

Hauxley Parish Council
Meeting Tuesday 6th May 2025

The Annual Parish Council and Parish Bi Monthly Parish Council Meeting was held this evening at 6.30pm at Hauxley Village Hall.

Present: - Cllrs Rutley (DR), Callendar (RC), Golding (SG), Appleby (WA) Wyatt (EW)

In Attendance: - 1 member of the public and Julie Hall (Clerk) (JH)

(Draft until signed by the chair)

	Monthly Parish Council Draft Meeting Minutes	Action
a)	<p>Public Questions:</p> <p>Ken Graham enquired about the 4th March minutes that stated, ‘the PC will write to all premises surrounding the quadrant....’ He asked if that action had been completed.</p> <p>JH confirmed this had not been finalised. The minutes were referring to the number of holiday homes in the Parish and that following resident feedback, the PC would look at how other PC’s requested support from holiday homeowners.</p> <p>DR stated the PC had decided not to raise the precept, however there are several projects the PC would like to undertake in the coming year. It was agreed to prepare a Parish Newsletter, requesting support from residents through the ‘giving of their time’ or a donation of money.</p>	
b)	<p>Ken Graham enquired about which steps leading to the beach, were a cause for concern. SG confirmed it was the steps leading from Beacon Hill car park that were in disrepair. NCC (Neil Dawson) has been contacted and confirmed the beach access is NCC’s responsibility. Neil has visited the site and is planning improvements to the steps.</p>	
	Agenda	
1.	<p>Annual Meeting</p> <p>Election of Chairman: DR was proposed as Chair by EW. 2nd by RC. All agreed.</p> <p>Election of Vice-Chair: EW was proposed as Vice-Chair by RC. 2nd by SG. All agreed.</p>	
2.	Minutes: 4 th March 2025 were agreed as a true record. DR signed the minutes	DR/JH
3.	No apologies- Non received	
4.	Declaration of Interest – Non received	
5.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>a) On-line Banking – JH now has access to the online bank account.</p> <p>b) Hauxley Church Closure – The final service took place on Easter Sunday/20th April 2025.</p> <p>The PC have received communication regarding the disposal of the church contents to other churches; returning items to the donating families and plans for community contents to stay in the community, which will be discussed during a meeting to be arranged in May by Tom Lloyd. The Parish council will be sent an invite to the meeting.</p> <p>There will be a meeting in June, co-ordinated by Ralph Cresswell, to determine the future use of the building.</p> <p>It was agreed the Parish Council are willing to take part in the meetings and aid the transition, but that they will not invest in the building.</p>	<p>JH</p> All

c)	Defibrillator Maintenance- the pads and batteries have been replaced and monitoring checks have been completed. RC has agreed to complete monitoring checks.	RC
d)	It was agreed to seek a suitable site for a second defibrillator. JH to write to local councillor to seek funding. JH will seek to arrange training on the use of the defibrillator.	JH
e)	Annual Room Hire- Negotiations regarding the hiring of the village hall for Parish Council meetings have been successfully concluded. JH to email Jared Piredda about future bookings.	JH
	Letter to residents – See response in section 1a	
6.	Planning applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 25/00628/FUL Erection of first floor extension to the rear and ground floor sun room to the front – 28 The Village, Low Hauxley – no objections provided the non-sea facing extension is the same height as the neighbouring property extension. This is to ensure the proposal reflects the building characteristics and is harmonised in scale and appearance. ● Beacons Hill Caravan Park - further communication have been sent to NCC requesting an update on the enforcement notice. No response has been received. JH to write to local Councillor and MP, regarding the lack of communication from NCC and progress in resolving this enforcement. 	JH JH
7.	Highways Update – SG has been in communication with Graham Bucknall (GB) NCC, regarding Highway issues. The following have been actioned: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● removal of the redundant bollards on Low Hauxley verge to allow maintenance of the verge, ● removal of the temporary ‘no access’ sign at Low Hauxley bus shelter ● damaged post at the Low Hauxley junction has been decommissioned in preparation for it’s replacement ● poor signage at the Low Hauxley junction to be replaced. A temporary arrangement has been agreed with the Wildlife Trust to improve directions to the Centre. Also, several actions have been discussed with GB regarding High Hauxley, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● replacement of reflective bollards on the bend at School Houses ● replacement of bend sign adjacent to Dairy Cottages ● the condition of the footpath to the post box ● condition of lane edges near the Horse and Hound kennels. The faulty interactive road sign was reported to Swarco and has been repaired and is currently working. SG & JH raised safety concerns with NCC, regarding the recent road and verge works at Beacons Hill Farm. Inspectors from the NCC’s Planning Department visited the site and stated they were happy with the traffic management layout. Concerns have been raised by residents regarding the speed of traffic. The PC agreed to raise a request with the Highways Department for the monitoring of the traffic, in order determine actions that could be taken.	SG JH
8.	Stakeholder Engagement - Discussion took place about how to keep residents informed and involved in the actions being undertaken by the PC. It was agreed the circulation of a newsletter would be one approach and that Parish Councillors will discuss with residents about its content and production. This will be a key agenda item at the next PC meeting.	All

9.	<p>Parish Wide Maintenance Plan – a lot of work has taken place since the last meeting, this includes: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SG has reviewed the condition of the parish benches. The High Hauxley bench needs repairing which can be undertaken by residents if the PC funds the material. The Low Hauxley bench needs replacing. After reviewing the budget, it was agreed that SG should go ahead and organise the replacement and maintenance of the benches. • NCC are encouraging the removal of pole mounted bins and replacing them with ground fixed bins. It was agreed to purchase a ground fixed bin as part of the corner tidy up at High Hauxley. JH to purchase the bin and SG to arrange it's installation by NCC. • EW has met with the Wildlife Trust's Reserve Manager, to discuss how the Centre could participate and support Parish activities, such as walk and talks in the reserve for residents, concessions for residents in the café, autumn bulb planting, improved wildlife signage around Low and High Hauxley, etc. • Bird boxes have been installed (with further to follow) around the Parish. These have been made and donated by a resident. • EW is meeting with Elanor Johnson, who is the Northumberland Coast National Landscape Project Officer, to discuss how to refresh the signage around the Parish and how to enhance the bus shelter in Low Hauxley with local information, whether that's places to visit, areas of natural beauty, wildlife, etc. • EW has applied for a grant to Penguin Books, for the purchase of a miniature library, to be installed in the Kirkwell bus shelter. Awaiting the outcome of the application. • SG has met with NCC's Ground Maintenance to confirm responsibilities, including Low Hauxley lane. There will be 10-13 grass cuts per year. The PC will monitor the ground maintenance work. However, Low Hauxley is not included in the maintenance, but NCC can be commissioned to undertake the grass cutting at £95.53 per visit. After reviewing the budget, it was decided to commission NCC to cut this area 5 times between April and October. RC will arrange for residents to 'top-up' the grass cutting of this area between NCC visits. • Two whiskey barrels have been donated and these will be placed outside the village hall for planting. • SG has written to David Green NCC, regarding the beach waste and tipping. It is not considered fly-tipping so Environmental Health can't be involved. The issue is currently with the NCC National landscape Manager. Awaiting further action. 	<p>SG</p> <p>SG</p> <p>JH</p> <p>EW</p> <p>EW</p> <p>EW</p> <p>SG</p> <p>RC</p> <p>SG</p> <p>SG</p>
10.	<p>Anti-Social Behaviour –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next session of the Speed Watch training is scheduled for June 2025. A couple of residents have expressed their willingness to sign up for the training. On completion, the Parish Council will discuss if, how, when and where speedwatch activity may take place in the Parish. • JH has been in communication with Amble Town Council and Rob Younger , Neighbourhood Policing, regarding the Right of Way to Hauxley and speeding along the coastal road between Amble and Hauxley. WA will liaise with Vicki Smith, Amble Town Clerk and the police in determining the best course of joint action in addressing issues of anti-social behaviour. 	<p>All</p> <p>WA</p>

11.	Correspondence- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Hauxley village Hall- Charity Commission Scheme b) Hauxley Church closure c) Commemoration of Amble Memorial Clock Tower d) NCC Thriving Together Newsletter – April e) Led road sign fault – Amy Thompson – Kirkwell Cottages f) Hedge cutting – Ed Britton North Beach g) MP office details – Vicky Oakley 	
12.	Parish Financial Matters - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AGAR training - Agreed b) Receipt of precept Funding 2025-26 -+£4.000 - Agreed c) Zurich Municipal (Insurance Premium) -£239.69 – Agreed d) NCC Invoice (Gravel work) -£3,628 - Agreed e) Clerk's salary (Feb & March 2025) – £222.98 & -£330.89 f) Payroll Solutions (Feb & March 2025) -£67.20 & -£25.20 g) HMRC PAYE (Feb & March 2025) - £53.80 & -£66.40 - Agreed h) Defib supplies (Pads) - £-73.19 - Agreed i)NALC annual subscription -£168.84 - Agreed 	
13	Any Other Business for Discussion: - EW suggested establishing an action tracker to capture and monitor all the actions of the PC. All agreed.	All
11	Next Meeting: 6.30pm – Monday 30th June 2025 – Hauxley Village Hall	
	The meeting concluded at 8.20pm	