At the Meeting of the Council held at Hauxley Village Hall on at 6.30pm on Monday 8 May 2017

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Ken Graham

The Parish Clerk in attendance Vicki Smith

5 Members of the Public were in attendance

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| **1. Election of Chairman for 2017/18**  Councillor Rita Callendar was elected as Chair of Hauxley Parish Council.  **2. Election of Vice Chairman for 2017/18**  Councillor Ken Graham was elected as Vice Chair.  **3. Councillor Vacancies**  There are currently 2 vacancies within Hauxley Parish Council.  **4 Apologies for absence**  Councillor Ken Graham. The apologies were accepted.  **5. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**  None  **6.** **Duncan Hutt from Northumberland Wildlife Trust**  Unfortunately, a representative from NWT was unable to attend but submitted a short briefing note which was read out to the meeting. Duncan Hutt to be invited to the July meeting.    **7. Potential Contaminated Lane issue – Ivor Rackman**  Mr Ivor Rackman was invited to the meeting to explain his findings around the contaminated land and water issue at Hauxley. Northumberland County Council, The Environment Agency, The Coal Authority and NIFCA are now all aware of the situation and testing of the areas has been carried out. The results show elevated levels of Manganese aswell as other chemical elements. The results of the testings are to be made available to the Parish Council to keep on record. Some results are still outstanding and will be passed over once available. The Clerk to liaise with the EA to establish what action is needed to remedy these levels and to ascertain if there is any danger to the produce that is grown in the Allotments at Hauxley. The clerk to also request routine testing of these sites of soil and water by the EA. There was a suggestion to contact the EA during times of flooding so that they can test the water that is there.  The Environment Agency are in discussion with NCC.  Mr Rackman agreed to send the Parish Council the details of the officers he has been dealing with so that contact can be established. The clerk to make contact with the EA.  8. Public Question Time (maximum of 15 minutes)  The members of the public present expressed deep concern for the condition of the soil at the allotment as they grow vegetables in this area which are eaten. They requested to know the specific times and dates of future EA visits so that they can ensure their areas are tested. The clerk to make contact with the EA and report back to councillors outside of the meeting. This item must remain on the agenda.  **9. To approve and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2017**  The minutes were then agreed as a true record of the meeting subject to the above amendment.  **10. Matters arising there from:**  **10a – Hauxley Beach Slipway**  Officers from Northumberland County Council made a site visit after an email request from the clerk explaining that members of the public were now having difficulties accessing and exiting the beach since the works carried out earlier in the year. These issues are because the sand is so deep in places, makes walking very difficult. As we all try to ensure we are working towards equality and making areas disabled friendly, the clerk to request that NCC take another look and arrange some levelling of the sand.  **10b Sustrans Signage update**  An update to be provided at the next meeting.  **10c NALC Training Programme 2017**  The clerk requested to attend some parish council training. Training was agreed, specifically Introduction to Local Councils and any budget and finance training.  **10d – Untidy Land issue**  The issue remains unsolved with residents unhappy about the state of the site including potentially unsafe gas canisters. This is to be added to the next agenda.  **11. Standing item – Report by County Councillor**  County Councillor Terry Clark is to be sent a list of future meeting dates and invited to attend.  **12. Finance**  **a) Community Account:** End balance as 30 March 2017 £4974.85  **b) Business Saver Account** End balance at 30 December 2016 £1847.03  **c) Financial Summary :** The updated financial documents were circulated  **e) Payments –** All payments were approved   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Cheque No** | **Creditor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | | **8.05.17** | 100622 | NALC | Subscription fee | 69.15 | | **8.05.17** | 100623 | The Ambler | Newspage | 60.00 | | **8.05.17** | 100624 | V Smith | Wages | 220.98 | | **8.05.17** | 100625 | Rentons | Village Stones | 132.00 |   **f) Receipts**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Ref** | **Debtor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | |  |  |  |  |  |   It was agreed that action needed to be taken with the allotment footpaths and the clerk to check ownership of these. There is currently nothing set aside in the budget for any maintenance work on these and this will need to be factored into next years forecast. Cllr Callendar to take photos of the areas that need improvement and forward to the clerk. This item to be added to the next agenda.  It was agreed that as there was no election expenses this to transfer these funds of £200 aswell as £100 from street furniture to the footpath pot.  The clerk to check if New Row road is the parish councils responsibility.  **13. Planning:**  **a. To report on any planning decisions:**  None  **b. Planning matters pending:** None  **c. To consider any planning matters:** None  **14. Agenda Items**  **14.1 Donation request from The Children’s Foundation**  The Parish Council felt these should not support this at this time as this charity does not currently work in the local area.  **14.2 Live Traffic Calming Measures on the A1068**  The clerk is seek initial advice to address the issues and what may be able to be done.  **14.3 Potential contaminated land**  As above in the agenda  **14.4 Hauxley Wildlife Discovery Centre Funding Request for bike racks**  The parish council would be pleased to help but as the precept is so small, clarity is needed on the cost of these as we may only be able to donate towards the cost of one rack rather than purchase a full one. The clerk to clarify.  **14.5 Signage to Hauxley Nature Reserve**  Many people are turning into Low Hauxley looking for the nature reserve. It was agreed to add this to the next agenda when it is hoped that we will have a better idea of the number of people going the wrong way and establish the best solution.  **15. Correspondence Received:**  12.1 NALC Enews 14 March / 21 March / 28 March / 4 April / 11 April / 24 April / 25 April – circulated  12.2 Notice of Election to be displayed in Noticeboards - completed  12.3 LOVE Northumberland Awards 2017 - noted  12.4 Northumberland Wildlife Trust Newsletter – Springtime Fun - noted  12.5 Parish Councillor Survey - noted  12.6 iNorthumberland Newsletter 2017 - noted  12.7 CAN Enews - noted  12.8 Notification of publication of Coastal Access Final Report – South Bents to Amble – Councillors requested a copy of this via email  12.9 Hauxley Nature Reserve update - noted  12.10 NCC Precept - complete  12.11 Funding Ebulletin – Circulated  12.12 Progress update from Highways England re A1 in Northumberland - noted  12.13 Notice of Poll County and Parish Elections - noted  12.14 Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy – noted  12.15 Good Councillor Guide publications – to be circulated  12.16 Village of the Year - noted  12.17 CAN Get About Project - noted  The clerk to arrange for more bulbs along Hauxley Hall wall and where the bus stop and seat is at Low Hauxley and on the bend at High Hauxley.  Councillor Appleby to report back to the next meeting on the planning application at Beaconhill.  Arrangements are in place to fly the Northumberland Flag on 28th May 2017. Councillor Appleby to take a photo for The Ambler.  The meeting closed at 8.15pm  **Items for next Agendas**  Hauxley Village Plan – May 2017  Part funded defibrillators via BHF – May 2017  Untidy Land – July 2017  Percy Drive development - as appropriate  Duncan Hutt to attend – July 2017  Northumberland Day – 2018  Contaminated Land follow up  Signage  Allotment maintenance | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Graham  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Callendar  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Appleby  Appleby |
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