The **October Monthly Meeting** of the **Hawthorn Parish Council** was held at **7pm** on **Monday 15th October 2018** in the **Community Centre.**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllrs Darren Ellis, Maxine Smith, Sheila Irving, Diane Hughes

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

# Apologies:

Cllrs Norman Hughes, George Vest

# Declarations of Interest

None

# Minutes:

## RESOLVED

## To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held Monday September 17th 2018

# Matters of Information

## New seats 1 eco, 1 countryside seat , 1 for village green 1 for North Entrance

## Planted tubs Agreed 2 tubs with winter and summer planting

## Chairman’s Award Draft protocol agreed

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# Reports

## Police

The Chairman welcomed Sgt Peel who proceeded to give his report.

This included:-

26/09/18 two cars were broken into, one in Sunderland Road the other outside of the Cottage, Hawthorn. That same night vehicles in Murton and Easington were also targeted. Enquiries ongoing and four people have been arrested for the offence.

1 x ASB dispute over monies owed, resolved via diary appointment.

1 x ASB – Large group of youths gathering near junction of B1432 and West lane.

No further calls to the Pemberton Arms, PCSO Smith reported that he saw workmen at the premises recently.

With regard to the caravan in the field near the Garden Centre, Durham, Street Warden Kersha Russell who informed me that she has visited the location a few times but has been unable to speak to the occupant of the caravan. Durham County Council are investigating possible environmental offences.

Speeding issues on Stockton Road. The Road Policing Unit have been requested however owing to the demands on their services to deal with crime, this issue has not been tackled. I will make further requests this month.

## Co. Cllr.

No report.

## Community Centre

The Chairman gave the report including:-

1. The Craft Fair is Saturday 10th November
2. Members’ Christmas Lunch Wed 6th December

## Site meeting re seats : 27th September, 2018

The report re the above had been circulated.

A site meeting attended by the site meeting held 27th September with DCC.

The meeting was attended by Cllrs. Alan Askew (Chairman), George Vest (Vice Chairman), Sheila Irving, DCC Cllr. Angela Surtees and Officers. Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk), David Battersby (DCC Highways)

Two seats had been purchased using funding from the Community Plant Grant. One had been placed on the village green and the second on the southern verge of the Northern Entrance. Concern has been expressed about the siting of the second seat. The purpose of the meeting with DCC was to agree possible re-siting of this seat and also siting of any additional seats.

**RESOLVED**

1. The seat at the north entrance to be re-sited to the northern verge, facing south and as near to the fence as possible. The existing concrete plinth to remain and plastic tub(s) could be placed there in the future.
2. Two additional ‘countryside seats’ seat to be placed on the second tier of the verge on the junction of Stockton Road and High West Lane and to replace the existing on the verge near the Rectory.
3. Litter bins to be purchased and placed next to the seats – the Clerk to circulate details to Councillors and a decision on the type of bins to be made at the next meeting.
4. The new daffodil bulbs to be planted on the village green and also along the wall on the Stockton Road / High West Lane junction.

## Any other reports

None

# Public Participation

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

These included:-

1. Comments re the agenda for the meeting not being placed on the noticeboards before the meeting
2. Comments re the number of bulbs being planted in the village
3. Speeding limit issues on Stockton Road
4. New street lighting lamp on West Lane and subsequent loss of lighting.
5. Leaves in gullies on the north entrance road.

The meeting was then re-opened.

# Correspondence / emails

## Flooding on private land

Information has been circulated re issues with flooding on private land.

**RESOLVED**

**To defer to the next meeting.**

# Financial:

## RESOLVED

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

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| 100955 | 28/09/2018 | Richardsons | Vouchers | £50.00 | £50.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  | £50.00 |  |  | £50.00 | £0.00 |

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| **Opening Balances** |  | **£17,988.68** |
| **Business** | £9,109.99 |  |
| **Current** | £8,878.69 |  |
| **Receipts To date** |  | **£9,225.75** |
| **Payments to date** |  | £5,221.13 |
| **Closing balances** |  | **£21,993.30** |
| Business | £9,469.44 |  |
| Current | £14,739.36 |  |
| Total | £24,208.80 |  |
| Less u/p to date | £2,215.50 | **£21,993.30** |

# Training: Information and reports

None

# Current Planning Applications:

## Applications re DCC Lists

No new applications.

# Events / Information

## Community Bulb planting

The Clerk reported that the event had been cancelled due to the very bad weather on the morning.

## Christmas Events : Action plan

The action plan had been circulated.

**RESOLVED**

1. **To ask Krazy Kev to act as Santa at the Christmas event**
2. **To buy the usual tambourines / gifts for the children**
3. **The Snowman competition to be judged on Saturday 22nd December**
4. **To advertise all in the Winter Newsletter and the Round Ups**

# Community Plant Scheme :

## Progress report

**RESOLVED**

1. **To purchase additional ‘countryside’ seats for the south entrance and the verge outside the Rectory**
2. **To purchase litter bins to be sited adjacent to the new seats.**

# Fence on land on main street. Information

The Clerk had circulated information from land registry pertinent to the property in question.

**RESOLVED**

**To write to the owners of the property seeking clarification on the situation.**

# Dates of the next meeting:

## December Monthly Meeting

**RESOLVED**

**To change the date of the December meeting to Monday 10th December**

## Next Monthly Meeting will be 7pm : Monday November 19th 2018

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8p.m.