

Minutes of a meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at 7.00 pm in Dinnington Memorial Institute

Members Present: Cllrs R. Thompson (Chairman in the Chair), A. Dellow, P. Hitchenes, S. Hood, K. Oliver, S. Phelps, J. Porter, M. Wood.

In Attendance: Cllr I. Graham (Newcastle City Council)

Three members of the public were present.

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
93.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Lower (NCC).	
94.	Declarations of Interest Members were reminded of the need to declare interests at relevant items.	
95.	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Andre Yeung was present from Newcastle City Council. He was in the process of writing the PNA for the Health and Wellbeing Board at NCC and the Clinical Commissioning Group. He was attending to collate views on provision of local pharmacy services which could be input into the document. Members provided some background information to the current situation within the village. The Woodlands Park surgery had closed in May of this year leaving Ponteland Medical Group providing limited dispensing of repeat prescriptions between 10.30 and 12.30 weekdays. The chemist within the Post Office was not allowed to dispense prescriptions. Members made a number of comments for incorporation by Andre into his report:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reliability and access issues in relation to the service within the village – the pharmacy was open five mornings a week, but only dispensed repeat prescriptions between 10.30 and 12.30. Often medicines weren't available and had to be sought from elsewhere or prescriptions weren't ready when they were supposed to be. Limited access to GPs meant a greater reliance on pharmacist advice. - Transport issues – there is no easy direct public bus service to Ponteland where the main GP surgery is. There are pharmacies available at Boots and Tesco at Kingston Park, however there are extremely limited bus services. There is a chemists with a pharmacy at Wideopen, but bus services are difficult to access for the elderly or infirm, or those with young children. There is also a good distance to walk from the Bus stop to the Doctors surgery. - Population issues – the population of the village at the time of the last census was 1632. There were 760 houses, which is due to rise to 1100 	

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	<p>progressively within the next five years' time with the current housing developments. This means a growing demand for services, not less.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Needs of the elderly – the elderly had particular difficulties because of the lack of public transport and the cost of taxis when they did not drive or own a car themselves. Also, many did not have access to the internet or were not IT literate so could not order prescriptions on-line or arrange to have them delivered. - The Head of the Ponteland Doctors 'practice attended a recent meeting of the Parish Council to hear the Parish Council's concerns about the levels of service being provided. <p>Agreed that the Clerk submit these comments to Andre as the Parish Council's views on the provision of pharmacy services in the locality.</p>	K. Hadfield
96.	<p>Police Issues</p> <p>PC Lee Parker (509) was in attendance. There were no crimes to note but a greater number of incidents of anti social behaviour, including a fire in the park the previous night. Incidents usually rose at this time of year. The culprits were known to the Police and parents would be visited by himself and PC Lee Maddison. He encouraged the public to report incidents so himself and Lee knew what was going on and could follow up. This could be done by various methods, not just the 101 number, including by email and text – the number was on the home page of the Northumbria Police website. There was also an app which could be used. Incidents reported by these methods were treated in exactly the same way as calls. The aim of these alternative methods of reporting were to reduce the number of calls about matters which were not police issues and were clogging up the phone lines, with a negative knock-on effect on the 999 system. He encouraged members to report issues to himself and Lee Maddison directly via their email addresses. He further reported that the villages in the area were to be allocated a community support officer each who would be managed by himself and Lee Maddison. These officers would be out on foot much of the time and would be attending the PC meetings.</p> <p>Councillor Phelps reported that a resident had found an offensive weapon in the play area recently which he had tried to email Lee Maddison about but the email had come back.</p> <p>Agreed that the contact details for the two community PCs be circulated again to parish councillors and included in the forthcoming parish newsletter.</p>	K. Hadfield/Cllr Wood
97.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Mrs Armstrong of Prestwick Road queried when another GP practice would locate into the village. It was noted that the Parish Council were already trying to achieve improvements with the health service provision in the village and representations had been made by the Parish Council to the City Council's Health Scrutiny Committee in the past, but the decision on that was a matter for the Health Trust. The local MP Catherine McKinnon had also raised the issue in Parliament.</p>	
98.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 October be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	K. Hadfield
99.	<p>Matters Arising</p>	

	<p>83.3 - Cllr Graham advised that the footpath issue had been reported to the appropriate officer.</p> <p>83.4 – Cllr Wood reported that the PC’s concern’s regarding the state of the old school building and the potential fire risk had been raised with David Grimshaw at NCC Planning who had advised that the application was back with the applicant to provide additional information regarding the proposal. They were currently waiting to hear back from them so that they could progress the application. He could not provide any further information at this stage. Once they had received the amended scheme, NCC would be re-notifying neighbours and the Parish Council.</p> <p>83.5 – Members noted that the location map looked much better since Cllr Wood had cleaned it and therefore agreed that it be left as it was. Regarding the no parking signs outside the village hall, it was agreed that the signs be removed.</p>	
100.	Members’ Items of Concern	
100.1	Cllr Hood – NCC employees had been carrying out some measuring work on Cochrane Terrace in preparation for repairing/renewing the road surface, though it was reported that there was currently no funding for it. There had been some kerbstone repairs done on Sycamore Ave but cars continued to park on them.	
100.2	<p>Cllr Dellow –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full dog waste bags were being left in the play area where the litterbin had previously been located • The Johnson had been round to sweep followed by the grass cutter the next day again. • There had been a number of calls of complaint regarding the price increase by NCC for garden waste collection to £40. • There was a large amount of litter on Sandy Lane, Prestwick Road and Horton Grange Road. <p>Agreed that the clerk write to NCC to advise them of the Parish Council’s concerns regarding the significant number of complaints about the price increase, which was supported by the Ward Councillors, and highlighting that the service was free in North Tyneside.</p>	K. Hadfield
100.3	<p>Cllr Porter –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the PC’s thanks to Steve Charlton should be recorded as things had improved since he had attended the last meeting and the large litter bin was back outside the village hall. • A Gulf tanker carrying aviation fuel had started coming through the village every morning, which was not a designated route. Cllr Graham agreed to follow this up with Graham Mason at Newcastle Airport. 	Cllr Graham
100.4	Cllr Phelps – a knife and shredded drinks cans had been found in the play area recently, along with an amount of broken glass.	Cllr Graham
100.5	Cllr Hitchenes – the bin at the top of East Acres still needed to be put back.	
100.6	Cllr Thompson – more dog fouling enforcement was needed	
101.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Chair referred to a letter to Dinnington residents from Woodlands Park Surgery. The letter advised that home visits by doctors would no longer be carried out for patients who were not already known to be housebound. Not all residents had received it however.</p>	

	<p>A letter had also been received from Mrs J. Bowers of The Winding raising her concerns about the proposed change in services by the Surgery, which the Clerk read out.</p> <p>Cllr Wood advised that it was his understanding that home visits by district nurses would still be carried out, and that the emergency out of hours doctors would still be available. Also GPs from Ponteland Surgery would still be doing home visits.</p> <p>Members expressed concern about the proposed changes. It was felt that the content of the letter was not clear and that representations should be made to the Surgery.</p>	K. Hadfield
102.	<p>Planning Applications Councillor Graham reported that the Dinnington First School application was now due to go to Committee in November.</p>	
103.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Wood reported that the PC were now in a position to take the plan forward again and an updated questionnaire would be enclosed with the Newsletter for people to return it via the White Post Box at the Village Hall entrance, or via the cardboard box in the Post Office. A link would also be included in the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Parish Council website for an online "Survey Monkey" version of the questionnaire, which for those who were able, would be preferable to use as it made it easier for results to be accurately collated and analysed, and saved the information having to be re-entered manually. Another "Drop-in" event would be held in the Village Hall on Sat 9th December from 10.00 until 16.00 to answer any questions people might have about the Neighbourhood Plan and to assist in filling in the questionnaire, if required. The previous questionnaire results would also be displayed.</p>	
104.	<p>Updates</p>	
104.1	<p>Keepmoat Homes – Cllr Wood reported that a total of 55 plots were either sold, reserved or exchanged. The new access at the south west corner of the site was now fully operational. Appropriate new signage would be provided.</p> <p>The Footpath link to the school was substantially complete.</p>	
104.2	<p>Persimmon Homes – Cllr Wood reported that they were still finalising arrangements and were hoping to start on site in the New Year.</p>	
104.3	<p>Bellway Development – Cllr Wood reported that 28 houses were now roofed and 3 houses were occupied. More were expected towards the end of the month. It was expected that the development would now be complete in late 2018.</p> <p>Cutting the hedge and replacement of public seat from footpath outside the site - as requested by Bellway's site manager, Martin Nichols at Bellway's Head Office had been emailed to progress these items. A reply was still awaited.</p> <p>Mitford Way - correction of damage after Bellway's subcontractor installed the site electricity supply - Steve Paget (NCC, Highways dept) had this in hand. Some defects had been identified and he was currently going through the process with Bellway of getting these rectified.</p>	

104.4	Village Hall Cllr Porter reported that all works were now complete and the WI porch had been reroofed as well as some slates replaced on the main roof. A fundraising event was scheduled for 12 Jan 2018 when Northumberland Theatre Company would visit to perform their latest production – the Princess and the Goblin.	
104.5	Newsletter Cllr Wood reported that this was now ready for printing apart from the minor amendments mentioned at Minute No.96 above.	K. Hadfield/ Cllr Wood
104.6	Library Cllr Wood to investigate temperature problems.	Cllr Wood
104.7	Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter Cllr Wood sought agreement to put a collection box out at the planning event scheduled for 9 December for donations towards buying flowers etc, which members agreed .	Cllr Wood
104.8	Allotments There was a meeting of the Association scheduled for 20 November at 6.30 pm.	
104.9	Website This was up to date.	
104.10	Dinnington Surgery Nothing further to note.	
105.	Reports The Chairman reported there was a Banks meeting scheduled for Tuesday and a NALC meeting scheduled for 18 November, which he could not attend. It was agreed that places also be booked for Cllrs Hood and Phelps for the planning training on 4 December 2017.	K. Hadfield
106.	Financial Matters	
106.1	Members approved and authorised the signing of cheques in payment of invoices received and presented at the meeting:- K. Hadfield Salary Oct 2017 191.70 101063 K. Hadfield travel expenses and postage reimbursement 41.70 101064 K. Hadfield cost of planning training tickets reimbursement 30.00 101065 K. Hadfield cost of planning training tickets reimbursement 20.00 101066	
107.	Items for next agenda None were reported.	
108.	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 20 December 2017 at 7.00 pm.	
109.	Conclusion of Meeting The meeting closed at 8.45 pm	

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