

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
HUTTON HENRY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020**

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

**Also Present:** Sgt Hobson and PC Foreman  
7 residents

Residents in attendance reported a number of issues in Station Town.

- Empty property at 14 Station Lane being in poor condition and untidy gardens
- Empty property end of Gladstone Terrace being in poor condition and untidy
- Vehicles driving up and down in front of Lake View causing anti social behaviour
- More litter bins were required, especially next to the bus shelter

The Police advised that they worked closely with DCC and would contact them regarding the empty properties. The Clerk advised that the property in Station Lane had been previously reported and was being dealt with by DCC. The problem with the moved litter bin had also been reported previously. More bins would be requested.

Sgt Hobson explained that teams had been put together to tackle anti social behaviour, however there had only been 7 incidents reported in the previous month. Residents must report the incidents so the Police knew where to target resources.

Councillor Lightowler referred to a recent article on social media from Paul Howell MP for Sedgefield Constituency on how he intended to assist the Trimdon area with ASB. It was suggested that a letter be written to Grahame Morris MP for Easington to highlight the problems in Station Town with ASB.

Residents from Hutton Henry thanked the Parish Council for their support with the issues around the Common Land in the village. They also wished to congratulate everyone for their work on the war memorial as the new surrounding was aesthetically pleasing.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs N Wood and J Manchester.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **POLICE REPORT**

Sgt Hobson and PC Foreman were in attendance and had assisted with the queries from residents.

**RESOLVED** that the information given be noted.

4. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **13 JANUARY 2020**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

## **Matters Arising**

### **Consultation on the Proposed Name Change of the Parish Council**

Discussion ensued around the proposal to change the name of the Parish Council and it was pointed out that some residents already thought the name included both villages. One resident had mentioned that it would be costly to change the name as well as the changing of bank mandates which could be complicated for this type of organisation.

The Clerk gave details of a recent community governance review that had taken place by DCC for change of the name as well as a reduction in Councillors. It was suggested that any community consultation should mirror that which the County Council had taken.

**RESOLVED** that the community consultation process mirror that of a recent community governance review by DCC. A 4 week consultation process would commence with a leaflet distributed to all households in the parish area. All Councillors would be responsible for distributing the leaflets.

### **Flower Planter locations in Station Town**

The locations had been identified on a map and passed to the Clerk to obtain the necessary permissions.

### **Common Land**

The Clerk advised that the Land Registry had confirmed that the adverse possession application for the Common Land had been refused.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Tree Planting**

The Clerk advised that DCC had secured £500,000 from the Forestry Commissions Urban Tree Challenge Fund to plant almost 1,200 large trees across towns and villages, along with 6000 smaller trees to create copses and link existing woodland. Trees would be planted in Beachdale Close and Newholme Estate. No areas had been identified in Hutton Henry.

**RESOLVED** that the information given be noted.

## **6. PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning applications:

**DM/20/00016/FPA Replacement rear conservatory at 13 Claypool Farm Close, Hutton Henry**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

## **7. CEMETERY REPORT**

The cemetery was clean and tidy.

## **8. PARISH COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION**

The resident who had expressed an interest had not attended the meeting.

## **9. PARISH ISSUES**

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

This was dealt with earlier in the agenda.

10. **FINANCE**

**Invoices for Endorsement of Payment**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Amount	CHEQUE NO
Gardens of Grace	Seat	£720.00	104076
Gardens of Grace	War Memorial	£540.00	104076
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£4045.11	104077
Clerk	expenses	£34.15	104078
Groundsman	expenses	£5.41	104079

**Bank Balances as at 15 January 2020**

Bank Statements were viewed by the Chair

Bank Balances were as follows:

Tracker Account £34,767.54

Current Account £123,656.61

11. **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Councilor F Drake to move**

**Consideration of setting up a working party of Councillors with invited County Councillors to identify amenities and facilities for the public within the parish council area under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Section 19-Recreational facilities.**

Motion was moved by Councillor F Drake and seconded by Councillor Mrs B Drake.

Councillor Drake sought permission to set a working party of Councillors and residents to identify amenities and facilities within the parish council area.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor F Drake be authorised to set a working party up with interested parties in the village.