

HEDNESFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 31 March 2015

AT PYE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEDNESFORD

PRESENT: Cllrs. Mrs D Grice (Chairman), B Gamble (Vice-Chairman), G Adamson, Mrs S Cartwright and Mrs D Todd and B Todd

IN ATTENDANCE: P Harrison (Town Council Manager/Clerk)
PC G Arries (Staffordshire Police)
and 2 members of the public

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D J Davis, A Pearson and B Todd

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting reference was made to the Christmas event and the need for the new Town Council to consider proposals being made by Hednesford in Partnership regarding this

A resident of Anglesey Street complained about the current problems being experienced by inconsiderate parking of builders and delivery vehicles. He also expressed concerns that the issue might worsen upon the opening of Wetherspoons

Information from the Police regarding recent crime figures was noted

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2015 were approved as a correct record Chairman's Announcements

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Davis for the presentation he had given on the past MP's for Hednesford

A letter of appreciation had been received from Hednesford Lions in respect of grant aid they had been awarded by the Council

This was the last scheduled meeting of the Town Council before the elections on 7 May 2015. The Chairman thanked all members for their contribution to the work of the Council over the last 4 years

3 AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of this Committee held on 20 March 2015 and the recommendations contained therein be approved

4.REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MANAGER/CLERK

Consideration was given to the following:

RESOLVED:

- a) Provision of Defibrillators
That the action taken since the last meeting to provide defibrillators at Pye Green Community Centre and in the Town Centre be noted and steps be taken to compile a register showing the locations of defibrillators in Hednesford
- b) Planning
That the action of the Town Council Manager/Clerk in consultation with the principal speaker in submitting observations on planning applications as described in Annex A be confirmed
- c) Finance
That the bank balances and income received be noted and payments made up to 28 February 2015 be confirmed
- d) Notice of Audit
That it be noted that Auditors Grant Thornton had advised that the Audit of Accounts for 2014-15 would take place on 8 June 2015 and the Council at its meeting on 19 May 2015 would need to approve the submission of the Annual Return
- e) Hednesford in Partnership
That the notes of a meeting held on 24 February 2015 be received and the Council agree to be identified as the lead body for the proposed Spring Clean on 19 April 2015
- f) World War 1
That a report of a meeting of Cannock Chase AONB World War One Advisory Committee on 24 March 2015 be received and it be noted that a brochure was to be produced setting out the location of WW1 sites on Cannock Chase
- g) Future of Hednesford Library
That it be noted that arrangements had been made for a meeting with Heath Hayes and Wimblebury and Norton Canes Parish Councils on 10 April 2015 and the Town Council's representatives would be Cllrs G Adamson and D J Davis
- h) Annual Town Meeting – 7:00 pm - 21 April 2015
That the arrangements for this meeting which would include a presentation on dementia friendly communities be noted
- i) Dementia Friendly Hednesford
That it be noted that the Town Council registration had been submitted to the Dementia Action Alliance and had been approved

j) Health Services

That the latest information regarding Cannock Chase Hospital be noted and confirmation be obtained of the bus timetable for the Cannock/New Cross service

k) Community Council of Staffordshire

That the Council renew its annual subscription to this organisation at a cost of £25

l) Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association

That the Council renew its annual subscription to this organisation at a cost of £1140

The Meeting ended at 8:30 pm

Signed:

Dated:

ANNEX A - Council Meeting 31 March 2015 – List of Planning Applications

15/0070	Proposed replacement of level crossing with footbridge – Winchester Road	The Council appreciates that the proposal is being made in order to improve safety on the railways. However, there is concern that the crossing will no longer be accessible for disabled persons or for prams. Also, consideration should be given to installing lighting in an endeavour to discourage anti-social behaviour and vandalism
15/0069	Proposed alteration to railway bridge – Stafford Lane	No Objection as this work is required as part of the electrification of the Chase Line but Network Rail be requested to ensure that disruption to highway users is kept to a minimum
15/0066	Extension – 17 Lower Road	No Objection
15/0064	Change of Use from Office to Nursery – 437 Cannock Road	Concern about the lack of parking provision. In particular safety of children being dropped off and picked up from the nursery and lack of off street parking for deliveries
15/0059	Householder Prior Notification – Extension – 203 Hill Street	No Objection
15/0052	Retention 1.85m high boundary fence – 1 Daisy Bank	No Objection
15/0049	Listed Building Consent Etc. (Revision of 13/0283) - Anglesey Lodge, Anglesey Street	No Objection
15/0047	Extension etc. – 39 Bond Way	No Objection
15/0035	Extension etc. – 84 Lower Road	No Objection
15/0033	Extension – 236 Rugeley Road	No Objection
15/0028	Demolish Conservatory & Construct Extension – 85 McGhie Street	No Objection