

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HUTTON HENRY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019**

Present: Councillor Mrs M Lightowler (Chair)
Councillor K Knight, Mrs J Grieves, P Marsh, M Farry, Mrs B Drake, F Drake

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor K Lawson and Mrs J Thomas.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. POLICE REPORT

There had been 2 incidents of ASB, 8 incidents of theft and 1 criminal damage in Station Town. ASB had reduced year to date by 43%. In Hutton Henry, crime had reduced by 40%, burglary by 100%, theft by 75%, ASB by 67% and criminal damage by 50%.

Councillor Drake commented that a lot of the incidents were logged as no further action and queried why. The Clerk advised that he would need to contact the Police for further feedback. A presumption would be that the Police had been able to charge any individual.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

- 4. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **14 OCTOBER 2019**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING

Footpaths

The Clerk advised that there was a scheme called P3 Parish Paths Partnership which provided grants to Town/Parish Councils and community groups for maintenance and improvement of public rights of way in their localities. The Parish Council had been an active participant until 2007. An application would need to be submitted in the spring. Grants varied from £1000-£1500.

Dog Bags

It was suggested that the landlord of the Plough be asked if she could distribute dog bags when the public house was open. Residents could access them from the groundsman in the cemetery when it was open.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a) C24 Hurworth Burn Road, Trimdon Village

There would be a temporary road closure for 11 weeks to enable bridge works to be undertaken. The road will be open between 21/12/19 and 5/1/20 for work to be carried out on or adjacent to that length of road. An alternative route will be available to vehicular traffic from the western side of the closure.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

b) Co Durham and Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Groups Merger

The five Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across the Co Durham and Tees Valley areas had confirmed plans to merge into two closely linked CCGs. The announcement followed approval from NHS England and NHS Improvement and sits within the framework outlined in the NHS long term plan.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

6. PLANNING PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

- a) **DM/19/03049/RM Submission of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and access for plot no. 1) relating to Planning Permission DM/18/03100/OUT at Land To The West Of Eden Cottage, Station Town**

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

- b) **DM/19/03171/RM Submission of reserved matters (Layout, Appearance, Scale, Landscape and Access Plot 4) pursuant to Planning Permission DM/18/03100/OUT at Land To The West Of Eden Cottage, Station Town**

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

- c) **DM/19/03321/FPA Retention of existing building to be used as domestic garage at Land To The Rear Of 85 Newholme Estate, Station Town**

RESOLVED that no objection be made.

7. CEMETERY REPORT

The cemetery was clean and tidy.

RESOLVED that the information given be noted.

8. PROPOSALS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Consideration was given to the proposal by Councillor Drake to change the name of the parish council to include Station Town as he felt that it did not represent the entirety of the parish.

The Clerk explained that CDALC had advised that the parish council would need to inform Durham County Council and a community governance review may be required.

RESOLVED that enquiries be made as to the process for changing the name to Hutton Henry and Station Town Parish Council.

9. PARISH ISSUES

- a) **Unoccupied Houses in Station Town**

Councillor Mrs Drake explained that the garden at 14 Station Lane, Station Town was overgrown and in need of attention.

RESOLVED that the garden be reported to DCC.

b) Unkempt open spaces in Station Town

Councillor Mrs Drake explained that the land of the former Co-op building and the former Corner House public house was very overgrown and unkempt.

RESOLVED that the issues be reported to DCC.

c) Overgrown footpaths in Station Town

Councillor Mrs Drake explained that the footpath behind the road opposite Station Lane was overgrown and in need of attention.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Drake report the issue to DCC.

d) Proposed Play Area in Station Town

Councillor Mrs Drake suggested that a working party was formed to look into the issue of providing a play area in Station Town. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillors identify potential locations for a play area.

e) Memorial Service

Residents had suggested that a gravel area be installed around the memorial to make it more aesthetically pleasing.

RESOLVED that the works be authorised.

f) Christmas Tree in Station Town

Councillor Marsh enquired when the tree would be erected. It was advised that Councillor Manchester was making the necessary arrangements.

10. **FINANCE**

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Amount	CHEQUE NO
CDALC	Councilor training	£27.00	104061
Hutton Fire Protection	Fire extinguisher service	£14.40	104062
Durham County Council	Fuel	£87.80	104063
Durham County Council	Repairs	£121.09	104063
Durham County Council	Seat in Station Town	£273.74	104063
Clerk	Expenses	£49.95	104064
Royal British Legion	Poppy appeal	£50.00	104065
Groundsman	Expenses	£27.47	104066

Bank Balances as at 14 October 2019

Bank Statements were viewed by the Chair

Bank Balances were as follows:

Tracker Account £34,750.21

Current Account £124,850.05