

Minutes of **Neasham Parish Council meeting** held on 3 April 2017 at 6:30 pm in Neasham Reading Room.

Present: G Crute, P Dunn, E Miller, C Murray, K Sandick, J Weighell (Chair),  
D Dodwell, Ward Councillor L Tostevin, Ward Councillor J Kelley, J Walker (Clerk)

Apologies: None

**17/01** JW welcomed Councillors and confirmed John Walker as the Clerk to the Council commencing 1 April 2017.

**17/02 Declarations of interest**

None.

**17/03 Minutes of the last meeting**

It was confirmed that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were a correct record.

**17/04 Progress Reports**

**1688** Vehicle activated speed signs – KS reported that Swarco Traffic Ltd and would conduct a survey and estimated costs would be £2500 - £3000 for two signs, solar or electric. JW proposed location sites. It was **agreed** to accept DBC's offer to install posts free of charge. KS will progress this. TM advised that three separate quotes for signs are required to apply for external funding.

**1696** Dog bin – the siting of the bin next to the right of way on private land had been rejected by the farmer. It was **agreed** that the bin be located at the entrance next to New Lane.

**1703** Dog fouling signs – JW reported that they were all now in place.

**17/05 PACT Report**

JW reported that there had been three incidents in the parish over the last month: 1) Garden shed break-in; 2) Motor home stolen at Dinsdale Park; 3) Laptop and tablet stolen at Dinsdale Park. JW reported CI Sue Robinson stating they had nobody qualified to use the speed guns in Neasham. JW to follow up. JW reported that John Angus was no longer the PTSO and thanked him for all his hard work.

**17/06 Roads and footpaths**

JW congratulated all the volunteers who carried out the recent litter picking in various areas.

**17/07 Village green**

- Two incidents on the village green on Sunday night: A group using disposable BBQs had left burn marks on the grass; three people trying to gain vehicular access onto the green had damaged the lock to one post. JW will organise a replacement lock.
- Bye-laws - The proposals by GC were **agreed**. GC reported the original bye-laws were signed by the Secretary of State in the 1960s and that he was awaiting a response from the Home Office for revoking these.
- GC reported the boundary agreement to 26A was completed, subject to Land Registry approval. It was **agreed** that GC would apply to the Land Registry for registration of title of the village green. If the value of the land was less than £100k, the registration fee would be £40-60.

**17/08 Planning**

It was **resolved** that no comment be made in respect of the following applications:

- 17/00181/FUL single storey extension - 20 Teesway
- 17/00176/FUL replacement dwelling - Spa Well

- 16/10120/OUT      Erection of 10 Dwellings      New Lane  
DBC invited interested parties to attend the planning meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April. GC reported that Stockton BC had imposed some more stringent conditions on the proposals; however he felt that there was clarification required regarding the interface between flooding and drainage. There was also queries as to why this application was liable to be accepted when had previously been rejected. It was **agreed** that GC would attend the planning meeting.

**17/09 Risk Management**

GC stated Procedures and Inspection documentation had been completed. The list of processes had been agreed and a copy is attached to the minutes. The system will start immediately after the AGM.

**17/10 Finance**

It was **noted** payment of £35 had been made to the ICO for the Data Protection annual subscription

**17/11 Annual Parish Assembly**

The draft programme for the Annual Parish Assembly is attached with the minutes. A leaflet drop will be organised to all households.

**17/12 Correspondence**

None

**17/13 Other village matters**

- Pump House – Following the circulation of GC’s report, it was agreed that GC apply to the Land Registry for title.
- Trees. GC will produce a numbered location plan of Parish trees. JW reported that an existing flowering cherry tree outside No 5 is a problem and the solution would be to plan a new one beside the existing. PD had receive a quote of £124.99 + VAT for the replacement, it was **agreed** to purchase this through a resident to obtain a 20% discount. The existing cherry tree would be pruned after flowering. JW confirmed that there were no TPOs on any of the trees on the green.

**17/14 Any Other Business**

- DD queried whether the abolishment of Low Dinsdale PC affect NPC with regard to St John’s church. GC confirmed that as NPC is a civil parish there is no liability in respect of the church, except in the highly unlikely event that the church wanted to dispose of the burial ground.
- LT asked for comments on work by Streetscene and it was pointed out that pot holes over 40mm must be repaired.
- EM reported that there was a Rural PACT meeting this Wednesday. The PTSO is Steve Dalby
- A budget of £250 was agreed for the purchase of flowers for the village planters.

**17/15 Date of next meeting**

Monday 8 May 2017 at 18:30pm. – commencing with the AGM and followed by the monthly meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm.