

Minutes of Hauxley Parish Council Meeting held at Hauxley Village Hall on Monday 18th March 2019

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

Guest Speaker, N Robson – Councillor Acomb Parish Council

Action

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr K Graham, J Reynolds (Clerk)

2. Declarations of interest
Non

3. Public Questions

The condition of the bridleway to the east of the village was questioned to see if the parish council would include that area for gravel replenishment at the same time as the village square. The bridleway is owned by the caravan park and is not in the council's area of responsibility. Previous discussions on repairs with the owners have not been successful. Councillor Callender did however suggest the Council Clerk could contact Claire at Sustrans to see if they could help with the condition after our last communication in 2018. The County Council were previously asked to review the road condition and concluded it was suitable for use as a public bridleway.

The drain culverts at the turn into the village square were considered a hinderance for access to the square. Is it possible to widen the road and improve the drainage at the same time? This was discussed later as it was on the agenda.

Village parking has been problematic recently especially with work vans. Is it possible to convert the grass at the side of the village hall to parking? This land belongs to the Village Hall. Can the Council contact Dave from the committee to pass on the request for their consideration?

4. Guest Speaker

Norman Robson from Acomb Parish Council presented his view and experience of successfully preparing and gaining approval for a Neighbourhood Plan for Acomb. Norman presented examples of their draft plan, time and events calendar for the main activities leading up to submission of the final plan. His advice was that the council should not try and execute the work, a steering group drawn from the Parish especially with any relevant local subject matter experts and volunteers is a good strategy for this with the council as a key stakeholder and with oversight of progress. NCC were very supported and have a stake in successful approval of neighbourhood plans within the county.

Signed.....Chair

5. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Callendar, seconded by Cllr. Howells.

6. Matters arising

Non

7. Finance

Agreed

8. Agenda Items

*** Improve drainage and widen the entrance to the square:**

Widening the road and improving the drainage is likely to be beyond the Parish Council's financial capability. However the council will contact Northumbrian Water.

*** Gardening and landscaping:** HPC's current contractor has now cancelled the contract and a new supplier is required. Cllr Callendar has identified a suitable company to take over who are going to supply a quote for work after surveying the work required.

*** Gravel replacement:** Suggest one 10 Tonne load should be ordered for the village. A quote will be requested from the previous supplier.

* Need to move forward with setting up a steering group and should proceed to place an advert in the Ambler and on the web site for volunteers. HPC Should try to hold the first meeting in April after Easter.

Signed.....Chair

* Invite Chris Anderson from NCC to attend the next Steering Group meeting.

9. Any Other Business

Non

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th 2019 at 6:30pm

Signed.....Chair