

ELWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 27 February 2017 at Elwick School

Present: Cllrs. J. Hall, P. Hutchinson (Chair), B. Irving, R. Musgrave, H. Thompson, R. Thompson

In Attendance: Mrs. M. West, Clerk; Kelly Flockett, Wynyard Residents Association (WRA);

1. **Apologies:** Cllr. J. Sturrock - accepted. Councillors wished her well and a rapid recovery.
Ward Cllrs B. Loynes & R. Martin-Wells
2. **Public Forum:** Cllr H. Thompson reported on a visit to Wynyard Residents' Association, made by herself and the Clerk, at which they were made very welcome.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **Minutes of 30 January 2017:** Accepted as a true record and signed & dated by the Chairman.
5. **Matters Arising:**
(a) **Millstone** – Chairman is awaiting a check by Mr. G. Bell to ensure no service lines run beneath the proposed site. Once completed he will place the stone.
6. **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman reported that he had been unable to attend the Wynyard Residents' meeting, due to the shortness of notice, for which Mrs. Flockett apologised. He had nothing further to report.
7. **Ward Councillor's Report:** The Clerk tabled a report sent via e-mail by Cllr Loynes. Councillors raised concern about the 'Double Yellow lines were advertised last Thursday so will be done in due course' of which they were not aware, and queried where these were to be placed. **Action:** Clerk to query placement of lines.
8. **Village Maintenance Group Report:** Cllr Irving reported that the 4 flower tubs in front of the Spotted Cow were in urgent need of replacement. It was **agreed** that a Working Party of all available Councillors should convene at 10.00am on Saturday 4 March to undertake the task of replacing the damaged tubs, the Chairman to bring a lifting machine. Cllr Irving also reported that the Hartlepool Fuchsia Club was no longer able to sponsor the four tubs on the Green that they have supported for many years, due to lack of funds; other tubs around the village also needed new sponsors. It was therefore **agreed** that an article be produced for the next issue of Village Life. Cllr H. Thompson raised concern about fly tipping around the outskirts of the village, with particular reference to what appeared to be building waste in North Lane; Cllrs Hutchinson and Musgrave agreed, stating that here had recently been increasing amounts of rubbish being dumped along Coal Lane. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Council. **Action:** All to convene outside Spotted Cow at 10.00am on 4th, as agreed, to replace tubs and their contents. Clerk to write article for Village Life and to contact the relevant officer of the Borough Council in regard to the fly tipping.
9. **Elwick Village Fête:** Cllr H. Thompson reported that Elwick Village Association would no longer be running a village fête in September, and asked if the Parish Council would be willing to take this on. After some discussion it was agreed that, providing other village organisations were prepared to help, the PC would undertake to organise a traditional, non-commercial village fête, with a final decision to be made at the March PC meeting. It was proposed that either June or September would be good months for this and eventually **agreed** to suggest a Sunday in June. **Action:** Clerk to write to village organisations to ask for their support.
10. **Financial Report:** (a) The Clerk presented the financial reports, which were accepted.

Income:	£	Expenditure:	£
	0.00	Broadband Line	30.48
		Rural Community Transport	1,064.00
		Administration	60.00
Total	0.00	Total	1,154.48

(b) The Clerk reported that Mr. G. Adamson, Martindale House, had not paid the invoice issued on 8 December 2016 and, as advised in the original letter, asked whether Councillors wished to commence the removal of his garden from the village green. It was **agreed** that a further letter, sent Recorded Delivery, should give a final warning over non-payment, and the matter passed to HBC's debt collectors, if payment was not received by the end of the financial year. **Action:** Clerk to write to Mr. Adamson as agreed.

(c) The Clerk tabled a letter from HBC advising of the costs of Playing Field waste bin emptying, for 2017. It was **agreed** to accept this and request an invoice for the total amount to be issued in April. **Action:** Clerk to contact HBC as agreed.

11. Annual Parish Meeting: It was **agreed** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 18th May at the school, providing this was available, with refreshments as in earlier years. Village organisations to be invited to speak, and an invitation also to be sent to Wynyard Residents' Association. **Action:** Clerk to issue invitations and publicise.

12. Correspondence: (a) HBC- regarding an application to divert a public footpath on Amerston Farm. **Agreed** No Objection to this. **Action:** Clerk to inform Borough Solicitor of decision.

(b) The Clerk read out a letter from Iain Wright MP, received in response to a personal communication from herself, about the need for the Bus Services Bill currently under debate, to include a requirement that transport for rural areas should be included in any franchising agreement. The MP stated that he will support this in the House, and will also raise the issue with the new Tees Valley Combined Authority. Councillors welcomed the news.

13. Planning Applications:

H/2017/0034 - 10 Manorside, Wynyard – No Objection

H/2017/0064 - 18, Manorside, Wynyard – No Objection

H/2017/0073 - Benknowle Farm – Strong Objections on the grounds of loss of a hedge over 30 years' old, which is against the government's guidelines, and also the loss of wildlife habitat.

H/2017/0086 - Red Gap Farm – No Objection

H/2017/0027 - 19, Wellington gardens, Wynyard - No Objection

H/2017/0048 - Hazelbank Cottage - Clerk asked to check on size of proposed new sheds, before submitting PC response; if not obtrusive, then No Objection.

14. Matters of Concern to Councillors: Cllr H. Thompson reported fly-tipping along North Lane and Cllrs R. Musgrave and P. Hutchinson reported a considerable increase in the amount of rubbish being dumped along Coal Lane and over hedges in farmers' fields. Cllr Thompson further reported that the Christmas Tree lights had still not been removed. **Action:** Clerk to report these to relevant HBC officers. Cllr Irving asked about replacement of the swings on the Playing Field. It was **agreed** that this could not be undertaken unless external funding could be found. Cllrs Thompson suggested that a request to the Elwick Village Association might be well received. **Action:** Clerk to write to Secretary of EVA.

Date of next meeting: 7.00 pm, Monday 27th March 2017 at Elwick school.