

# 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> JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00 PM

### PRESENT

Cllr G Blenkinsopp (Chairman)	Cllr A Holmes
Cllr S Bremner	Cllr M French
Cllr C Teare	Cllr G Lee
Cllr E Thompson	Cllr L Garner

### IN ATTENDANCE

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### 113.2020 APOLOGIES

Cllr m Woodward	
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### 114.2020 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

None

### 115.2020 APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were proposed as an accurate and true record by Cllr French and seconded by Cllr Teare and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

### 116.2020 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The repair works around Heighington Village Hall have been completed

Cllr Teare informed the meeting that the manufacture of the new basketball rings was complete and would be fitted at the earliest opportunity.

**ACTION: Cllr Teare**

Cllr Teare informed the meeting that the replacement front and back doors for the changing rooms had been ordered and were awaited delivery.

**ACTION: Cllr Teare**

Cllr Lee informed the meeting that he was in discussion with Groundworks trying to obtain some funding for the play area at St Michaels Crescent.

**ACTION: Cllr Lee**

Cllr Teare informed the meeting that he had been in contact with a company to get a quote for the work required to install the parking spaces at Hopelands and is awaiting their reply. Discussion was had on the best position for the spaces. Planning permission will be required before any work can be started. It was agreed

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that the Parish Clerk would contact DBC for a quote and that a third quote would be needed in line with the Councils financial procedures.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk / Cllr Teare**

The loose branch on the tree at Redworth has been removed and disposed of.

## **117.2020 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

None

## **118.2020 SPORTSFIELD**

Cllr Blenkinsopp informed the meeting that Heighington FC were not currently using the field and that in line with Government guidelines the play area remained open.

## **119.2020 FUNDING AND FUNDRAISING**

None

## **120.2020 REDWORTH & HEIGHINGTON**

Notice had been received of a Section 19 hearing to be held as a virtual event on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in relation to the application received by DBC by a Redworth resident who alleges that a mistake was made by the Authority at the time it entered Redworth Village in the Register of Village Greens, in that it failed to include an area of land to the west of the village hall. Discussion was had and it was unanimously agreed that HPC did not agree that the piece of land should be designated village green. It was agreed that Cllr Lee would attend the event and put the views of the Parish Council forward.

**ACTION: Cllr Lee**

Cllr Bremner informed the meeting that the footpath between 15 and 18 High Road in Redworth was in a bad state of repair. It was agreed that as many Councillors as possible would go and inspect the footpath and determine what work is required. Cllr Teare will also look to clear the blocked drain.

**ACTION: All**

Cllr Bremner informed the meeting that two of the "Do not encroach on the village green" signs had been damaged. Cllr Blenkinsopp will replace in due course.

**ACTION: Cllr Blenkinsopp**

## **121.2020 THE CHESTNUTS / OAKLANDS**

Cllr Lee informed the meeting that the affordable homes on the Oaklands development were to be rented out instead of being sold.

## **122.2020 PLANNING**

Cllr Blenkinsopp had noticed that the caravan park at The Dog, which it was understood was to be holiday lets is advertising as residential properties. It was agreed that clarification should be sought from DBC.

**ACTION: Parish Clerk**

## **123.2020 FINANCE**

The bank reconciliation for December had been circulated and balanced.

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The 2020-21 fees from Heighington FC have been received.

## **124.2020      REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Discussion was had on the approach by the Rural & Market Town Group who was asking if HPC wanted to subscribe to the group. It was decided that this was not something which would be beneficial at this time.

Cllr Lee informed the meeting that

- There had been some flooding in Redworth
- COVID vaccinations had started in Berwick Crescent surgery on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
- COVID testing in the village hall had been well received

## **125.2020 ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED ON NEXT AGENDA**

- Road surface at Batts Lane, Heighington

There being no further items, the meeting concluded at 8:10pm