The **September Monthly Meeting** of the **Hawthorn Parish Council** was held at **7pm** on **Monday 17th September 2018** in the **Community Centre.**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Cllr. Alan Askew (Chairman)

Cllrs Darren Ellis, Maxine Smith, Sheila Irving

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

# Apologies

Cllrs. Diane Hughes, Norman Hughes, George Vest

# Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Maxine Smith Item 13.1 Update on new seat.

# Presentations

## Quality Gold Award

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Ralph Harrison (Chairman of the CDALC LCAS Award Panel) to the meeting.

Cllr. Ralph gave a brief talk highlighting the Parish Council’s achievement in receiving this award, and particularly congratulating hawthorn on being the first local council in Durham County to achieve this.

Cllr. Harrison was thanked by the Chairman.

## Sunflower Competition

The Chairman presented vouchers to the winning three entries in the recent competition.

1st Les Bradbrook 18 West Lane 113 ins

2nd Claire Chamberlain Laburnum House 110 ins

3rd Carolyn Winter Garden House 100 ins

# Minutes:

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held Monday July 16th 2018**

# Matters of Information

## New seats 1 eco, 1 countryside seat ordered from Glasdons for the village green & North Entrance

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

## Chairman’s Award Draft protocol agreed

# Reports

## Police

The Chairman welcomed Sgt Jim Peel to the meeting.

1. Sgt Peel is the new Neighbourhood Sergeant and he then went on to giving his report on recent incidents within the Parish including:-
2. Shed break in at Western Park

# calls to the Pemberton Arms re damage and graffiti

1. Various incidents at the shell garage
2. New cycle stolen from the village
3. Concerns expressed about the parked caravan in the field near the Garden Centre
4. Ongoing speeding issues on Stockton Road and Eagle Bank

## Co. Cllr.

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

### Hawthorn Quarry

The application is still in the background

### Greyhound Stadium

DCC are recommending refusal for the recent application.

### Story Homes

Story Homes are currently carrying out their own consultation – but no application has as yet been lodged with DCC.

### Appeal

An appeal against DCC’s refusal for alterations to the house on Quarry Road has now been lodged.

### Dropped kerbs

This has now been scheduled by DCC in their programme of works.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Surtees for attending the meeting and her report.

## Community Centre

The Chairman gave the report including:-

### Summer Fayre

The recent event was very successful and raised over £800

### Craft Fair

The above will be held on 10th November.

## East Durham Committee

The Clerk gave details of the AGM and the quarterly meeting which she attended recently in Easington.

## Meeting with the ICO Representatives

The Clerk reported on the meeting held earlier in the day with representatives of the above and in regard of GDPR.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the reports as above.**

# Public Participation

The Chairman closed the meeting whilst the public were invited to give their views and comments.

## Quality Award

The council were congratulated on achieving the Quality Gold Award.

The Clerk said she would write to the resident and confirm the web address where the on-line application can be viewed.

## Speed limit on Stockton Road and Eagle hall Bank

A resident confirmed that the speed limit has been an ongoing issue for over 30 years.

# Correspondence / emails

## Road Crossing

A letter has been received from a local resident regarding the speed on Stockton Road and the difficulties in crossing the road to reach the bus stop.

Members accepted that this continues to be an ongoing issue but that the Parish Council has done all it can in having the speed limit looked at again. DCC have repeatedly said that the 60mph limit is a credible speed for this type of road and a crossing or reducing the speed cannot be justified.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

## Drop curbs

An e mail has been received by a local resident re the footpath from Cold Heseldon to Hawthorn and lack of dropped curbs and also the speed limit on the road.

It was confirmed that the dropped kerbs and cutting back the overhanging bushes etc along the footpath in question are within DCC’s programme of works for the winter.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

## Ledbury Briefing

The Clerk gave details of the Ledbury Case and the implications for Parish/ Town Councils.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

# Financial:

## RESOLVED

**To approve the monies to be paid by the Clerk since the last meeting**

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| 100948 | 18/06/2018 | Land registry | Plan | £3.00 |
| 100949 | 18/09/2018 | One.com | Website | £71.62 |
| 100950 | 18/09/2018 | Parker Bulbs | Bulbs | £290.10 |
| 100951 | 18/09/2018 | Amazon | Frame award | £4.89 |
| 100952 | 18/09/2018 | SLCC | Training AA | £90.00 |
| 100953 | 28/09/2018 | Lesley Swinbank | 6 Month salary | £773.36 |
| 100954 | 28/09/2018 | HMRC | IT | £515.20 |
| 100955 | 28/09/2018 | Richardsons | Vouchers | £50.00 |

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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** |

## RESOLVED

**To approve the bank reconciliation**

## ½ Year estimates and balances

The above had been circulated.

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the ½ Year estimates and balances**

# Training: Information and reports

The Chairman reported on the recent training event which he attended at Shildon.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

# Current Planning Applications:

## Applications re DCC Lists

The Chairman informed members of an application re removal of a lime tree and it being turned down by DCC.

# Events / Information

## Sunflower Competition

The Clerk gave details of the competition and the judging.

## Bulb planting

New daffodil and snowdrops have been ordered – as part of the community plant scheme. The community bulb planting is Saturday October 13th.

## Christmas Events

Members discussed the Christmas events.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

# Community Plant Scheme :

## Update re seats and planters

The Clerk gave the update on the above. Concerns were expresses over the siting of the new seat at the North Entrance and possible sites for the additional 2 seats which are to be ordered.

**RESOLVED**

# A site meeting to confirm the siting of the seat at the North Entrance to be arranged.

# Two additional ‘countryside’ seats to be ordered from Glasdons – siting near the Rectory and at the junction Stockton Road and West Lane.

## Balance Sheet

The balance sheet had been circulated.

**RESOLVED**

**To approve the balance sheet.**

# Fence on land on main street. Information

The Clerk reported that she had purchased the plan of the area in question from Land Registry.

There appeared to be some issues regarding ownership.

**RESOLVED**

**To clarify the situation with DCC**

# Date of the next meeting:

## Monthly Meeting : 7pm : Monday October 15th 2018

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.