The **June Monthly Meeting** of the **Hawthorn Parish Council** was held on **Monday 17th June 2019 at 7pm** in the **Community Centre.**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllr. George Vest (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs Diane Hughes, Sheila Irving, Maxine Smith, Carolyn Winter

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees

**Officer**: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

The Chairman, Cllr. Alan Askew welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all to stand in remembrance of Cllr. Norman Hughes who sadly died three weeks ago.

The Clerk said the Notice of the Vacancy will be included in the next Round Up and is also on the noticeboard.

# Apologies

Police

# Declarations of Interest

None

# Minutes:

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Minutes of the: -**

## Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 20th May 2019

## Monthly Meeting of the Council held Monday 20th May 2019

# Matters of Information

## Flag and flag pole

## The Chairman and Cllr. George Vest they had spoken to Rev. Paul Paterson re having the flag at the Church who is now awaiting information from the Diocese.

## VE Day Celebrations 2020

The Clerk said she had received no responses re the consultation via the Community Round Up.

This will remain a standing item and repeat in the Community Round Up.

## Community Bench / Trellis

Awaiting costs etc from the Gardening Club.

# Reports

## Police

The report had been circulated and included: -

1. Road Traffic Collison – High West Lane – 2 Cars and a Cyclist where a car made reckless decision to overtake the cyclist.
2. Suspicious Activity - Pemberton Arms – Reports of 4 Males on the roof of the derelict property removing tiles without any business logo or scaffolding.
3. Road Related – Cold Hesledon - A vehicle crashed into a fence half into the field and facing the wrong way around.
4. Suspicious Activity – Pemberton Arms – An activation camera was activated with a person going behind the work cabin.

## Co. Cllr.

### Right of Way

Ongoing

### Weight Restriction West Lane

There was confirmation of the 7.5T

### Dog Bin: Denehurst

Awaiting information

### Selective Licensing across County Durham

Working with private landlords to ensure properties are kept to an acceptable standard.

### Summer Activities

2 DCC Cllrs are funding activities in the summer holidays.

To be advertised in the Round Up

### CCG Consultation re Urgent Care: Walk in Centre

Consulting to see if anyone using the centre at Peterlee between midnight and 8 am.

### Changing DCC Cllr Surgery

First Thursday of every month, 5.30 - 6.30 in the library at Easington.

### Consultation with patients at the Intra Health Surgery

Lok0ing to closing this centre with the view to using alternative centres.

### Overgrown footpath / right of way near the Rectory

This is overgrown – and will be reported to DCC Rights of Way

### Litter bin in the Park

It was agreed to purchase a new bin for the Park - Cllr. Maxine Smith to bring suggestions to the next meeting

### Survey re Speed Stockton Road

Concerns were expressed over the 60-mph speed limit. It was suggested there could be ‘Elderly persons crossing the Road’ signs.

The Chairman thanked DCC Cllr Angela Surtees for attending and Cllr. Surtees then left the meeting.

## Community Centre

The Chairman, Cllr. Alan Askew gave the report on the meeting was held the previous week and information included:-

* 1. The Summer Fair is 29th June.
  2. Awaiting invoice for the external lights which the Parish Council have agreed to pay.

## Smaller Councils Meeting

The Chairman gave the report.

## Any other reports

None

# Public Participation

The Chairman closed the meeting whilst the public gave their views and comments.

Mr. Eric Hubbock thanked the council for the new seats and bins. He asked about the concrete base at the North End. Entrance.

The Clerk said this could be part of a new grant application and will be discussed later in the meeting.

The meeting was then re-opened.

# Correspondence / emails

## Meet the Funders information

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the circulated information.**

## CDALC AGM

Information has been received regarding the above.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To receive the information**
2. **Cllrs. Alan Askew and Diane Hughes to attend.**

# Financial:

## RESOLVED

**To endorse the monies to be paid by the Clerk since the last meeting and approve the Bank reconciliation**





## Quarterly estimates

The Quarterly estimates had been circulated.

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the estimates**

# Training:

Details of the VAT training session had been circulated.

**RESOLVED  
The Clerk to attend.**

# Current Planning Applications

No new applications

# New Crest / New Honours Board

Cllr. Sheila Irving brought information and details for the above.

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the draft but request ‘Hawthorn’ is added to the top of the crest.**

# New flag and flag pole

The Chairman reported that we are waiting information and advice on having the flag /flagpole in the Churchyard as part of Operation London Bridge, from the Diocese.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

# Events / Information

## Big Lunch / Open Garden Walk / Photographic Exhibition / Flowerpot Exhibition

The Clerk reported that the number of open gardens had been disappointing and perhaps a re-think needed to be done. It had been suggested that a date later in the summer may encourage more residents to take part.

In addition the Chairman suggested that there needs to be a rota for help with tea / coffee etc.

**RESOLVED**

**To ‘separate’ the Big Lunch and the Open Gardens**

**To hold the Open Gardens on the first Sunday in July**

**To look at holding a treasure hunt at the same time as the Open Gardens**

**To ask what people think on the new ideas in the Round Up**

## Sunflower competition

All seeds have been circulated. The judging is Saturday 31st August.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

## Bulb Planting

The Clerk asked if members wish to purchase more bulbs this year as part of the community plant scheme.

**RESOLVED**

**To purchase 4 bags of daffodils**

**To confirm community plant day at the next meeting**

## Christmas Turn on Lights and Snowman competition

This is Saturday 7th December

**RESOLVED**

1. **To ask Krazy Kev to be Santa again**
2. **To confirm the Pittington Brass Band**
3. **To purchase the usual gifts for children.**

# VE Day celebrations

No comments / responses re holding the above in 2020 have been received following the last Round Up.

**RESOLVED**

**To retain as a standing item.**

# Community Speed Watch; Information

The Council is still awaiting information.

# Community Plant Scheme: Report

The Clerk said two people have volunteered to ‘adopt’ a planter. The Clerk suggested all Cllrs may wish to adopt a planter.

**RESOLVED**

1. **In principle the council to provide self-watering planters, bulbs, compost etc. which will be ‘adopted’.**
2. **To discuss in detail at the next meeting**

# Date of the next meeting: July Monthly Meeting: Monday July 15th, 2019

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm