

## Minutes of Hauxley Parish Council meeting held at Hauxley Village Hall on Tuesday 13 March 2018

**Present:** Cllrs R Callender (Chair), I Thomas, W Appleby, P Nichols, D Howell

The Parish Clerk in attendance, Jade Reynolds

Three members of the public were present.

### Action

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Graham

#### 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

#### 3. Public Questions

Mrs Hay raised the issue of the allotment floods and said that it will likely happen every year unless the culverts are cleared before it becomes a problem, it needs a proactive rather than reactive solution. The Parish Council will request that NCC service the culverts in early December.

**Clerk**

The PC were also informed that the culvert to the left of the beach is not running properly. The PC will contact NCC to find out who is responsible for its maintenance.

**Clerk**

Mr Hay asked who is responsible for the upkeep of the footpaths to the allotments as they are overgrown and blocking access to some allotments. The PC confirmed that they own the footpaths. Mr Pringle has offered to assist with the clearing and will liaise with Mr and Mrs Hay. It was decided that the PC will request quotes from the gardener, Louise Little, for advice and a possible one-off clearing of certain pathways to try and resolve the current issues. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

**Clerk**

Mr Pringle, who is a resident of Radcliffe, brought to the meeting's attention the traffic speed problem through Radcliffe (the A1068). It proves very difficult to get on and off the road and there have been several accidents along this stretch of road. Cllr Callender will write to Cllr Clark and request that he looks into this.

**RC**

Mr Pringle also informed the meeting that the layby in Radcliffe is being left in a state with members of the public using it as a toilet and leaving litter. There are also some damaged streetlights along this stretch of the A1068. Cllr Callender will also raise these issues in her letter to Cllr Clark.

**RC**

#### 4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

#### 5. Matters arising from previous meeting

There were no matters arising

Signed.....Chair

**6. Standing item – Report by County Councillor**

Nothing received.

The PC will invite Cllr Clark to the next meeting.

**Clerk**

**7. Finance**

There is no finance report at this meeting as the Clerk still has no access to the bank account or bank statements as the correspondence address still needs changed. Cllr Callender will resolve this with Barclays in Morpeth as soon as possible. Cllr Appleby will also attend as two signatures are required.

**RC**

The PC have been informed that they are eligible to be exempt from certain parts of the external audit. The clerk will take advice from Stephen Rickett with regards to this and submit the exemption form in May.

**Clerk**

**8. Planning**

Cllr Callender asked if the PC would like to have a representative at the meeting concerning the proposed caravan site in High Hauxley. Cllr Nichols said that it would be better if the PC were represented at the meeting and Cllr Howell agreed to attend the meeting if possible. Cllr Howell will liaise with Cllr Graham to put a case together. Cllr Nichols suggested that the public be invited to the meeting to show strength of feeling within the village with regards to the proposed caravan park. Cllr Callender requested the Clerk contact the Planning officer to establish when the planning application will be heard.

**DH**

**KG**

**Clerk**

**9. Agenda items**

**9.1 Budget Allocation 2018-2019**

It was agreed to ringfence £2000 in the event that the PC decide to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan.

The budget plan will be deferred until May's meeting when the finances will be up to date once the clerk has access to the bank statements.

The clerk will ask Chris Anderson if he can recommend any consultants that could provide the PC with quotes for the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Clerk**

**9.2 New Councillor Applications**

Dickon Howell and Phil Nichols were welcomed to Hauxley Parish Council.

**9.3 Electronic Diary for HPC**

The clerk will put together an electronic diary of key dates for the PC.

**Clerk**

**9.4 Litter Picking Day**

Cllr Appleby suggested a litter picking day to clear litter from both High and Low Hauxley. No date has been set for this yet. Once a date is confirmed the clerk will advertise this via the Ambler and the Hauxley Village Facebook page and Cllr Callender will publish a flyer. The clerk will also request high visibility jackets, refuse sacks and pickers from NCC.

**RC**

**Clerk**

Signed.....Chair

**9.5 Christmas tree for High Hauxley**

Cllr Thomas will ask Ernie if the PC could use his tree to put Christmas lights on.  
The PC will buy the external lights and pay for electricity used.

**IT**

**10. Any other business**

The clerk will ask the gardener when she will be doing the first cut and the bulb planting at High Hauxley.  
The clerk will look into setting up a pension.

**Clerk**

**11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 May at 6:30pm in the Village Hall