At the Annual Meeting of the Council held at Hauxley Village Hall on Monday 13th July 2015

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

The Parish Clerk in attendance – Miss E Brown

5 Members of the Public were in attendance

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| **13.** **Apologies for absence: Cllr T Green –** other commitments.  **14. Co-option of Councillor**  **To consider candidates for co-option –** No expressions of interest in the vacancy had been received. The Clerk would re-advertise for consideration at the September meeting.  **15. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda –** None.  **16. Public Questions (maximum of 15 minutes)**  Mrs Hay once again raised the parking issue in the Village Square which was particularly bad on Sundays and Wednesdays. Mr Coan had spoken to the users of the Village Hall about inconsiderate parking and it was hoped that this was resolved.  It was noted once again that the Sustrans track was full of pot holes, as was New Row.  Northumberland Wildlife Trust appeared to have created a gateway to the path around the allotments – Cllr Graham would query this with NWT.  **17. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2015** were agreed as a true record.  **18.Matters arising there from:**  **a. Parking obstructing access to Low Hauxley -** NCC had noted the concerns of parking next to the slipway and had added this problem to the LTP for consideration of road markings in the future.  **b. Community litter pick – change of date –** The date would be changed to the end of September.  **c. Beware of cyclists sign at entrance of Sustrans track-** It was noted that signage should warn cyclists to slow down.  **d. Street naming and numbering –** This item appeared to have been resolved.  **e Request for noticeboard for Kirkwell Cottages –** The noticeboard was suggested to be located on the tarmac area at the end of Kirkwell Cottages.  **f. Untidy land report –** Members were concerned that despite a report to the enforcement Officer, it appeared that nothing was being done with this land. The Clerk was requested to reiterate the fire hazard, decaying gas canisters and vermin in the area. A timeframe would be requested for any improvements to be done. Cllr Arckless would be copied into any correspondence.  Regarding the ‘Pirate Ship’ NCC planned no further action. The Members requested the Clerk to continue to request that something be done. Members were unhappy about the precedent that had been set and commenting that the response from NCC was unsatisfactory and that the Parish Council would like it to be removed. It is not ok for planning laws to be breached and diggers to be on the beach without authorisation.  **g. Neighbourhood Planning –** The Clerk would look into arranging a meeting with David English to discuss the concept of Neighbourhood Planning further.  **h. Rotting tree by verge –** Cllr Appleby would check to see whether any work had been done to date on the rotting trees and inform the Clerk.  **19. Standing item –**County Councillor Arckless informed of an ongoing problem with unofficial signage in Huaxley and on the A1068 through Radcliffe. This was currently being discussed with NCC and Cllr Arckless would keep the parish council informed.  **20. Finance:**  a) Financial Summary - documents circulated with agenda or available from the Clerk  b) Payments   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Cheque No** | **Creditor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | | **13.07.15** | 100569 | NALC | Subscription | £66.70 | | **13.07.15** | 100570 | SLCC | Subscription | £12.60 | | **13.07.15** | 100571 | ADT | Newspage | £60.00 | | **13.07.15** | 100572 | E Brown | Wages & expenses | £174.99 | | **13.07.15** | 100573 | HMRC | PAYE | £38.60 | | **13.07.15** | 100574 | Mr M Smith | Planting | £125.00 |   The payments for the month were agreed.  c) Receipts   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Ref** | **Debtor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | | 08.06.15 |  | Barclays | Interest | £0.22 |   **21. Planning:**  a) To report on any planning decisions: None.  b) Planning matters pending: None.  c) To consider any planning matters:  15/01897/VARYCO | Variation of conditions 2 (plans) of approved planning application 13/03763/FUL | Hauxley Nature Reserve Low Hauxley Morpeth Northumberland – Members had no objections to this application.  **22. Requested Agenda Items:**  22.1: To consider the purchase of stone and the spreading of stone for Village Square – Cllrs Callender and Graham were to look at the ground to see whether the further spreading of the existing stones would extend as far as filling all gaps or whether additional stones were required.  22.2: Website and transparency requirement for Parish Councils – The Clerk informed that Councils which raise and spend less than £25k pa were now required to comply with a Transparency. This would involve placing key information on an accessible website, such as the agendas and minutes of meetings, councillors and their responsibilities, expenditure items greater than £100, and council land and buildings. The Clerk would pursue setting up a website on Northumberland Life.  **23. Correspondence Received**  23.1: NCC – Love Northumberland Awards – This was noted for information.  23.2: NCC - Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2015‏ - This was noted for information.  **24. Items for next agenda:**  24.1: The consideration of locating bins in High Hauxley would be discussed at the September meeting.  24.2: Local Transport Plan Programme 2016-17  24.3: Maintenance of Allotment walkways.  24.4: Pylon cables over allotments – Cllr Graham would investigate who owns the cables.  25. **Date and time of next meeting:** The next meeting would take place on Monday 14th September 2015 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley.  The meeting closed at 7.55pm | Clerk✓  Graham  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Appleby  Clerk✓  Callender/Grahm  Clerk✓ |
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