

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.00PM IN THE WI/VILLAGE HALL

- 0714. PRESENT:** Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs A Turnbull, C Rodgers and P Taylor.
In attendance: County Councillor P Kelly
Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
- 0715. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs S Lynch and D Lillie
- 0716. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr A Turnbull declared a personal interest in matters relating to Northumbria Water.
- 0717. MUSIC FESTIVAL.** Dale Mason attended the meeting to advise of the proposals to hold one of the largest music festivals in the country on land opposite Albemarle Barracks. The festival will be held over the weekend of 13-15 August 2016 attracting 90,000-150,000 visitors over the weekend. It is expected that this event will generate £20-£30m for the economy. Camping will be available onsite during the whole weekend in the area between Northside Wigwams and the Military Road. A traffic management plan will be in place which will divert the traffic away from Horsley and it is expected that Oatens Bank will become a one way system. Parking will be made available on the disused airfield at Albemarle Barracks as they are on annual leave at this time. It is anticipated that most of the visitors will be local people and park and rides will be set up from Kingston Park. All tickets will be sold in advance and a mitigation strategy will be put into place.
- 0718. RESIDENTS.**
- FOOTPATH REPORT.** Maurice Holliday advised that the gate had been removed at the top of Lead Lane by the A69. This will be reported to Northumberland County Council.
 - GULLEYS.** It was noted that the gulleys on the main road outside the WI and opposite the Crown and Anchor were blocked. These will be reported to NCC.
 - WAR MEMORIAL.** It was suggested that the War Memorial could be re-sited on the land at Northumbrian Water. This would need permission from Northumberland Estates.
 - WEBSITE.** Residents had experienced problems accessing documents on the Parish Council website. Mrs Senior will look into this and convert all documents to PDFs.
- 0719. MEETING WITH NORTHUMBRIAN WATER.** Cllrs A Turnbull and P Taylor attended a meeting with representatives of NWL on 30 October 2015. There are 2 contractors competing to carry out the upgrade to the water works and a decision will be made in January 2016. Work is scheduled to take place between May and October 2016. Contractors will be advised to use Water Lane however NWL have no control over which route couriers take. NWL is looking to close the entrance at Mill Way permanently. Noise levels will be reduced by using a screening system and this is being looked at by their design team. There will be a customer information event and it is hoped that either Alan Willoughby or David McDermott from NWL will attend the next 2 Parish Council meetings. During the construction phase they will be removing the trees which act as a screen but are to consider something fast growing and more permanent. New security fencing will be erected around the whole area once the work has been complete then the screening will be put into place. Much of the lighting will be internal or downward facing and modern lighting/LEDS are being considered which will have less impact. Residents from Mill Way had complained over noise issues and had met with David McDermott who had visited the residents involved and been very responsive. Due to the significant upgrade to the water works, the Parish Council will be seeking some kind of community benefit. This will be negotiated with NWL.
- 0720. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.** Cllr Paul Kelly gave a verbal update on matters relating to Northumberland County Council. A summary is given below;
- Relocation of County Hall to Ashington. This is likely to go ahead. The building in Morpeth will be demolished and replaced with an education campus and leisure complex. This will create significant economic benefit for Morpeth. The site at Ashington will be smaller with fewer people on the ground.
 - Hexham Bus Station. The relocation of the bus station is to go ahead on the Loosing Hill site.
 - Ovingham Bridge. It is expected that the bridge will re-open at the end of November.
 - Northumberland Local Plan – Core Strategy. The consultation ends on 25 November. It is expected that the document will be submitted to the Secretary of State in Spring 2016 with the document implemented by Summer 2016.
- 0721. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on **21 September 2015** be signed as an accurate record.
- 0722. MATTERS ARISING.**
- PLAY AREA.** Minute 0710a refers. It was noted that the new roundabout had been installed.
 - LITTER PICK.** Minute 0710c refers. The litter pick had been carried out by few residents due to the torrential rain over the weekend. A spring litter pick will be arranged for March 2016.
 - LITTER BINS.** Minute 0710d refers. Still awaiting confirmation from Northumberland County Council that a litter bin can be installed at Horsley Wood Cottages.

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0723. CORRESPONDENCE. All correspondence and information items received since the September meeting had been listed on the agenda and most of this correspondence had been circulated by email.

- a) **FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE.** Consultation to the proposed changes to Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service is to be decided at NCC's Cabinet meeting on 19 November. A 12 week period of consultation will be held on the proposals.
- b) **PARKING ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE.** NCC Local Transport Plan has funded the introduction of a parking enforcement vehicle which will enforce school keep clear parking restrictions from January 2016. From October to December there will be a programme of awareness raising and testing the vehicle.
- c) **HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY FOR NORTHUMBERLAND.** It was noted that the consultation on the draft Homelessness Strategy runs until 31 October 2015 and the Council would make no comment.

0724. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2015 Issue 112
- Community Action Northumberland – CANNY News – October 2015
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – North East Newsletter – Autumn 2015
- Tynedale Community Bank – Launch Celebration
- NALC – eNews – October/November 2015

0725. 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
14/04290/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	APPEAL
15/02838/LBC	Moor View, Horsley	LBC to install proposed replacement windows with slim profile double glazing no more than 14mm depth as opposed to slim profile double glazing no more than 12mm depth as per condition no 4 application 14/04043/LBC	WITHDRAWN
15/02145/FUL	Land east of Town Farm Cottage, Stocksfield	Demolition of remaining wall and construction of one storey 2 bedroom house	REFUSED
15/03002/OUT	Horsley Water Treatment works, Water Lane	Outline permission for proposed works to Horsley Water Treatment Works (some matters reserved)	Decision awaited
15/01313/PREAPP	The Manse, Horsley	Demolition of wood and glass porch to front and rebuild enlarged porch using similar materials	

0726. FINANCE

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior seconded by Cllr D Lillie and AGREED accounts on the list as circulated be paid.
- b) **ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET REPORT UP TO 30/09/15.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED accept the budget report and accounts up to 30/09/2015
- c) **TO CONSIDER BUDGET 2016/17.** After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr A Turnbull and AGREED to levy a precept of £10500.00 for the coming financial year.
- d) **TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED to accept and approve the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015.
- e) **ISSUES ARISING REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015.** The following issues had been raised by BDO LLP during their audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2015.
 - **Budget** – Although a precept was set by the due date and the council did prepare a budget to support this the budget did not take into consideration the income due to be received or the level of reserves held by the council.
Action by Parish Council – Consideration of income due to be received and the level of reserves held will be considered for each budget report

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PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services & Play area inspections	338.00		338.00	SO
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	84.40		84.40	000834
Mrs A Senior	Expenses	30.05		30.05	000835
C Glew	Grass cutting	500.00		500.00	000836
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	000837
Kompan	Roundabout installation	3611.50	722.30	4333.80	BP
Horsley WI	Hire of Hall x 2	30.00		30.00	000838
Northumberland Estates	Annual rent for play area	225.00		225.00	000839
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreaths	98.00		98.00	000833

INCOME RECEIVED			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.50	10.10.15

- 0727. QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.** A meeting had been held on Monday 12th October at 7.00pm with members of the WI, Garden Club and Parish Council. A fundraising event is to be held in WI Hall on 21-22 November where tea/coffee and scones will be served. This is to coincide with The Hearth event taking place over that weekend. The Lion and Lamb had agreed to support the event and Northumbrian Water had agreed to help with a marquee. The Parish Council will also be making a contribution. Paul Hudson had agreed to help with programs and tickets. This will be a free event for the village.
- 0728. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES**
- a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** The precept levied to Horsley Parish Council is to remain for the coming year (£900). It was noted that money would need to be spent on the Cemetery Lodge to keep it in a habitable position.
- b) **EAST TYNEDALE PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS FORUM.** The next meeting is to be held in January and a report will be made at the January meeting.
- 0729. TESCO LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND.** Tesco Local Community Fund is very undersubscribed fund which helps groups to develop green spaces. The fund that has been set up with the money that Tesco receives from selling carrier bags, and is being managed by Groundwork. It aims to provide capital funding to organisations wanting to develop community green spaces that provide community benefit and have free and open access to all members of the community for a minimum of six days a week, during daylight hours. This could include parks, play facilities, food growing projects, wild life areas etc. The fund has 2 rounds each year for 3 years, and each round will support three projects in each of Tesco's 428 operating regions (Northumberland is one region). Applications will be assessed as to whether they are eligible and Tesco customers will vote over two weekends in their store for their favourite shortlisted local project. Grants will then be awarded as follows:
- 1st place in Tesco customer vote: £12,000 grant
 - 2nd place in Tesco customer vote: £10,000 grant
 - 3rd place in Tesco customer vote: £8,000 grant
- The deadline for the first round of applications is 27th November 2015 and apparently the level of applications received in the North East so far is very disappointing. The grants programme is open to organisations such as: voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, community councils, local authorities and housing organisations. Other not-for-profit organisations might also be eligible.
- 0730. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th January 2016 at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Signed as an accurate record