suggested a New Year leaflet be compiled.  g) Street naming and numbering – There was no progress on this to date; the Clerk would chase this us.  h) Grass cutting in village – There was no progress on this; the Clerk would chase this up.  i) Request for 30mph signs to be moved – Following a car crashing into the wall on the bend near the entrance of the Nature Reserve, it was strongly felt that the signage needed to be moved. Also, the 30mph sign at the entrance to High Hauxley was considered too close to the junction of Kirkwell Cottages, making it unsafe.  j) Request for noticeboard for Kirkwell Cottages – County Cllr Arckless had been uncertain whether he would be able to support this with Members Small Schemes. The Clerk would stress that as a third of the village population lived in Kirkwell Cottages in was considered important they has access to information as High and Low Hauxley did.  k) Street lighting replacement programme – The Clerk had circulated a copy of the presentation that was given at the North Area Committee meeting. It was noted that assurances could not be given at this stage on bringing the lighting replacement scheme forward in Hauxley. The project programme was risk based and is predominantly in the South East for the first 18 months, it will then move north before heading west. Further communication are expected with parish Councils before the end of the financial year, asking for views on various matters which may include the programming. Once this information had been gathered NCC will have a better idea on what they can do with the programme.  l) Untidy land report – The Clerk would chase this up, concern was increasing that this was affecting house prices in the village.  **62. Standing item – Report by County Councillor –** None.  **63. Finance:**  **a) Financial Summary** – The figures were circulated for information.  **b) Payments –** The payments for the month were agreed and the following cheques signed.   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Cheque** | **Creditor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | | 12.01.15 | 100556 | Clerk | Wages/expenses | £131.70 | | 12.01.15 | 100557 | HMRC | PAYE | £32.20 | | 12.01.15 | 100558 | ADT | Newspage | £60.00 |   **c) Receipts –** were noted for information.   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Ref** | **Debtor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | | 08.12.14 |  | Barclays | Interest | £0.21 |   **64. Planning:**  **a) To report on any planning decisions:** 14/03386/FUL – Cleveland, 5 Hauxley Links Chalets, Low Hauxley - Side extension to existing dwelling to create one additional bedroom – The Members agreed to object to this application feeling it was an overdevelopment of the site. Concerns were also raised regarding the visual impact from the dunes. APPLICATION REFUSED. The Members queried whether the reasons for refusal were in line with the Parish Council objecitons. The Clerk would circulate the refusal notice.  **b) Planning matters pending:** None.  **c) To consider any planning matters:** None.  **65. Requested Agenda Items**  65.1: Pay review – Following discussion the Members agreed to increase the Clerk’s hourly rate to be in line with SCP16 from 1st January. This would be reviewed annually in January  65.2: Draft budget 2015/16 – It was agreed to increase the precept request to £3600.  65.3: Community Litterpick/tidy up day – It was agreed to hold a litterpick/ tidy up day on Saturday 9th May    **66. Correspondence Received**  66.1. Consideration of donation to Citizens Advice Bureau – Deferred from November – As the Parish Council has not budgeted for the provision of donations, it was agreed that support could not be given.  66.2: Banks Mining – Highthorn Scoping Report – The deadline for comments to Northumberland County Council had been extended to 26th January due to the Christmas breaks impact on statutory consultees and interested parties availability to comment. The report outlines how the Highthorn site could be developed, operated and restored and the proposed approach that will be taken with the planning application. The report can be viewed at <http://www.banksgroup.co.uk/highthorn/project-details/scoping-report/>  66.3: Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy – Full Draft Plan - The Clerk would circulate the link to the consultation which would end on 11th February.  66.4: Northumberland Local Plan Consultation Drop-in sessions – The Clerk encouraged all to attend the consultation drop in sessions that were being held throughout Northumberland. The most local session would be on 19th January from 2pm to 7pm in Fourways 2, Amble. Planning Officers would be present to answer questions.  66.5: Northumberland Local Plan themed workshops – A part of the consultation, NCC had organized themed workshops on Renewable Energy, Housing and Greenbelt and the Environment.  66.6: NCC - Schedule of meetings 2015 – The Clerk informed that NCC planned to schedule meetings for rural area in May and November 2015; date and venue was yet to be determined.  66.7: Parish Clerk’s Salary – The Clerk informed of a 2.2% national pay award which came into effect from 1st January. The Clerk’s amended SCP would reflect this increase. A one of non consolidated payment of £100 (pro rata) had been agreed for December. This equated to £7.45 based on the Clerk’s contact of 12 hours per month.  66.8: NCC – Winter Services – This information was noted.  66.9: NCC – Learning Together – The Clerk informed that the Parish Councillors could register to access 19 e-learning modules, including public speaking, chairing meetings, Licensing and Regulation etc. The details would be circulated.  66.10: NALC – December e-news – This was noted for information.  66.11: iNorthumberland Broardband consultation – This would be circulated for consideration.  66.12: CAN Winter news – This was noted for information.  66.13: Amble Town Alleged Public Footpath No 19 and Parish of Hauxley Alleged Public Footpath No 11. Any facts or evidence the Parish Council wish the County Council to consider in support or rebuttal of the proposed modification were welcomed. The Members agreed that they did not support the creation of this right of way as it was not regularly used by residents of the Parish and had encouraged anti-social behavior. Cllrs Graham and Thomas would be asked if they had any views to the contrary and this would be brought back to the March meeting before submission of a comment by the deadline of 21st March.  **67. Items for next agenda –** Village Plan.  **68. Date and time of next meting:** Monday 9th March 2015 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley  The meeting closed at 7.35pm | Clerk  Clerk  Callender  Clerk  Callender  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Graham/Thomas |
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