At the Meeting of the Council held at Hauxley Village Hall on at 7.15pm Monday 9th November 2015

**Present:** Cllrs W Appleby, R Callender (Chair), K Graham and I Thomas.

The Parish Clerk in attendance – Miss E Brown

6 Members of the Public was in attendance

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| **39.** **Apologies for absence:–** None.  **40. Co-option of Councillors**  **To consider candidates for co-option –** No requests for bye-election had been received for the vacancy so the Council could now advertise both vacancies for co-option. No expressions of interest in co-option had been received. The Clerk would continute to advertise the vacancies.  **41. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda –** None.  **42. Public Questions (maximum of 15 minutes):** Mr Coan asked for an update on the planning application for 4 Hauxley Lane. Members commented that the Head of Service and Chairs of Planning and Rights of Way Committee had reviewed the proposal concluding that the application could be determined under delegated powers and subsequently the application had been permitted. The Case Officer had determined ‘*The application received positive pre-application advice for a first floor extension over an existing garage. An additional element to the proposal - a zinc clad porch included on the original application submission - has subsequently been removed by amendment (on 13/10/15) following negative comments received from the case officer. Whilst the materials are contemporary in appearance, the application to construct a first floor extension to the side of an original stone terrace of properties and above an existing modern stone extension would be complementary as a new addition. The recommendation will be to approve the application subject to a condition requiring material samples to be submitted prior to development commencing’.*  Members of the public raised concerns regarding the methods of consulting on the applications; it had not appeared in the media and only 6 residents had received notifications of the application. Members requested the Clerk to query the consultation of the application. Members were concerned that the Parish Council’s objections did not trigger the application going to the planning committee. The Clerk reminded Members of the changes to the planning system, applications would only go to Committee following objections from 10 or more members of the public and/or County Councillor objections. Members stressed that this should be made clear to the public. The Clerk informed that all of this information is available on the NCC website. Members requested the Clerk to inform the residents of the planning changes via the website and the newspage.  Members requested the Clerk inform NCC that they were unhappy with the decision and that their concerns remained regarding the aesthetic appearance of the materials.  Mr Hay informed that none of the village taps were working. The stop cock was broken on the water supply in the village square and had been capped temporarily. Cllr Graham would contact Northumbrian Water and ask them to investigate.  **43. The minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2015** were agreed as a true record.  **44. Matters arising there from:**  **a. Parking obstructing access to Low Hauxley –** This item had been added the Local Transport Plan for 2016/17. The Clerk was requested to ask Cllr Arckless is anything could be done to fast track this.  **b. Community litter pick – change of date –** A litter pick was held on Saturday 17th October at 10am and again on Saturday 24th October. Over 12 bags of litter were collected between the two days. A further litter pick would be held in the spring. Volunteers were thanked for their help.  **c. warning sign for cyclists at entrance of Sustrans track –** Cllr Graham would price up a ‘Slow Children crossing’ sign and post and circulate the costs by email for consideration.  **d. Street naming and numbering –** Members agreed that they are happy with the addresses remaining as existing. The Clerk would include clarification of this in the next newspage in The Ambler which would be delivered to every house in the Parish.  Hauxley Church  Hauxley Nature Reserve  Silver Carrs Caravan Park  2 - 29 (Consecutive)    Hauxley Links  Low Hauxley  MORPETH  NE65 0JR    &    Beachside  Beachwood  Carrstone Villa  Mermaid Cottage  North Beach  Rocket House  Sandy Knowles  The Boathouse  3 - 6 (Consecutive)  8 - 11 (Consecutive)    Low Hauxley  MORPETH  NE65 0JS  **e. Untidy land report –** The Clerk was continuing to chase this up. Members requested that Clerk ask County Councillor Arckless to investigate that lack of action being taken. Members would also raise this at the Rural Parish meeting to be held on 12th November.  **f. Neighbourhood Planning –** No further action was to be taken at this stage.  **g. Rotting tree by verge –** Cllr Appleby was to look at the tree and report back to the next meeting.  **h. Litter bin for High Hauxley** – Subject to NCC agreement to empty it was agreed to purchase a litter bin to be located next to the seat on the bend at Hauxley Lane.  **i: Maintenance of Allotment walkways** – Cllr Graham did not have an update. He would continue to pursue.  **j.Pylon cables over allotments** – Cllr Graham would continue to pursue this matter.  **45. Standing item –**County Councillor Arckless was not present.  **46. Finance:**  a) Financial Summary - documents circulated with agenda or available from the Clerk  b) Payments   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Cheque No** | **Creditor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | | **09.11.15** | 100579 | E Brown | Wages/expenses | £195.90 | | **09.11.15** | 100580 | HMRC | PAYE | £47.40 | | **09.11.15** | 100581 | ADT | Webpage hosting | £180.00 | | **09.11.15** | 100582 | Mr M Smith | Planting | £125.00 |   The payments for the month were agreed.  c) Receipts   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Ref** | **Debtor** | **Reason** | **Amount** | |  |  | NCC | Precept | £1800.00 | |  |  | Barclays | Interest | £0.21 |   **47. Planning:**  a) To report on any planning decisions: 15/03203/FUL – Proposed conversion of garage; erection of porch and first floor extension – 4 Hauxley Lane, High Hauxley NE65 0JW - Following consideration of this application, Members of Hauxley Parish Council commented:  'This is an old property of considerable character in a prominent position within the village. As such, whilst having no objection to an extension, it is important that any alterations are made sympathetically to the property itself and to other properties within the village. The Council find the proposed materials of the roof arrangement of zinc, supported by a wooden structure entirely unacceptable in the line of cottages which are all stone built' – APPLICATION PERMITTED.  b) Planning matters pending: None.  c) To consider any planning matters: None.  **48. Requested Agenda Items:**  48.1: Consideration of budget – The draft budget was presented for information, Members would consider it and it would be decided at the January meeting of the Council.  48.2: Consideration of pension scheme pending auto enrolment – The Clerk informed that as the staging date was set for 1st February 2016, Members must decide upon a pension scheme provider. The Clerk had attended a pensions seminar recently and would circulate a report of recommendations electronically for a decide to be made out of meeting. This was agreed.  48.3: Consideration of webpage content – The webpage content was agreed.  48.4: Consideration of Sustrans track improvements – although the track was listed on the Local Transport Plan for 2016/17 Members requested the Clerk enquire with County Councillor Arckless to investigate if anything could be done to fast track this.  **49. Correspondence Received**  49.1: NCC – Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy Consultation – The Clerk informed of the consultation which could be accessed via <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Business/Licenses/Consult.asp#licenceconsultations> The deadline for comments was 11th December.  49.2:  **50. Items for next agenda:**  50.1: Draft budget for consideration.  51. **Date and time of next meeting:** The next meeting would take place on Monday 11th January 2015 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, Low Hauxley.  The meeting closed at 7.35pm | Clerk✓  Clerk  Graham  Clerk  Graham  Clerk  Clerk✓  Appleby  Clerk  Graham  Graham  Clerk  Clerk  January  Clerk  Clerk |
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