Minutes of the meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 21 December 2016 at 7.00 pm in Dinnington Memorial Institute

**Members Present:** Cllrs R. Thompson (Chairman), M. Wood (Vice Chairman), A. Biggins, A. Dellow, T. Laidler, K. Oliver, S. Phelps, J. Porter.

**In Attendance:** Cllr I. Graham (Newcastle City Council), one member of the public.

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<td>Apologies were received from Cllrs Hood, Hunter and Lower.</td>
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<td>PC 2121 Taryn Campbell and PCSO Shaun Cowan attended.</td>
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<td>Four very minor issues had been reported recently.</td>
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<td>The Chair referred to the incident at Hack Hall Farm involving a vehicle driving in and taking photographs, which he had raised with the police. A registration number had been taken but it had not been possible to trace the vehicle. PC Campbell agreed to follow this up. Speeding vehicles past the farm was also an issue.</td>
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<td>There was discussion about the need for better and earlier signage of the change in speed limit from 60 mph to 30 mph for motorists at the bend approaching the village from Hazelrigg. The police reported that there had been a recent accident at the junction. Cllr Graham agreed to raise this with Newcastle City Council (NCC).</td>
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<td>Revd Mark Edwards reported on the continuing problems at Dinnington Surgery in trying to get an appointment. Cllr Biggins commented that the doctors were equally frustrated with the situation. It was noted that Cllr Lower was in the process of trying to arrange a public meeting about the Doctors’ in Dinnington and that a response had not yet been received from NCC regarding the points raised at the Health Scrutiny meeting.</td>
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<td>302.</td>
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<td>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on</td>
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<td>16 November 2016 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.</td>
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<td><strong>303. Matters Arising</strong></td>
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<td>285 The Chair reported that the boards had now been removed.</td>
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<td>285.1 Letters of appreciation had now been sent to ex Cllrs Scott and Smith.</td>
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<td>285.2 The road resurfacing had been done but the speed limit had not been introduced yet. There was discussion about where the speed limit should become effective from and Cllr Graham agreed to get an update provided to the Chair so he could report to the Parish Council.</td>
<td>Cllrs Porter and Phelps</td>
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<td>288.4 Cllr Phelps reported back on the outcome of the war memorial workshop. A war memorial condition survey was being undertaken and up to 75% grant funding would be available for restoration and repairs but not for regular cleaning or maintenance. Cllrs Porter and Phelps would meet together to assess what memorials there were in the village.</td>
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<td>289.2 Cllr Wood reported that the Parish Council’s objections to the three applications had been submitted. Historic England and the Victorian Society had also submitted objections to the LBC and the applicant was being asked to review their proposals in light of the objections. It was hoped that a compromise could be reached.</td>
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<td>291.7 The cheque from the Allotments Association had been received.</td>
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<td><strong>304. Members’ Items of Concern</strong></td>
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<td>304.1 Cllr Dellow reported that dog fouling was still an issue. Cllr Graham advised that two more enforcement officers had been employed but these covered all enforcement activity.</td>
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<td>304.2 Cllr Laidler reported on an escape of sewage through the cover of the new manhole constructed by Keepmoat to join into the existing drainage at the east of the football field, following significant rainfall. He also reported subsequent activity by Keepmoat to raise the manhole and create a soil mound up to the new cover level. There was concern that this had now created a weak spot which was being breached and also that it would be difficult to cut the grass. Cllr Wood suggested that Northumbrian Water be asked to send a representative to the next meeting of the Parish Council to allay concerns about the drainage system’s capacity and ability to</td>
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cope, particularly in light of the number of additional houses being built. Cllr Graham advised that he would also flag these concerns up with the Head of Planning Services at NCC.

| 304.3 | Cllr Phelps raised again the issue of anti-climb paint for the bus shelter. |

### Planning Applications

| 305.1 | **2016/1917/01/DET Moorey Spot Farm Stables use as equestrian centre.**

No objections were raised to the application. It was suggested that NCC note that the site had been used as a riding school between 2002 and 2010, and as a livery yard since then.

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### Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Wood that a meeting had been held on 24 November with the consultant. The consultant was providing support with a new consultation event for the village to bring things up to date and get further consultation feedback.

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### Updates

| 307.1 | **Keepmoat Homes** – Cllr Wood reported:

- First house sales were due to complete this Thursday.
- Show home opening planned for early Jan and grouting on Phase 2 to be completed by mid Jan.
- Signage now erected opposite site entrance directing construction traffic to turn left only out of site.
- No parking for construction sign now erected at entrance to car park for recreation ground.
- Road cleaning being done every afternoon.
- Construction of offsite footpath link to Primary school due to commence in new year.
- Mound around raised manhole cover topsoiled and grass seeded.
- CCTV camera installed to monitor vehicle movements in and out of site and identify contractors who breached protocols.
- Assisted living block, dementia bungalows and other affordable housing to be handed over at the same time – currently May 2017. 

Road cleaning was not satisfactory and members agreed this needed to be taken up strongly with the developers. It was noted that if the situation had not improved by the January meeting then a report about the mud on the road could be made to the Police.

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Graham

K. Hadfield

Cllr Wood
| 307.2 | **Persimmon site** – Cllr Wood reported that it was likely that Persimmon would finalise their submission at the 2nd Feb 2017 Planning meeting. S106 issues were still being negotiated and Highways England offsite works at Fawdon may cause delays to the release of houses. |
| 307.3 | **Bellway Augusta Drive** – piling works were complete and they were progressing well with roads, drainage and groundworks. The site entrance road was now used for parking vehicles on site and not opposite on the grass. A road sweeper was on site regularly and first house foundations were expected in February. |
| 307.4 | **Village Hall** – Northumberland Theatre Company production of Little Red Riding Hood was taking place on 13 Jan 2017. It was reported that electrical testing required under new regulations would be carried out 5/6 Jan. |
| 307.5 | **Newsletter** – the Chair thanked members for their input in compiling this, which had now been printed and distributed, and had received some good feedback. |
| 307.6 | **Library** – Cllr Wood reported that the library now had more members than ever before. The backlog of donations had been cleared and following the successful school visit, more were being planned for 2017. They were happy to consider visiting the assisted living accommodation in due course. |
| 307.7 | **Allotments** – Cllr Phelps disclosed an interest in this matter. As noted under Minute No. 303 the cheque for back rent had been received. |
| 307.8 | **Website** – Cllr Laidler confirmed that both websites were up to date. |
| 307.9 | **Dinnington Surgery** – Cllr Wood reported that Woodlands Park Doctors were going ahead with their proposal to close the Dinnington surgery and had submitted a report to NHS England to that effect. A response was expected within three months. Of the 450 patients on their books, only 65 had replied to their consultation, 14 of whom said they would be moving to the Ponteland practice. The main issue raised was difficulty in elderly patients getting to Wideopen in future. Reference was made to the letter from NHS England regarding the request for a controlled locality determination at Dinnington which meant an}
application had been made to open a pharmacy in
the village. Andre Yeung, Specialist Pharmacy
Adviser – Public Health had indicated he would be
willing to come to a Parish Council meeting and
speak to members. As members felt that this formed
part of the wider issue of GP/pharmacy issues in the
village and wider area, it was agreed that the
representative should be invited to the January
meeting to provide some clarity on the situation.
Members were mindful of Cllr Lower’s planned
public meeting with the Trust and what information
this might bring about and Cllr Graham agreed to
raise the public meeting issue with Cllr Lower.

Cllr Wood

308. Reports
The Chair had circulated a report from Brenkley
Liaison Committee.
Cllr Graham reported on a recent meeting of the
Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee.

Cllr Graham

309. Northumbria in Bloom 2017 Application
RESOLVED that the Parish Council enter the 2017
competition and this be actioned by the clerk.

K. Hadfield

310. Action between meetings
Members agreed that, in light of the guidance
received from NALC recently, and where it was
appropriate and necessary that action be taken
between meetings of the Parish Council, if
members’ agreement was given by email and there
was no dissent, then action could be taken by the
clerk. This would then be ratified at the next meeting
of the Parish Council.

K. Hadfield

311. Financial Matters
Members approved and authorised the signing of
cheques in payment of invoices received and
presented at the meeting:-

Annual Allowances to Cllrs 130.00 CHQ 100986
L&S Printers 170.00 CHQ 100987
Planning Advice Plus 1054.45 CHQ 100988
Thirsk Payroll 48.00 CHQ 100989
HMRC Tax and NI Q3 91.60 CHQ 100990
Clerk’s salary 16.11.16 to
31.12.16 281.79 CHQ 100991
Cllr Wood Power cable for
PC Laptop 13.98 CHQ 100992
Northumbria in Bloom entry 75.00 CHQ 100993

K. Hadfield

312. Parish Precept
An estimate of the precept for 2017/18 was
circulated. Cllr Wood proposed that it remain at the current level and it be reviewed when current housebuilding was more progressed. **RESOLVED** that the precept remain at the current level for 2017/18.  

| 313. | **Local Councils Explained**  
**Agreed** that this publication be purchased by the Parish Council, for use by the clerk. | K. Hadfield |

| 314. | **Items for next agenda**  
- Invite to Northumbrian Water re drainage matters within the village  
- Invite to NHS England re controlled locality determination  
The Chair referred to the request from the Chair of NALC to host a joint meeting of Newcastle Parish Councils at Dinnington. It was agreed that he be invited to the February meeting of the Parish Council to discuss this further and to view the facilities available for such a meeting.  
Cllr Porter expressed her appreciation to the clerk for assuming the role in a seamless way.  
The Chair submitted apologies for this meeting. | K. Hadfield |

| 315. | **Date of Next Meeting**  
Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 7.00 pm |

| 316. | **Conclusion of Meeting**  
The meeting closed at 8.45 pm |