

**The March Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held remotely  
using ZOOM on Monday 15<sup>h</sup>March 2021 at 7pm.**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllr. George Vest (Vice - Chairman)

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

DCC Cllr Angela Surtees

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

**Residents**

Mr. E. Hubbuck, Mr. D. Ford

**1 Notice of Meeting**

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12 paragraph 10(2) of the LGA 1972

**2 Apologies**

None

**3 Declarations of Interest**

None

**4 Minutes**

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday February 15th 2021**

**5 Matters of Information**

Information re actions being taken had been circulated.

**6 Reports**

**6.1 Police**

No report has been received.

**6.2 DCC**

The Chairman welcomed DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees who proceeded to give her report which included:-

**6.2.1 Speeding on B1432**

Cllr. Surtees has now met with the Police and Highways Officers and stressed the issues of the 60mph speed limit on the road. It is intended to have traffic surveys along the length of the road from the Pemberton Arms area through to Easington Village. She said all have been asked to take into account the issues of the new development along the road, children and residents crossing the road to access the bus stops and the need to walk on the road in some places where the footpath is not accessible.

**6.2.2 Chain fence on Glencot**

DCC have now removed the broken fence and it has been replaced.

**6.2.3 Flooding at north end of village**

Work is continuing on the corner opposite the old Rectory – highways are now involved and Mr. Weatherall is attending the May meeting.

**6.2.4 Culvert on B1432**

This has now been reported.

**6.2.5 Pot holes near the White Gates**

Tissues surround the standard of the filling of these will be reported

Cllr. Surtees said this would be the last meeting she can attend before purdah – but hoped to see everyone following the elections on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**6.3 Community Centre**

Cllr. Sheila Wilson gave the report. The Centre remains closed until May – but will be open – hopefully, for the May meetings of the Council.

**6.4 Village green registration**

The Clerk said she had started the process and would report back accordingly.

**6.5 Environment Awards**

Hawthorn Parish Council has been awarded first place in the Durham Environmental Awards in their climate change category and for becoming a paper free council.

The Clerk was congratulated on this prestigious award.

**6.6 Any other reports**

**6.6.1 Honours Board**

Cllr. Sheila Irving reported that Mr. Les Newby's name has now been added to the Honours Board.

**6.6.2 Minutes**

Cllr. Sheila Irving reported that copies of all the minutes over the past year are now in the folder in the Community Centre.

The Chairman said he is keeping the official minutes which he has signed.

**7 Public Participation**

The Chairman welcomed two residents to the meeting. In addition Cllr. Sheila Irving said she had been contacted by a local resident with a number of issues. These had been passed to DCC as appropriate.

**7.1 Round Up**

Mr. Eric Hubbuck thanked the Clerk for including information about the litter / dog bins in the recent Round Up. He said however that he had problems with the links to the agenda.

**7.2 Local Elections**

Mr. David Ford asked about the forthcoming local elections.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hubbock and Mr. Ford for attending the meeting.

## 8 Correspondence

### 8.1 Electrified fence : Hawthorn Dene

An e mail had been received and circulated re the above.

The Clerk said this had been reported to DCC Rights of Way who are looking into this.

## 9 Financial:

### 9.1 To endorse the monies to be paid by the Clerk since the last meeting / Bank reconciliation:

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the accounts as below**

101070	15/03/2021	Lesley Swinbank	sal Oct - March	£763.68
101071	15/03/2021	HMRC	Dedns	£508.80
101072	15/03/2021	Lesley Swinbank	Tv/Postage / Al Hons bd	£66.78

Business	£10,331.74	
Current	£12,676.69	
Total	£23,008.43	
Less u/p to date	£728.56	<b>£22,279.87</b>
<b>Receipts To date</b>		<b>£9,283.01</b>
<b>Payments to date</b>		£9,020.26
<b>Closing balances</b>		<b>£22,542.62</b>
Business	£10,748.76	
Current	£13,133.12	
Total	£23,881.88	
Less u/p to date	£1,339.26	<b>£22,542.62</b>

### 9.2 Revision of provision of dog bags

**RESOLVED**

**To defer until the new council meets in may**

### 9.3 Additional larger litter bin near the Dene

**RESOLVED**

**To place one of the spare bins near Palominos.**

## 10 Current Planning Applications

### 10.1 Listed building consent for the erection of a single-storey extension at the rear of the dwelling.

3 West View Hawthorn Seaham SR7 8SQ

**RESOLVED**

**No objections**

- 10.2 Tamworth Cottage Cold Hesledon Seaham SR7 8RL : Tree works**  
**RESOLVED**  
**No objections**
- 10.3 3 West View Hawthorn Seaham SR7 8SG Single storey extension**  
**RESOLVED**  
**No objections**
- 10.4 Gloucester Cottage Cold Hesledon Seaham SR7 8RL : Tree works**  
**RESOLVED**  
**No objections**
- 10.5 Keepers Cottage Hawthorn Seaham SR7 8SH : Single storey rear extension**  
**RESOLVED**  
**No objections**

## **11 Events & Information**

### **11.1 Sunflower Competition**

Cllr. Carolyn Winter reported that the seeds and instructions will be available from the community greenhouse behind the centre on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Information is on the noticeboards and in The Round Up.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

### **11.2 Big Lunch**

**RESOLVED**

**In light of the current covid situation it was agreed to cancel this event again for 2021**

## **12 Date of the next meeting:**

### **12.1 Annual Parish Meeting**

The Clerk reported that there still has not been clear information and advice given from central government regarding holding remote meetings after May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLVED**

**The Annual parish Meeting will be held remotely on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

### **12.2 Monthly Meeting**

**This will be held on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2021- immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm