Minutes of a meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 January 2018 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, J. Porter, M. Wood.

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

Two members of the public were present.

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<td>126.</td>
<td>Apologies for Absence</td>
<td>Apologies were received from Cllrs Phelps and Scratcherd.</td>
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<td>127.</td>
<td>Declarations of Interest</td>
<td>Cllr Graham advised that he would leave the meeting before consideration of the planning applications on the agenda. Members were otherwise reminded of the need to declare interests at relevant items.</td>
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<td>128.</td>
<td>Police Issues</td>
<td>PCs Lee Maddison (3044) and Lee Parker (509) were present. There had been very little crime in the previous month though anti-social behaviour had escalated with a number of complaints from the residents of Hartley Court. The Police had been taking a proactive and firmer approach by visiting the school and speaking to parents. Youngsters were no longer gathering at the play park but the area next to the substation was still a problem. Consideration was given to whether additional lighting might act as a deterrent and Cllr Lower agreed to speak to YHN.</td>
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<td>129.</td>
<td>Open Forum</td>
<td>Rev Mark Edwards raised the issue of the numerous potholes which posed a danger to cyclists and needed urgent action. Cllr Graham advised that he discussed this with the team at NCC and Cllr Wood confirmed recent information that action for the full length of Main Road was planned in the next couple of months by the City Council. An email had also been received from Mr Hollyman expressing concern about the number of potholes on Main Road which the Clerk had shared with members. A member of the public asked what had happened to the proposed 20 mph speed restriction along Front Street. Cllr Wood advised that the legal work had been carried out but the actual work on the ground was still awaited from NCC.</td>
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<td>130.</td>
<td>Minutes of previous meeting</td>
<td>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 December 2017 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</td>
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<td>131.</td>
<td>Matters Arising</td>
<td>115.2 – Cllr Wood reported that he had followed this up with Paul Cooper at NCC. However he had confirmed that NCC had now completed their roll-out of new litter bins around the City and unfortunately there were no spare bins to</td>
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cover this request. They were not going to consider any more requests until July, when they would have records of how people were using the new bins and could see if any were under used and could be relocated.

Cllr Dellow asked that action be taken to clear the litter left where the bins used to be. Cllr Hitchenes advised that members needed to log litter incidents with Envirocall because if bins weren’t being filled, they would probably be removed. Cllr Wood suggested that regular photos be taken at trouble spots where litter was being dropped so these could be submitted to NCC. Members felt that the bins which had been at the bus stop on Front Street and at East Aces were the ones which most needed replacing.

It was agreed that Cllr Hitchenes take regular photographs of the problem areas and send to Cllr Lower.

115.5 – this had been pursued by Cllr Graham. NCC Planning had responded that they had spoken to Bellway about the issue previously, who had advised that they would consider doing the work requested but there was no indication as to how and when this would be done. As the development was in accordance with the planning permission, the planning authority could not insist that the work was undertaken.

119.1 – the Clerk advised that this had been raised with BT Openreach. Cllr Lower commented that another fibre broadband box was needed in the village as the existing one was now full. However, BT were concentrating on fulfilling their obligations to rollout broadband to as many areas as possible, and a further box was therefore a low priority.

132. **Members’ Items of Concern**

132.1 Cllr Hood – the grit bin on Queen Elizabeth Park had tipped over and the lid was broken, and the school path was still very untidy. Members felt that an organised litter pick involving local groups such as the Scouts and Cubs could be a possibility. It was agreed to include this as a future agenda item and a future item for the newsletter.  

132.2 Cllr Dellow – potholes and litter were constant problems.

132.3 Cllr Thompson – reported back on a meeting with disgruntled residents of Hartley Court. Following falls by a couple of residents getting off the bus, they were requesting that the bus stop be moved, but it was noted that this would be difficult to achieve and it was suggested that better lighting at the bus stop would be a more realistic solution and would resolve the problem. The Chair also reported a design and layout issue with the footpath for residents with mobility scooters which he had raised with NCC. A number of other issues had been raised by the residents but these were not matters which the Parish Council could do anything about. It was agreed that Cllr Lower would pass all of the issues to Leazes Homes to resolve as they managed the building, and that she would provide a list of contacts at YHN for residents.

133. **Correspondence**

The Clerk reported a response from NCC to the Parish Council’s letter regarding the proposed increase in garden waste charges, which put the charge in line with neighbouring Councils, apart from North Tyneside.

The Clerk also reported the response from NCC regarding the plans for
resurfacing Main Road, and the response to the request from NCC about the no parking signs outside the village hall to advise that these had already been removed.

Members considered the email from Mr Mee regarding HGVs through the village. Members noted the points made, but did not feel that there were any particular issues of concern for the village and agreed that a response be made to Mr Mee by the Clerk to that effect. K. Hadfield

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<td>Cllr Wood reported that consideration had been given to repeating the &quot;Drop-in&quot; event again on Sat 13 Jan 18. However, it had been decided not to do this as it would have required production of another leaflet and delivery around the village again. Instead, 3 or 4 groups had been targeted - the church, the church coffee morning, the pantomime and the WI had been visited, and more leaflets handed out to those who had not filled in the questionnaire to date, and the issue brought to people’s attention.</td>
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<td>The Survey Monkey on-line version of the questionnaire - to date there had been 65 completions on line and about 9 paper returns, plus what had been deposited in the P.O. box. This would be opened after 20 Jan 18.</td>
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<td>Keepmoat Homes – Cllr Wood reported the current position that 45 homes had been sold, 7 were reserved and a further 8 had exchanged contracts.</td>
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<td>135.2</td>
<td>Persimmon Homes – Cllr Wood reported that they had commenced on site on Monday by constructing a temporary site access road via the existing field gate and were beginning to set up their temporary site compound.</td>
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<td>135.3</td>
<td>Bellway Development – Cllr Wood reported that about 37 houses were built and about 24 houses would be occupied by the end of the month. Mitford Way repairs - NCC had carried out a site inspection with Bellway’s Electrical subcontractor Energetics who had agreed to carry out the damaged footpath and road repairs on Mitford Way within the next 2 weeks. Cutting hedge adjacent allotments : - Martin Nichols, Bellway had recently replied to the Parish Council’s email asserting that the hedge was on the boundary between their site and the allotments, and that the PC and Bellway were therefore each responsible for maintaining their own halves. This had therefore been taken up with Bellway’s Land Department, and previous correspondence forwarded to them, where they had accepted ownership of the hedge and cut it in the past. Their formal reply was awaited, but the feeling was that they would cut it on this occasion and sort the legalities of the ownership of the hedge out later. Missing Public seat: - They had not replied on this issue as yet.</td>
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<td>135.4</td>
<td>Dinnington First School- Kier Construction Construction works would be commencing from now onwards for the construction of the new school, which was Phase 1 of the works, with Phase 2 continuing in January 2019 consisting of the demolition of the old school and new sports pitches, completing in April 2020.</td>
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Working Hours would generally be :-
Mon - Thurs 08.00 until 16.30
Fri 08.00 until 15.30
Sat & Sun only if required

They had confirmed they would operate scheduled deliveries only from Main
Road through a temporary access road to the rear of the existing school. All
deliveries would be assisted by a banks man to ensure safety at all times.

135.5 Village Hall
Nothing to report.

135.6 Newsletter
Cllr Thompson thanked everyone for their input on the newsletter.

135.7 Library
Nothing to report.

135.8 Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter
Nothing to report.

135.9 Allotments
Cllr Porter reported on a meeting with the chair of the Association, Mr Bill
Armstrong. She would be working with Mr Armstrong to provide some
organisational help and would provide him with a copy of the tenancy
agreement.

135.10 Website
This was up to date.

135.11 Dinnington Surgery
It was noted that the Post Office would no longer be selling pharmacy products.
The Chair queried whether there was any indication of the expected funding,
and Cllr Lower agreed to pursue with the appropriate officer.  

Cllr Lower

136. Reports
Nothing to report.

137. Financial Matters

137.1 Members approved and authorised the signing of cheques in payment of
invoices received and presented at the meeting:-

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<td>K. Hadfield Salary Dec 2017</td>
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<td>M. Wood Refund</td>
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<td>R. Thompson Refund</td>
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138. Items for next agenda
None were reported.

139. Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 7.00 pm.

In accordance with Minute No.127, Cllr Graham left the meeting at this
point.
### 140. Planning Applications

1. **Planning Applications 2016/1700/01/DET/, 2016/1701/01/DET/, 2016/1702/01/DET/ at Land Adjacent to Former Dinnington Youth Project (Old School, Dinnington)**  
   Members discussed these at length and agreed that there were **no further observations to make**.

2. **Planning Application 2018/0023/01/DET at 48 The Crest, Newcastle**  
   Agreed that **no objections** be raised.

3. **Planning Application 2018/0030/01/DET at Mill Hill Farm, Sandy Lane, Newcastle**  
   Agreed that there were **no observations to make**.

### 141. Conclusion of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

CHAIR………………………………………

DATE………………………………………

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