

# HEIGHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.00 PM

**PRESENT.** Cllr B Anderson (Chairman)

Cllr M French

Cllr G Lee

Cllr L Garner

Cllr C Teare

Cllr G Blenkinsopp

L Dunn

*Before the meeting began the Chairman asked all to stand and observe a minute's silence in memory of Cllr Bedocs who sadly passed away today following a long illness.*

### **115.2018 APOLOGIES.**

Cllr M Woodward, Cllr E Thompson

### **116.2018 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **117.2018 APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**

The minutes of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### **118.2018 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

A letter has been received from Heighington School following the latest letter sent by HPC. The school have declared that they "... has not parked or used the land in question for any school owned vehicles and therefore is not liable for any charges". There seems to be some confusion on their part as the letter sent by HPC clearly stated that the levy was in view of the use by school staff and not school owned vehicles. Cllr Teare has monitored the use of the car park this last week (being half term) and informed the meeting that there haven't been many vehicles parked. He will continue to monitor the situation to see if this changes next week when the schools are back. Discussion was had on erecting a sign to limit the amount of time vehicles can be parked and it was agreed to get legal advice on this matter from NALC.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk**

Confirmation was received on the Playdale quotation for repairs to the play equipment that the supply of the timer was free of charge. Following the last meeting, details of this had been emailed to Councillors and it had been agreed to accept the quote. The order had therefore been submitted to Playdale. As yet no contact has been received from them with regards to a date in order for the work to be done.

### **119.2018 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

None

### **120.2018 SPORTSFIELD**

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Cllr Teare has noticed that more goal posts have appeared on the sports field. Cllr Anderson informed the meeting that these were for the junior teams as the static posts were too large.

Discussion was had on the S106 money allocation from both the Walworth Road and Oaklands developments. Just under £7,000 has been allocated to HPC from the Walworth Road development for use towards the sports field. This is insufficient to cover the estimated cost of the extension to both the car park and the changing rooms. Cllr Garner suggested that firm quotes be obtained for the projects which then can inform discussions with DBC over future allocations of S106 monies. Cllr Anderson agreed to get some quotes. He also informed the meeting that planning permission had already been granted for the work.

Cllr Blenkinsopp stated that he would like to see some money allocated towards the village halls in both Heighington and Redworth as many residents use these facilities.

Questions were asked over the monitoring of how DBC spend S106 monies which have been allocated against areas of their responsibility. It was suggested that a Freedom of Information request could be submitted at some point in the future.

Cllr Blenkinsopp PROPOSED that DBC be contacted in order to request a meeting with Dave Coates and representatives from HPC in order to discuss S106 monies. Cllr Garner SECONDED the proposal and it was UN-AMINOUSLY AGREED to ask for a meeting.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk**

## **121.2018 FUNDING AND FUNDRAISING**

None

## **122.2018 REDWORTH**

None

## **123.2018 THE CHESTNUTS**

Cllr Lee informed the meeting that there continued to be complaints regarding the Oaklands development from residents.

## **124.2018 PLANNING**

Planning Application Refs:

- 19/00107/FUL – Removal of garden room and erection of single storey extension to south elevation incorporating kitchen, utility and bathroom at Grangeside, Redworth.
- 18/01107/FUL – Change of use from open space to private garden, relocation of existing fence and single storey extension to rear, Hawthorn Drive, School Aycliffe.
- 19/00083/FUL – Conversion of existing integral garage to habitable room and associated alterations, erection of single storey extension to west elevation, insertion of window at first floor level on north elevation and addition of render to all external elevations, Darlington Road, Heighington
- 19/00038/FUL – Demolition of outbuildings and erection of two storey extension to side elevation with Juliet balcony to rear, East Green, Heighington

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- 18/01098/FUL – Conversion of existing double garage into habitable accommodation and erection of single storey extension to rear and construction of pitched roofs to existing lobby and garage, St Michaels Crescent, Heighington

Agreed a No comment reply given for all due to insufficient information provided.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk**

## **125.2018 FINANCE**

The bank reconciliation for January had been circulated and balanced. Contact has been received from Turf-care regarding an outstanding invoice. A cheque had been sent in January but must have been lost in the post. The Clerk will arrange for a stop to be put on the cheque and re-issue a replacement.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk**

## **126.2018 REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr Lee reported:

1. He has been contacted by the Chair of the Stockton and Darlington Railway asking for permission to attend a Parish Council meeting so they can talk about what Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway have achieved and what they are planning to do for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary event of the opening of the S&D line. It was agreed to invite them to the next meeting
2. There have been issues with the Walworth Road development in that the developers have changed the plans with regards to the gardens of the new houses which back onto Snackgate Lane and the residents have complained.
3. There are plans to install a defibrillator in the village. Fundraising is currently taking place. HPC agreed to fund any shortfall in the amount of donations to enable the device to be purchased.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk**

The Clerk informed the meeting that a Parish Council election would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Cllr Teare informed the meeting that help would be required with putting up the Christmas Tree lights this year as the tree was getting too tall for it to be done using just a ladder. It was agreed that an access cage would need to be hired. He also suggested that additional lights would be required.

Cllr Garner raised an issue with vehicles from the Walworth Road development driving through the village. Cllr Lee informed the meeting that a camera located on Garthlands was recording all movements of vehicles leaving the site and any driving into the village was being reported. Other issues raised in relation to the development are lorries parking at the side of the road and the amount of mud on the road.

## **127.2018 ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED ON NEXT AGENDA**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:15pm.