

**The September Monthly Meeting of the Hawthorn Parish Council was held at 7pm on Monday 20th
September 2021 in the Community Centre.**

MINUTES

Present

Cllr George Vest (Chairman)

Cllrs Alan Askew, Diane Hughes, Sheila Wilson, Sheila Irving, Maxine Smith

Officer: Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk)

Residents

Mr. Colin Keith, Mr. David 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:

Cllr. Carolyn Winter

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees – who is hoping to be able to attend later in the meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Minutes:

RESOLVED

To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held July 19th 2021

5 Flooding : Mr. Brian Weatherall

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Brian Weatherall from DCC who had been invited to the meeting to give a report on progress with the flooding issues at the north end of the village. This included:-

- DCC have now checked all the drains
- Some work has been undertaken in Mr. Keith's garden
- Downstream, DCC still looking t the field area owned by Mr. Seymour
- Before further work can be done – DCC is awaiting the results of a topological study
- Concerns about the flooding tank in the field behind West Lane.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Weatherall for attending the meeting.

6 Matters of Information

6.1 Damaged fence at Glencot

This has been reported to Believe Housing who have requested this be reported again once the pandemic is over.

6.2 Overhanging trees / bushes

Concerns over obstruction for pedestrians and drivers. Information included in September Round Up and the Give Way Sign at the North End of the village to be reported to DCC.

6.3 Damage to noticeboard by DCC grasscutters

DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees to be contacted re possible insurance cover.

7 Reports

7.1 Police

No report / information has been received.

It was agreed to ask for this to be an agenda item at the next East Durham Committee meeting and also to invite the Police Commissioner to the Annual Parish Meeting in March.

7.2 DCC

No report.

7.3 Community Centre

Cllr. Sheila Wilson gave the report.

This included details of forthcoming events in the Centre and new classes. All information will be included in the Round UP.

Cllr. Wilson was thanked by the Chairman.

7.4 Smaller Councils' meeting

Cllrs. Diane Hughes gave the report.

The meeting had included the a report from the Police Commissioner.

7.5 East Durham Meeting

Cllr. Diane Hughes gave the report on the meeting which focused on electing the various officers.

RESOLVED

To accept the reports and recommendations contained therein.

8 Public Participation

The Chairman , Cllr George Vest welcomed the members of the public to give their views and comments.

This included:-

8.1 Mr. Colin Keith re flooding problems at the North End of the village.

Mr. Weatherall was able to answer all queries.

9 Correspondence

9.1 CDALC AGM

Information had been circulated re the forthcoming AGM on 9th October.

RESOLVED

Cllrs. Diane Hughes and Alan Askew to attend.

10 Financial:

10.1 RESOLVED

To endorse the monies paid by the Clerk since the last meeting

HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

15/07/2021	Signscape	Noticebds deposit	£4,437.00
15/07/2021	CDALC	Training	£10.00
23/07/2021	One.com	Website	£141.30
30/09/2021	L K Swinbank	Sal April - Sept	£763.68
30/09/2021	HMRC	PAYE	£508.80

11 Play area

The Clerk reported that she has been unable to find a specialist company to do any repairs to the play equipment in the Belmont play area. As an alternative she had found the Parish Council can enter into a service level agreement with DCC who will carry out monthly inspections and repair equipment as and when necessary. Full details had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To enter into a SLA with DCC for the inspection and repairs of the play area equipment.

12 New Noticeboards

The new noticeboards are on order.

13 B1432 Speeding

Awaiting information re a road survey etc. from DCC

14 Protocol : Agendas

RESOLVED

To approve the draft protocol which had been circulated and which includes information on how the information should be prepared and circulated.

15 Planting Wild Flowers in hedges

The Chairman suggested the Parish Council again request information about possible planting of wild flowers etc on verges in / approaching the village.

RESOLVED

To seek advice from DCC

16 Training

Details of forthcoming training - The Council Year, had been circulated.

RESOLVED

Cllr. Diane Hughes to attend.

17 Current Planning Applications

17.1 Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated access, landscaping and amenity space

Land North Of 2 The Paddocks Hawthorn Seaham SR7 8SL Ref. No: DM/21/02983/FPA

RESOLVED

To express concerns that this is not infill development and the possibility of flooding.

18 Events & Information

18.1 The Big T

The Chairman thanked everyone who had been involved and particularly the Clerk – for obtaining the £975 grant for the event which had been a great success. It was suggested the Council look at organising a similar event to celebrate the Queens Jubilee in 2022.

RESOLVED

To add to the October agenda

18.2 Sunflower Competition

The winning entry was announced as Mrs. Pat Rowe who will receive a voucher for £25.

18.3 Christmas – Lights Switch on

This is confirmed for Saturday December 4th – more details will be circulated at the October meeting.

19 Date of the next meeting: Monthly Meeting : Monday 18th October 2021

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