

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
HUTTON HENRY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2020**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs J Thomas, K Knight, Mrs M Farry, Mrs J Grieves, K Lawson

Also Present: 1 member of the public

A member of the public commented that a lot of the areas in Station Town was dirty and had a high problem of litter. He suggested that the parish council could assist in these problem areas by employing a company to carry out future maintenance. He felt that DCC did not maintain the areas adequately and only maintained the main street through the village. Councillor Mrs Farry advised that DCC maintained the area every Tuesday morning.

With regard to litter bins, he felt that there needed to be additional bins behind Gills and at the end of the football field. Signs advising that there would be a penalty fine for dropping litter would also be welcomed. The Clerk advised that DCC had recently installed dog bins, two of which had been paid for by the parish council.

A member of the public had suggested that funding for a mutli use games area (MUGA) could be looked at further for a facility in Station Town. There had been a recent project in Hesleden that he felt would be welcomed in the village at an area of land west of Millbank Terrace.

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) the maintenance schedule be sought from DCC.
- (ii) DCC be contacted for information on where bins were situated and if signs could be erected to advise of penalties that could be imposed for dropping litter
- (iii) Further investigation on costs for a provision of a MUGA

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Marsh, F Drake, Mrs B Drake, Mrs N Wood and J Manchester.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

- 3. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on **12 OCTOBER 2020**, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed by the Chair.

**Matters Arising**

Hutton Henry Community Association had submitted their thanks for recent donations.

**Durham Cathedral**

Durham Cathedral had provided further information on how the funding would be used if a donation was to be made.

**RESOLVED** that £100 donation be given.

### **Flower Tubs**

Highways had responded asking for locations to be sent again. Due to change in staffing, the previous request had not been actioned. The locations had been resent and were awaiting a response

### **Holy Trinity Church**

The church had submitted their thanks for the recent donation.

### **Health and Safety Training**

The trainer delivering the H&S training had advised that some areas within the cemetery required bringing up to date. The cost would be £226.54

**RESOLVED** that the H&S expense be agreed.

## **4 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor K Knight be appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Station Town Bungalow**

DCC had advised that the bungalow was in the process of being sold and the purchaser wished to agree terms to purchase the land which another party previously leased. The current owner had encroached onto DCC owned land, and a substantial wall and detached garage had been erected. The purchaser of the bungalow wished to agree terms to purchase the land.

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

### **Lightsource BP solar installation at Sheraton Hall Farm**

An online presentation had been held on 4 November. The Chair advised that she had attended the presentation. The installation would not be noticeable from the village.

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

## **6. PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Consideration was given to the following planning application:

**DM/20/03033/FPA Erection of 1no detached bungalow at Land To The West Of Eden Cottage, Station Town**

**RESOLVED** that no objection be made.

## **7. CEMETERY REPORT**

The cemetery was clean and tidy.

## **8. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The item be deferred to the next meeting as Councillor F Drake had asked for the agenda item but could not obtain a connection to the meeting.

9. **FINANCE**

**Invoices for Endorsement of Payment**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	Amount	CHEQUE NO
Viking Direct	Equipment	£245.38	104130
Slinsby	Litter picking equipment	£167.98	104131
Durham County Council	Dog bins	£624.00	104132
Clerk	Expenses	£38.29	104133
PBHSE ltd	H&S	£226.54	104134
Durham Cathedral	Donation	£100	104135

**Bank Balances as at 15 October 20**

Bank Statements were viewed by the Chair

Bank Balances were as follows:

Tracker Account £34,793.88

Current Account £154,788.38

10. **PARISH ISSUES**

**a) Bmx/bike track**

Conuncillor Mrs Farry suggested that some type of bmx/bike track could be provided in Station Town, possibly near the rear football field. Parents had been asking if soil and ramps could be provided. At present a large proportion of the children go to the Castle Eden walkway known locally as “the thackey” which had over time become an unofficial track to use. Chester le street skate park would be an existing structure to look at.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Farry provide details of the area which could possibly be used and gather further information for consideration.

**b) Christmas Tree Lights for Station Town**

Councillor F Drake had spoken to a local company who had offered to supply and install a 15ft tree in the care home grounds, estimated costs £180-£250 depending on what trees were available. A request was also made for £150 for new tree lights. He had spoken to the Care Home and they were happy to house the tree again.

**RESOLVED** that a maximum of £180 for the tree be agreed. The lights were only 2 years old so should be sufficient and still in good working order.

11. **ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**External Audit Report**

The Clerk advised that the audit had been concluded and there was only one minor scope for improvement for 2020/21. Box 10 had been left blank and although it could be inferred from other answers on the AGAR the Council should ensure all boxes are filled in, marking nil or not applicable where appropriate.

**RESOLVED** that the minor scope for improvement within the report be noted.