

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 20th April, 2016 at 7.00 p.m.  
in Dinnington Memorial Institute.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs. R. Thompson (Chairman); M. Wood (Vice-Chairman); A. Biggins; A. Dellow; S. Hood; T. Laidler; S. Phelps; B. Scott; G. Smith.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. K. Murray-Hetherington (Parish Clerk); Cllrs. I. Graham; B. Hunter (Newcastle City Council); Mr. I. Prescott (Land & Partnership Director) and Ms. H. Campbell (Land & Partnership Manager) and 5 other representatives of Keepmoat Homes; PC 2121 Campbell; and 3 members of the public.

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action Required
167.	<b>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES:</b> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Porter (and Cllr. A. Lower of Newcastle City Council).	
168.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> Members were reminded to declare interests at relevant items.	
169.	<b>KEEPMOAT HOMES:</b> Representatives of Keepmoat Homes gave an update on construction work at the Donkey Field development site and addressed Members' questions and concerns. Keepmoat aimed to work closely in partnership with the Parish Council to resolve any problems.	
170.	<b>POLICE ISSUES:</b> PC Taryn Campbell gave a report of crime incidents for the previous month: 1 incident of graffiti reported.	
171.	<b>OPEN FORUM:</b> [Cllr. M. Wood in the Chair]. Mrs. Win Crooks raised a question relating to a fence originally erected by Bellway at 27-29 East Acres. [Cllr R Thompson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion relating to this item]. Cllr. Graham agreed to refer the matter to the City Council's bridleway's department and to report back.	<b>CLLR GRAHAM</b>
172.	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: RESOLVED:</b> That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2016 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
173.	<b>MATTERS ARISING:</b>	
173.1	Cllr. Phelps clarified the point he had made regarding speed limits.	
173.2	Cllr. Wood asked for the defunct flower bed not to be grassed over as previously agreed before Northumbria in Bloom judging takes place in July.	<b>CLLR GRAHAM</b>
173.3	It was generally felt that the Parish Council should move forward in terms of Bellway's application. On the motion of Cllr. Wood, seconded by Cllr. Biggins, it was <b>RESOLVED:</b> To seek a firm assurance from Newcastle City Council that the Parish Council will be consulted by planning officers as to how section 106 financial contributions should be allocated for future developments in Dinnington e.g. Persimmon's in advance of the process.	<b>CLERK</b>
174.	<b>MEMBERS ITEMS OF CONCERN:</b>	
174.1	Cllr. Smith raised concerns regarding building plans at The Paddock.	
174.2	Cllr. Hood expressed concerns regarding protruding stones and tree branches at Rose Cottage; cars and vans parking in recreation ground. Revd Mark Edwards agreed to mention the problem of school pupils allegedly damaging plants at the bowling green. The Clerk agreed to contact Newcastle City Council regarding trees roots on the school path.	<b>CLERK</b>

174.3	Cllr. Dellow expressed concern regarding parking on the pavement at no. 7 The Crest. The Clerk agreed to contact the occupiers. Cllr. Dellow urged members of the public to write to their MP or Health Authority if concerned about the state of the doctor's surgery.	<b>CLERK</b>
174.4	Cllr. Phelps highlighted the problem of potholes on the Horton Grange road/junction.	
174.5	Cllr. Wood explained that Cllr. Porter wished to know why South Mason Farm's brown bin is not being emptied despite paying/displaying a sticker.	<b>CLLR GRAHAM</b>
<b>175.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> <u>Catherine McKinnell MP</u> - response from Assistant Director of Planning at Newcastle City Council.	
<b>176.</b>	<b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</b> 2016/0508/01/DET: 41 Castleway - proposed erection of first floor extension to side is under consideration.	
<b>177.</b>	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:</b> Cllr. Wood gave a report on progress and suggested that a further grant may be available.	
<b>178.</b>	<b>UPDATES:</b>	
178.1	<b>Persimmon Homes</b> - Formal application still not submitted but test-drilling is taking place. <b>Bellway Development</b> - Section 106 financial contributions are to be ratified.	
178.2	<b>Village Hall</b> - The Village Hall Committee has received tenders for improvements to the Memorial Institute. A new user is Zumba Gold class.	
178.3	<b>Newsletter</b> - Articles for the Spring/Summer edition required by 23rd April.	
178.4	<b>Library</b> - Cllr. Scott reported that 2 new computers had been installed.	
178.5	<b>Northumbria in Bloom</b> - Cllr. Wood reported that Spring judging would take place at 1.00pm on Friday 29th April.	
178.6	<b>Allotments</b> - There was nothing to report.	
178.7	<b>Website</b> - Cllr Laidler confirmed that he is regularly updating the website.	
<b>179.</b>	<b>REPORTS:</b> Castle Ward Committee: Only £9k remaining in budget and only one meeting per year permitted. New warding pattern has been submitted to the Electoral Commission.	
<b>180.</b>	<b>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC:</b> In accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information.	
<b>181.</b>	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS:</b> Members approved and authorised the signing of cheques in payment of the following invoices presented at the meeting:-	
	100949 - £971.15 - Groundwork UK refund of unspent Neighbourhood Plan	
	100950 - £84.50 - Dinnington Village Hall Committee - hire for workshops	
	100951 - £2,804.45 - Planning Advice Plus - consultant's fees	
	100952 - £48.00 - Payroll preparation Jan-Mar 2016	
	100953 - £151.80 - HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	
	100954 - £211.57 - Clerk's salary and travel.	
181.1	It was <b>RESOLVED:</b> To appoint Mrs. Lesley Edwards as independent internal auditor.	
182.2	It was <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Clerk shall pursue overdue payment of licence fee (£50 per annum) for land known as 'The Village Pond'.	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>183.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</b> There was no other business.	
<b>184.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b> The Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 18th May 2016 at 7.00 p.m. followed immediately afterwards by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.	
<b>185.</b>	<b>CONCLUSION OF MEETING:</b> The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.	