Minutes of the meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 7.00 pm in Dinnington Memorial Institute

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr A. Lower (Newcastle City Council)

Two members of the public were present

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<td><strong>Apologies for Absence</strong>&lt;br&gt;Apologies were received from Cllr Hood, and Cllrs P. Lower (NCC), and A. King (NCC).</td>
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<td><strong>Declarations of Interest</strong>&lt;br&gt;Members were reminded of the need to declare interests at relevant items.</td>
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| 42.        | **Open Forum**<br>Ms A. Hall (Augusta Drive) raised three issues:-<br>  - Traffic calming on the road to The Swan - the road markings were worn away and it was dangerous.<br>  - The path from the Bellway estate into the village was overgrown with weeds.<br>  - There had been another missed blue bin collection.<br>Cllr Lower advised that the road would be redesigned as part of the estate development and she would get expected dates for that. As regards general maintenance, since Kevin was no longer around, it seemed that many jobs were no longer being done in the ward, and there were many complaints about it. She suggested that the Parish Council write to Christine Herriott with a log of the issues of concern, and it was **agreed** that members provide the Clerk with a list of items to populate the log. | Cllr Lower  
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Ms N. Hall (Mitford Way) raised a number of issues:-<br>  - Were there any plans to replace the doctors’ surgery, or for new retail development given the increased demand from additional housing in the village?  
  - Were there any plans for a cycle lane on the road between Dinnington and Kingston Park which was well used by cyclists?  
Cllr Lower reported that the consortium building the Great Park were to put in a cycle lane adjacent to the new spine road which would link in to Kingston Park. Regarding retail, this had been part of the original outline plan, but had not featured in the agreed planning permission. Cllr Lower reported that shops had been included in the planning permission for Great Park, but no developers had been interested to date, presumably because they did not feel that there was sufficient demand in that location. Any such development would need to be relatively small so as not to compete with larger retail developments nearby. It was suggested that Ms Hall could approach retail companies herself to see if there was any interest from retailers such as the Co-Op. However, it was also
pointed out that, at the moment, there is not an available/suitable site within the village. Regarding the doctors’ surgery, members explained the efforts which had been made to retain/recruit a facility in the village to date, including contact with the Director of Public Health at the City Council. It was possible to have prescriptions filled at the local chemist, but pressure would be maintained wherever possible as this continued to be a priority for the village, and all efforts would be maintained.

43. **Police Report**
PC Lee Parker advised that there had been six crimes recorded, five of these overnight on 21/22 June, mostly metal thefts. The Chair asked the Police to be aware of the potential for fires near the pumping house and youths were gathering at the end of the Keepmoat estate near the SUDS pond. Lee advised members to get in touch when necessary.

44. **Minutes of previous meeting**
*RESOLVED* that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 June 2018 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.  

45. **Matters Arising**
- 29.2 – the Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the Chief Executive setting out the Parish Council’s dismay at the amount of litter and dog fouling in the village following the implementation of the new litter bin regime, and formally requesting two new bins at the top of East Acres and at the bus stop on Front Street.

46. **Newcastle Airport Masterplan**
Cllr Phelps reported back on the recent consultation meeting where the main concern had been the length of the detour should a runway extension be built. A tunnel would be too expensive, and the detour would force traffic onto the airport access road, which was what the Airport had always maintained they did not want. Cllr Lower advised that there was very little of chance of an extension to the runway being needed, and no vision for it, but it had been included in the masterplan as protection against development.

Members agreed that the following comments be submitted by the Clerk to the consultation:
- The Parish Council are disappointed with the inadequate level and extent of advertising for the event, including the limited maildrop.
- The Parish Council are concerned at the prospect of a long detour for local people should a runway extension be built, and ask that a tunnel be considered in that location.
- The Parish Council are concerned about the potential for increased noise generation for adjacent villages.

47. **Newcastle Airport Noise Monitoring**
An email had been received from Newcastle Airport regarding the location of the noise monitor, as the school did not want the monitor placed on the new building. Members noted that the noise monitor had been in its current position on the first school for over 20 years, and there were concerns that if it were moved, it would affect the ability to correlate data from the past and in the future. Members felt that this was an important issue and agreed that Cllr Hitchenes, as the Parish Council representative on the school governing body, raise the issue with the headteacher in the first instance and report back.
### Members' Items of Concern

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<td>Cllr Porter – expressed thanks to Mrs Enid Rivers and her husband for the litter clearance work they had done, not just as part of the litterpick, but on a regular basis all year and felt this should be recognised. She also expressed concern about the amount of litter, which she felt was becoming a genuine health hazard.</td>
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<td><strong>48.3</strong></td>
<td>Cllr Phelps - referred to two issues he had already raised with Cllr Wood regarding dust from the Persimmon site and foul language from site workers. This had been raised with Persimmon by Cllr Wood.</td>
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| **48.4** | Cllr Hitchens –  
- The lack of litter bins and the effect this was having on dog waste bags being left lying.  
- An area of subsidence on the road at East Acres which filled with water when it rained.  
- The footpath behind East Acres was very overgrown. It was noted that the hedges could not be cut until September and the grass cutting would probably be picked up then. |
| **48.5** | Cllr Wood – the Chairman of the Allotments committee had asked if the PC could provide a sign at the entrance to the allotments, advising the public that they were private for members only. He reported that they were now getting a lot of public coming onto the site walking dogs from the new estate. He also asked if Persimmon could replace the section of hedge removed to facilitate new drainage onto their site. Cllr Wood had contacted Persimmon about the hedge and awaited a response. It was agreed that Cllr Wood would look further at the provision of a sign.  
Main Road resurfacing - a number of problems had been found with the existing drainage, which they had had to correct in addition to the new work and this had caused delays to the actual resurfacing work. It was now hoped to commence the resurfacing on Mon 20 August. The works to dropped kerbs opposite the Keepmoat entrance were complete. NCC had investigated the road gulley adjacent to the Church entrance, where the PC had reported smells coming from in the past. They found that a plug was missing from the rodding eye in the gully, which had now been repaired and the smells had stopped. |
| **48.6** | Cllr Thompson – an approach had been made by a resident whilst the new seat was being put into position on the footpath behind the “Raj”, who was unhappy with the location and wanted it put back into its original place. It had been explained by Cllr Wood that this was not possible. However, members debated asking Persimmon if they wished to donate a further seat which could be located opposite to where the old seat had been. |

### Correspondence

The Chair reported the issues he had raised with the City Councillors by email around lack of maintenance of road gullies and road sweeping being done in the Parish, which were having a serious effect, including flooding. Cllr Lower advised that she had reported all of the issues raised.

### Planning Applications
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<td>Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey extension to rear - 11 The Crest, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE13 7LU - No Comments</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>2018/0886/01/DET</td>
<td>Erection of two storey extension to rear and porch to front – 2 Carr Gate Cottages, Prestwick Road, Dinnington, Newcastle upon Tyne - No comments</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>208/0900/01/DET</td>
<td>Erection of sprinkler tank compound and associated landscape works, external structures, boundary treatments, draining and access arrangements – Dinnington First School, Sycamore Avenue, Dinnington, Newcastle upon Tyne - No comments</td>
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### 51. Neighbourhood Plan

The consultant had been instructed to do a "reality check" on current position and how to proceed, based on the results of the recent questionnaire responses together with the previous work.

Members agreed that, as there would not be another PC meeting for 2 months, a commitment be given to expenditure of up to a further £2000 to enable work to continue with the consultant during the recess, and avoid delaying further work to progress the NP.

### 52. Updates

#### 52.1 Keepmoat Homes –

67 houses had now been sold, with contracts exchanged on a further 7 and 16 more reserved.

Broadband issues - on 26 June 2018, Openreach confirmed that their survey work had been completed and this had revealed that there were no issues that would delay progress. They also confirmed that the site has been surveyed and fully planned and would be delivered this quarter, therefore service would be provided at the latest by end of September.

He had some recent reports that there were still one or two builders items in or adjacent to the Hartley Burn, near the SUDS pond outfall. Keepmoat had confirmed they would be removed asap.

#### 52.2 Persimmon Homes –

The internals of the show home were now being completed in preparation for its opening. 7 plots were being roofed, with one complete and awaiting internals. There were several plots within phase 1 above ground floor and being progressed to roof level. Foundations had been pulled for around 5 plots to the west of the access road within phase B of the development.

Piling of Phase B of the development had commenced on 25 June and should be finished by 12 August. At this stage they were expecting to take first occupation on the site from October onwards.

#### 52.3 Bellway Development –

62 houses were now complete out of a total of 71 and to date 38 were occupied.

Bellway had now fixed the replacement seat on the footpath behind the "Raj" Mitford Way repairs - NCC were still awaiting a firm date from Energetics as to
when they would carry out the remedial works.

52.4 **Dinnington First School - Kier Construction –**
The roof-works were now complete and Kier had commenced wrapping the building with cement board and insulation, ahead of the brickwork skin commencing. Internal partitions had commenced along with M&E works.

They would commence excavations for utilities at the front entrance of the school from 23rd July once the school had closed for the summer break for approximately 5 weeks.

During the coming month, wrapping of the structure would continue, brickwork would commence, fitting of window frames would continue, mechanical and electrical installation would continue, partitions would continue throughout, and utilities excavations would commence.

Cllr Lower confirmed the position regarding use of the changing rooms by Kier during the construction of the school. These would be upgraded and refurbished and then returned to the football team afterwards. In the meantime, efforts were being made to secure a container through Banks as a temporary solution, and they had been offered a pitch at Brunswick if needed.

52.5 **Village Hall**
Cllr Porter reported that estimates were still awaited.

52.6 **Newsletter**
Nothing to report

52.7 **Library**
Everything was going ok. They were having a volunteers meeting tonight in the WI room and celebrating their 5 year anniversary, which was an amazing achievement.

52.8 **Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter**
There had been a good clean up / litter pick by volunteers on Sat 14 July and the final judging had taken place on Monday 16 July. The Scout Group had made a good job of painting all of the public seats in the village and members agreed that the Parish Council’s thanks should be formally recorded.

Cllr Wood reported that four special award entries had been made in this year’s competition – Bracken Close, the allotments, the White Swan and an individual garden on Horton Crescent. A lot of effort had been made by a lot of people, which was appreciated. The Parish Council’s thanks would be recorded in the next edition of the newsletter as usual.

Cllr Dellow suggested that an allocation of £100-£150 be made to allow Garden Girl to purchase shrubs for the circular bed opposite the Post Office rather than just bedding plants being used. This would mean that it could be planted up for September. Members agreed that up to £150 be allocated.

52.9 **Allotments**
The state of the allotments was improving though there was still a bit of rubbish. The account signatory issue had now been resolved, and it had been suggested that they had another meeting each year, making two.
## Website
This was up to date.

## Dinnington Surgery
There was nothing further to report, Cllr Lower had emailed the Director of Public Health and had raised the issue at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## Commemorative Plaque Event
The planned meeting was in the process of being re-arranged. Initial advice had been sought from the Police about highway safety and Cllr Phelps was to email them further with the plan of action, which they would discuss with Highways. The next step would be to issue formal invites and advertise the event. Cllr Lower reported that the British Legion were looking for unique remembrances of the end of the great war around the country and were very interested in the street naming initiative. It was agreed that the details of the unveiling be forwarded on.

## Reports
The Chair had circulated the minutes and a presentation from the last Brenkley Lane Liaison meeting to all members. Cllr Wood reported back on a recent Hartley Burn meeting from 16 July 2018. The meeting was to review and update the "Hartley Burn & Big Waters progress report" dated 7 May 18 compiled following the previous meeting. The meeting was again well attended by interested parties and progressed well.

## Financial Matters

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

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## Items for next agenda
- Invite to Director of Public Health to attend Sept meeting. Members to email Clerk with issues to be raised with the DoPH.  
- Commemorative Plaque Event

## Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7.00 pm. Apologies from Cllr A and P Lower were submitted.

## Conclusion of Meeting
The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

CHAIR……………………………………...
DATE………………………………………