

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15 September 2014 AT 7.00PM IN THE WI/VILLAGE HALL

- 0612. PRESENT:** Cllr C Rodgers, Vice Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs D Lillie, S Lynch and P Taylor
In attendance: County Councillor Paul Kelly
Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
- 0613. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs M D Senior and A Turnbull. County Councillor Paul Kelly gave his apologies for the July meeting.
- 0614. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.
- 0615. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr D Lillie, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2014 be signed as an accurate record.
- 0616. MATTERS ARISING.**
- a) **INFORMATION LEAFLET.** Minute 0597a refers. A draft revised information leaflet had been circulated to all present and amendments made. Copies will be printed for each household and distributed late September.
 - b) **SPEEDING.** Minute 0598a refers. Police will be invited to the November meeting.
 - c) **PARKING.** Minute 0598b refers. The cars parked in the layby appeared to have moved on.
 - d) **TRAVELLERS IN WATER LANE.** Minute 0598d refers. John Bramwell had been speaking to Northumberland Estates and Northumbrian Water to come up with a solution to prevent travellers from camping in Water Lane. As yet, no decision had been made.
 - e) **CHERRYTREE GARDENS.** Minute 0598c refers. A no through road sign had been requested from NCC. It was noted that the residents of Cherrytree Gardens had removed the secondary hedge to the west of the houses.
- 0617. RESIDENTS** present raised a number of matters and where relevant they are listed together with the actions that will be taken, if required. In due course if necessary, reports will be made back to Council.
- a) **WAR MEMORIAL.** Residents commented on the dreadful state of the war memorial. The trees surrounding the area had overgrown, the railings were in need of attention and the paving surrounding the memorial needs to be reset. Terry Mulligan had been looking into grants to restore the memorial. Mrs Senior will establish ownership of the war memorial and surrounding area.
 - b) **FOOTPATH REPORT.** Several issues had been highlighted by Maurice Holliday in his footpath report. An oak tree at the west end of the path in the copse behind Horsley Hills had cracked and the path blocked and dangerous. This had since been removed since the report. The east gate at the end of the copse is broken and the waymarkers missing. The footpath through the crops to the south of the wigwams had not been cleared again. These issues had been reported to NCC.
 - c) **BT PHONE BOX.** The phone box at the west of the village was in desperate need of cleaning. This will be reported to BT.
 - a) **FREDERICK DOBSON VC.** An invitation had been received for the Chair to attend a thanksgiving service in memory of Frederick William Dobson VC at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ovingham at 10am on Saturday 27th September. As part of the ceremony, the memorial stone for Private Dobson VC will be received into the parish. Following the service, light refreshments will be served in the Reading Room opposite the church.
- 0618. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence and information items received since the July meeting had been listed on the agenda and most of this correspondence had been circulated by email.
- 0619. NORTHUMBERLAND STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT –** It was noted that the draft site assessment consultation runs until Wednesday 24 September. All information had been emailed to councillors.
- 0620. JOINT NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL AND TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS.** It was noted that the next joint meeting would take place on Tuesday 21st October at 6.00pm in the Library Room, Queen Hall, Hexham.
- 0621. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**
- a) **PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS.** Details of planning decisions and applications as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors and are listed below:-
 - b) **HORSLEY BANKS FARM.** An update will be requested regarding the enforcement issues at this property.
 - c) **PLANNING APPLICATION NO 14/02710/FUL.** It was agreed to object to the planning application for the erection a a single dwelling and detached garage at the land to the rear of the Crown and Anchor. The decision report from the previous application will be emailed to all councillors for information.

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REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
14/00630/FUL	Welton Town Farm Bungalow, Welton	Side extension to provide granny flat rear kitchen extension and loft conversion with dormer windows to front and rear, solar panels to south facing roof.	GRANTED
14/01337/FUL	Land to the rear of the Crown and Anchor	Erection of single dwelling and detached garage.	REFUSED
14/01242/FELTPO	Stoneycroft, Horsley	Tree preservation order to fell two sycamores	GRANTED
14/02078/FUL	Tynewood, Wylam	Garage extension	GRANTED
14/02710/FUL	Land to the rear of the Crown and Anchor	Erection of single dwelling and detached garage.	Objection sent

0622. FINANCE

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Cllr D Lillie, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED accounts on the list as circulated be paid.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	333.27		333.27	SO
HMRC	PAYE	83.40		83.40	000783
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	000784
Broker Network Ltd	Insurance renewal	982.04		982.04	000785
C Glew	Grass cutting	500.00		500.00	000786
Amazon	Play area parts	6.88	1.37	8.25	000787
FEL Accounts	Internal audit fee	20.00	4.00	24.00	000788

INCOME RECEIVED

NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.45	10.08.14
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.37	10.09.14

0623. VILLAGE ISSUES.

- a) **Play Area Annual Safety Inspection Report.** The following actions were agreed:-
- Sand pit – Cllr S Lynch to fill the area with soil for planting up. Costs will be obtained to remove the plastic edging and replace with wooden slats to make a seating area.
 - Roundabout and Carousel – The bearings on both pieces of equipment have worn and need replacing. Mrs Senior to contact SMP Playgrounds for repair.
 - Zip Slide – Mrs Senior to replace the seat. Main cable and traveller need to be replaced or retightened. Mrs Senior to contact SMP Playgrounds for repair.
 - Maintenance Gate – This needs to be closed at all times. Unfortunately, the gate no longer closes however this will be attended to and the gate chained up.
 - Litter Bins – problems were being experienced with the bins filling with rain water which is making them difficult to empty. The main litter bin will be replaced. Mrs Senior to obtain costs. The square litter bin will be filled with soil and planted.
 - Trim Trail – This is in need of attention due to the wood splitting and chains stretching. Mrs Senior is to contact Northumberland County Council to see if there are any funds available in the S106 Housing Developers Fund for play equipment in Horsley. **Update: £2882 can be applied for from Horsley.**
 - Fencing – the fencing to the rear of 2 South Lea needs to be replaced. Mrs Senior will arrange for the fencing to be replaced.
- b) **LITTER PICK.** It was agreed to arrange a week long litter pick week commencing 3rd November. It was noted that additional litter pickers had been ordered. A note will be distributed with the Information Leaflet advising residents of the date.
- c) **BUS STOP.** It was noted that the bus stop sign had been damaged opposite Cherrytree Gardens. This will be reported to NCC for repair.

0624. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES.

- a) **Ovingham Joint Burial Committee.** Nothing to report.
- b) **East Tynedale Parish and Town Councils Forum.** Nothing to report. The next meeting is to be held on 15th October 2014 at 7.00pm in Wylam Institute.

0625. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT. County Councillor Paul Kelly gave an update on matters relating to Northumberland County Council.

- **SPEEDING.** The temporary 20mph sign in Wylam is to become permanent. The policies are currently been rewritten within NCC. This had been delayed due to the restructure within NCC. These signs are not general throughout Northumberland and are agreed on a strict criteria based assessment. East Tynedale has a hand held speed gun which is operated by volunteers. Cllr P Taylor is in the process of volunteering to become a Community Speed Watch Volunteer. Any requests for traffic calming must be supported by the police and evidence of speeding recorded.
- **HOUSING.** A development by Northumberland Estates of 20 dwellings had been approved on Piper Road in Ovingham. Councillor Kelly had supported the scheme as the flood alleviation scheme within the development will not only improve flooding in the immediate area but also in the surrounding area.
- **BROADBAND.** The provision of superfast broadband is well underway in West Northumberland. Corbridge, Stocksfield and Prudhoe have already gone live and it is the intention to cover 94% of Northumberland in some form. Remoter parts of the County will receive a satellite alternative. An exhibition is to be held in Corbridge Parish Hall on 19th September 2014 between 12 and 2pm.
- **RESTRUCTURE.** NCC is currently undergoing re-structure with a view to becoming more efficient. Local Services, which includes Highways and Neighbourhood Services is being split into 2 different department with Neighbourhood Services coming under the management of Paul Jones, Waste Services.
- **COUNTY HALL.** NCC is looking to relocate County Hall to Ashington. The purpose is to regenerate Ashington and the regeneration of the County Hall land for housing which will prevent intrusion into the green belt around Morpeth. 100 staff will be working out of Prospect House in Hexham which will need some remodelling works.

0611. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th November 2014 at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Signed as an accurate record