

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 19 January 2015 AT 7.00PM IN THE WI/VILLAGE HALL

- 0643. PRESENT:** Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs D Lillie, A Turnbull, S Lynch and P Taylor
In attendance: County Councillor Paul Kelly
Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
- 0644. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr C Rodgers
- 0645. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr A Turnbull declared a personal interest in matters relating to Northumbrian Water under correspondence. Cllr M D Senior declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 9 relating to review of the Clerk's salary.
- 0646. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr P Taylor, seconded by Cllr D Lillie and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on **17 November 2014** be signed as an accurate record.
- 0647. MATTERS ARISING.**
- a) **OVINGHAM BRIDGE.** Minute 0641 refers. It was noted that the repairs to the bridge were behind schedule however it was hoped that due to the daily penalties for late completion the work would be completed on time.
 - b) **HORSLEY BANKS FARM.** Minute 06321b refers. It was noted that work was being carried out at this property. NCC, Planning Enforcement will be contacted for an update.
 - c) **SPEEDING.** Minute 631 refers. It was noted that the speed checks requested at the last meeting had not been carried out. This will be monitored over the next few weeks and reported.
- 0648. 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) **FOOTPATH REPORT.** It was noted that the sign at the bridge which had rusted had been removed and replaced.
 - b) **BUS SHELTER.** It was noted that the bus shelter at High Barnes needed to be swept out.
 - c) **LEAD LANE.** A water leak had appeared in Lead Lane. NWL are aware however have been unable to locate the problem. Cllr A Turnbull to follow this up with NWL.
 - d) **FOOTBALL FIELD.** A request was made to cut the hedge around the football field and play area.
 - e) **CHERRYTREE GARDENS.** It was noted that the fencing/gate had been removed from the substation leaving an entrance into Cherrytree Gardens. This will be reported to Northern Powergrid.
 - f) **HEXHAM COURANT VILLAGE NOTES.** A resident has come forward to submit the village notes to the Hexham Courant with effect from 23 January 2015.
- 0649. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence and information items received since the November meeting had been listed on the agenda and most of this correspondence had been circulated by email.
- a) **Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy.** The next stage of the consultation commenced on 12 December 2014 and closes on 11 February 2015. The next version of the Core Strategy will be the full draft of the document which will bring together the parts of the document that were dealt with separately in the Preferred Options stage one and two.
 - b) **Northumberland County Council Public Consultation on Broadband Coverage in Northumberland.** Report received on the current and proposed coverage of broadband in Northumberland for the next 3 years.
 - c) **Northumberland County Council Proposed Budget 2015-16 to 2016-17.** An eight week consultation has been launched which will run until 23 January 2015 seeking views on NCC's budget proposals for the next two years (2015-2016 to 2016-2017).
 - d) **Northumberland County Council – Notification of removal of weekly planning list document on website.** It was noted that NCC are no longer uploading a weekly planning list to their website. This information is available on the Public Access system.
 - e) **Pharmacy Needs Assessment.** Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for NCC has been published on the council website. The consultation period is open until 30 January 2015.
 - f) **Horsley Water Works.** Complaints of excessive noise and vehicle movements at Horsley Treatment Works had been received. Horsley Treatment Works had been experiencing some operational issues resulting in the need to remove sludge from the works by tanker to alternative treatment facilities. This was a temporary measure and a mobile unit had been brought in to deal with this issue. To minimise the impact to the residents of Horsley, NWL have provided additional soundproofing as well as restricting the time this temporary arrangement operates. This work will cease on 9 January 2015 and no further problems should be experienced.
 - g) **Ovingham Joint Burial Committee.** The Ovingham Joint Burial Committee had produced a draft terms of reference document for comment. It was agreed to accept this document without amendment.

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- h) **Northumberland Association of Local Councils.** NALC have arranged a number of roadshows for clerks and members of local councils, covering a variety of topics and opportunities with input from NALC's David Francis and Louise Currie. The agenda will include the new transparency and website requirements for local councils; practicalities arising from the new filming and broadcasting regulations; the new local Council Awards quality scheme; topical employment issues; NALC's services; the planning system; County Council relationships and opportunities. Anyone wishing to attend should inform the clerk.

0653. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- a) **PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS.** Details of planning decisions and applications as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors and are listed below:-

| REFERENCE | ADDRESS | DESCRIPTION | DECISION |
|------------------------------|--|--|------------------|
| 14/02710/FUL | Land to the rear of the Crown and Anchor | Erection of single dwelling and detached garage. | GRANTED |
| 14/04038/FUL | Horsley Fell, Horsley | Proposed extension to rear, extension to 1 st floor above garage and kitchen and alterations | Decision awaited |
| 14/04042/FUL 14/04043/LBC | Moor View, Horsley | LBC consent for proposed extension to existing bungalow | Decision awaited |
| 14/04290/FUL 14/04291/LBC | Slate House, Weldon, Stocksfield | Construction of single storey link, change of use of barn and land to residential use and internal and external alterations to barn and dwelling | Decision awaited |

0654. 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.

| PAYEE | DESCRIPTION | NET OF VAT | VAT | CHEQUE AMOUNT | CHEQUE NO |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|-----|---------------|-----------|
| Mrs A Senior | Clerical Services | 333.27 | | 333.27 | SO |
| HM Revenue Customs | PAYE | 83.40 | | 83.40 | 000798 |
| Mrs A Senior | Telephone/Broadband | 8.10 | | 8.10 | 000799 |
| SLCC | Annual subscription | 20.48 | | 20.48 | 000800 |

| INCOME RECEIVED | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------|----------|
| NAME | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | DATE |
| Horsley Garden Club | Reimbursement for wreath | 17.00 | 12.11.14 |
| Horsley Village Church | Reimbursement for wreath | 17.00 | 11.12.14 |
| The Hearth | Reimbursement for wreath | 17.00 | 29.12.14 |
| Lloyds Bank | Interest | 0.37 | 09.12.14 |
| Lloyds Bank | Interest | 0.39 | 10.01.15 |

- b) **ACCOUNTS UP TO 31 DECEMBER 2014.** It was proposed by Cllr D Lillie, seconded by Cllr S Lynch and AGREED to accept the accounts and budget report for the period ended 31 December 2014.
- c) **REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARIES.** The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached agreement on new paycales for 2014-2016 to be implemented from 1 January 2015. This equates to an increase of £35.10 per year (£0.15p per hour) plus a one off non consolidated payment of £100.00. It was proposed by Cllr D Lillie, seconded by Cllr S Lynch and AGREED to implement the increase with effect from 1 March 2015.

0656. VILLAGE ISSUES.

- a) **LITTER PICK.** The Spring litter pick has been arranged for week commencing 30 March 2015.
- b) **TO CONSIDER TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN THE VILLAGE.** Several forms of traffic calming were discuss and it was agreed to send a questionnaire to all residents in the village for comment. A draft questionnaire will be prepared and send to all councillors for comment.
- c) **WAR MEMORIAL.** A grant application has been submitted to the War Memorials Trust for funding to renovate the lettering on the memorial and repair the foundations damaged by tree roots.

0657. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES.

- a) **Ovingham Joint Burial Committee.** The Joint Burial Committee advised that one representative from Horsley is required at each meeting. Cllr M D Senior advised that if the representatives are unable to attend he will attend in their place.

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- b) **East Tynedale Parish and Town Councils Forum.** Cllr P Taylor gave a brief update from the meeting held on 14th January 2015.
- **Albermarle Barracks.** A representative from the barracks will attend a future meeting of the Forum.
 - **Himalayan Balsam.** Due to the problems experienced on the river bank with Himalayan Balsam requests may be sent for contributions from Parish Councils.
 - **Green Belt Review.** A meeting is to be held on 5 February 2015 at 2.00pm in Stocksfield Institute and Community Centre.
 - **Dog Fouling.** Any problems with dog fouling should be reported to Steven Hall, Public Health Officer, Northumberland.
 - **Portal.** Northumberland County Council now have a website portal specifically for Town and Parish Councils.
 - **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Forum is to be held on 15 April 2015 at 7.00pm in Wylam Institute.

0658. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT. County Councillor Paul Kelly gave an update on matters relating to Northumberland County Council.

- **HEXHAM FIRE STATION.** Consent has been granted to the application for the relocation of Hexham Fire Stations. Its current location is in a flood plain and further development on that site would be a poor investment. By extending an existing building on the hospital site, used only for doctors' overnight accommodation, two appliances can be housed and the fast water rescue boat will be housed close by. The building will allow for educational and community activities. A one way system through Maidens Walk and the hospital grounds will avoid conflict with normal traffic on Corbridge road and Priestpopple.
- **PLANNING.** NCC rejected an application for a 1 megawatt anaerobic digestion plant on land close to Fourstones electricity substation. Policy dictates that these developments must be sited on a working dairy or beef farm. Additionally, the plant could not easily be absorbed into a very sensitive landscape.
- **BUS SUBSIDY POLICY.** NCC Policy Board was asked to set up a task and finish group to examine the bus subsidy policy whose only criterion is cost per passenger, whereby deletion of under used bus services has led to isolation for those who don't have their own transport.
- **CARE ACT.** The hastily drawn up Care Act is likely to have significant impacts on local authorities, both in financial liability and in increased workload. In Northumberland, as many as 2000 clients who currently pay for their social care may ask to be reassessed this year as the cap on an individual's social care package is to be limited to £72000. The act requires local authorities to fund their care once the cap is reached.
- **HIGHWAYS.** In a national customer satisfaction survey, Northumberland came out top for Highways improvements. The investment in the jet patchers allowed long lasting repairs to be carried out on the backlog of potholes with an average cost of £15 per pothole as opposed to the previous £60. Although weather will always create more holes, the current programme is economical and allows more of the budget to be spent on top dressing.
- **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.** NCC has been recognised as the fourth best equal opportunity employer among local authorities nationally.

0659. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th March 2015 at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Signed as an accurate record