

HEIGHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

c/o 17 East Green, Heighington, Co Durham. DL5 6PP

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY 2019 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT. Cllr B Anderson (Chairman)

Cllr M French

Cllr E Thompson

Cllr M Woodward

Cllr G Lee

Cllr L Garner

Cllr C Teare

L Dunn

102.2018 APOLOGIES.

Cllr L Bedocs, Cllr G Blenkinsopp

103.2018 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

None

104.2018 APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the meeting on 15th November 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

105.2018 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

A letter has been received from Heighington School following the issue of the invoice for use of the car park. The Clerk read the letter out and discussion followed. It was agreed that the levy was reasonable and appropriate considering the amount of use by the school (who is the largest user of the facility) and in comparison with charges to other users. It was therefore agreed that a further letter would be sent outlining these points and requesting payment.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

Planning responses were sent to DBC on 16th November.

DBC were contacted over the overhanging trees on Darlington Road. These have now been cut back.

A quote has been received from Playdale for the repair of the play equipment in the Park and a request was sent to them asking for a quote for the replacement of all of the equipment. In order for them to provide this quote they need to know details such as which equipment is required (as not all of the current equipment was supplied by them) and also details of floor surface etc.

Discussion followed and Cllr Anderson stated that he thought the quote was reasonable and that the repairs would bring the equipment up to the required standard and so new equipment was not needed. Cllr Garner asked if further quotes should be sought but it was agreed that as Playdale had supplied the equipment they were best placed to repair it. Cllr Garner asked about any guarantee which was received at the time of purchase and it was agreed to investigate this before any agreement made on whether to go ahead with the repairs, Cllr Lee thought he had copies of the original purchase invoices.

ACTION: Parish Clerk / Cllr Lee

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106.2018 HEALTH AND SAFETY

None

107.2018 SPORTSFIELD

Cllr Anderson informed the meeting that the sports field was inspected by the FA on 24th September as part of their Football Association Improvement Programme and that a report had recently been received by Heighington FC Boys. Following the inspection, the FA will contribute to the cost of putting improvements in place and raising the facility up to an appropriate standard. The report was available for Councillors to read.

Discussion was had on the right of way access across the former Cumby land following a review of the legal documentation in relation to it. Cllr Garner asked if advice could be sought from CDALC and the Parish Clerk is to investigate.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

108.2018 FUNDING AND FUNDRAISING

None

108.2018 REDWORTH

None

110.2018 THE CHESTNUTS

None

111.2018 PLANNING

The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that a letter had been received from DBC informing that the planning application submitted for the erection of no. 5 dwellings at land to the rear of East Green had been refused and that the applicant had appealed.

112.2018 FINANCE

The bank reconciliation for November and December had been circulated and balanced.

113.2018 REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Lee informed the meeting that he is keeping in regular contact with the three Site Managers of the local housing developments. He has spoken to them about rubbish blowing off the sites and also stated that all traffic for the Walworth Road development should be going via the A68.

Cllr Woodward informed the meeting about the Fire Service consultation around its Integrated Risk Management plan (IRMP), regarding possible changes to how Aycliffe fire station could operate in the future and its staffing.

114.2018 ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED ON NEXT AGENDA

- Right of way access
- Sports Field car park

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:05pm.