Minutes of the meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 December 2019 at 7.00 pm in Dinnington Memorial Institute


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<td>Apologies for Absence</td>
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<td>Cllrs Hitchens, Oliver and Porter, and Newcastle City Councillors Avaei, King and Lower.</td>
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<td>114.</td>
<td>Declarations of Interest</td>
<td>Members were reminded of the need to declare interests at relevant items.</td>
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<td>PC Lee Maddison was present and reported that 19 incidents had been reported in the previous month. There had been three crimes, which included theft from a motor vehicle and malicious communication. A report of youths on quad bikes had been received and responded to on 12 December, but they had managed to escape by the time the Police attended. There had been no reports of youth anti social behaviour. PC Maddison suggested that gates to prevent access to the electricity sub station adjacent to the recreation field car park would really help with the recurring issues in that location. Members supported this and agreed that this could be added to the list of future projects to the village, as long as an agreement could be reached with Northern Electric regarding access.</td>
<td>K. Hadfield</td>
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<td>Members raised a couple of issues with PC Maddison about kids knocking on doors and issues with car parking at the Crest. PC Maddison advised that this had been raised with the people concerned previously as they had received complaints direct.</td>
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<td>116.</td>
<td>Minutes of previous meeting</td>
<td>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 November 2019 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.</td>
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<td>Matters Arising</td>
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<td>• Minute No. 99 – a response had been received from Steve Charlton which advised that he had no responsibility for leaf clearance, and every effort was made to meet his obligations to deliver the specified number of cuts for internal clients. The wet weather had made it more difficult and impacted on service delivery, and staff had been instructed to miss any areas that would cause damage. There were no plans to use machines that collected the grass and he was not able to attend any meetings in 2020.</td>
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<td>• Minute No. 103.3 – Peter Boulton had agreed to attend the January meeting, and the hedges had now been cut at Sheraton</td>
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118. **Christmas Lights Competition**  
It was agreed each member would identify two houses within a defined area and then members would collectively judge all of the shortlisted houses to pick a winner and runner up. First prize - £50 M&S voucher, Second prize - £25 M&S voucher. It was also agreed that a village Christmas tree for 2020 be considered at the next meeting.

K. Hadfield

119. **Past Chairs Board**  
Cllr Wood reported that he had obtained a couple of quotations, based on the Past Vicars board in the church – these were around £750. Approval would have to be sought from the Village Hall Management Committee to locate the Board in the memorial hall before placing the order. It was agreed that an update be provided at the next meeting.

Cllr Wood

120. **Village Exhibition**  
The date for this had been agreed at the last meeting as 14 March 2020 and Alan Proudlock was aware of the date.

121. **Update on Annual Rent for The Pond**  
An email from Ward Hadaway had been circulated to members regarding the position and advice from NALC had also been circulated. It was agreed that Ward Hadaway be requested to carry out a Commons Registration search, and that Sanderson Young be advised that some of the land within the curtilage of Quarry House as advertised for sale with them was within the ownership of the Parish Council and had been subject to a lease from the Parish Council.

K. Hadfield

122. **Members’ Items of Concern**

122.1 Cllr Hood –
- the Horton Grange road was full of potholes. Cllr Phelps advised that Cllr Lower was already actioning the large pothole.
- There was a lot of rubbish along the roadside verges from Kingston Park to the village, especially near the airport and a lot of roadsigns were covered in green algae. Cllr Phelps advised that he had reported the rubbish in the airport field at the last Airport meeting. The Chair reminded members that Peter Jackson was the tenant.

122.2 Cllr Dellow –
- The Prestwick road near the Bellway estate was in very poor condition. Cllr Wood advised that he had reported this via Envirocall some time ago but the standard timescales would have to be expected. Cllr Phelps advised that no work would be done until the builders had rescraped the road and laid down a new surface.

122.3 Cllr Dowd –
- A lot of residents were parking on the pavement and not leaving enough room for people with buggies or mobility scooters to get past, as they were supposed to. She urged people to park
responsibly.
- She suggested that a light was needed at the bus stop opposite the Keepmoat site at the entrance to the village as it was very dark. It was agreed that a light and a proper footpath should be added to the list of future projects.

### 123. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from CAN.

Regarding the claim for subsidence damage to a property arising from trees on the Parish Council’s land previously reported, it was noted that a site visit had been due to take place that morning but there had been no further information as yet on the outcome.

Cllr Wood reported on an email sent to Persimmon Homes from a resident of the Crest regarding excessive sand and dust build up in his central heating boiler, this he alleged was coming from the Augusta Park development. He had copied in the local MP, the Castle Ward City Councillors and the Parish Council. This was being actioned by Cllr Lower with officers at the City Council.

### 124. Planning Applications

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<td>2019/1517/01/DET</td>
<td>Erection of a single storey extension to side.</td>
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### 125. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Wood reported that the consultant was continuing to progress the draft chapters of the NP. Work had commenced on the assessment forms for “Valued Village Amenities” in readiness to return them to him in the New Year.

### 126. Updates

#### 126.1 Keepmoat Homes

- Cllr Wood reported that all the plots were now sold and legally completed. The SUDS area had been strimmed. Some of the trees around the SUDS basins had died and would be replaced. The area occupied as a site compound by the groundworks contractor still needed to be tidied up, but was in hand.

- The open space/roundabout still needed to be re-instated. The landscaping contractor was gearing up to carry out the reinstatement once the groundworker sub-contractor had finished with the area and finally tidied it up.

#### 126.2 Persimmon Homes

- Cllr Wood reported that they currently had 48 occupations, 6 plots reserved and 25 released for sale.

#### 126.3 Village Hall

- Cllr Wood reminded members about the production of The Snow Queen and asked them to spread the word about it to encourage support.

#### 126.4 Newsletter

- the December edition had been delivered.
| 126.5 | Library – this was going ok at the moment. |
| 126.6 | **Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter** –  
The entry form and cheque would be submitted after the meeting. | K. Hadfield |
| 126.7 | **Allotments**  
The Clerk had been advised by the Treasurer of the Allotments Association about a small overpayment of £6.82 for 2019-20. This would therefore be deducted from the April 2020 invoice. | K. Hadfield |
| 126.8 | **Website**  
Nothing to report. |
| 126.9 | **Dinnington Surgery** – nothing further to report at the moment. The proposed meeting at Northumbria Health Care had been re-arranged for 14 January 2020 |
| 127. | **Reports**  
Cllr Phelps reported back on a recent meeting. A lot of work was being done and a new destination (Munich) would be added in March. Thomson had picked up a lot of the routes previously operated by Thomas Cook. The rubbish in the airport field was being sorted out by Mr Mason.  
The Chair reported back in a recent Banks meeting. The opencast work was now finished and the 18 month restoration period had now begun. Cllr Wood was pleased to report that the Village Hall Management Committee had been successful in its bid for funding to Banks and would receive the full amount of £5,900. |
| 128. | **Financial Matters** |
| 128.1 | Members approved and authorised the signing of cheques in payment of invoices received and presented at the meeting:--  
K. Hadfield £214.85 200085  
HMRC £161.00 200086  
L& S Printers £190.00 200087  
NIB £85.00 200088  
R. Thompson £140.00 200089  
R. Thompson £75.00 200090 | K. Hadfield |
| 128.2 | **Precept 2020-21**  
Members discussed this at some length. The Clerk had been unable to get an indicative figure for the council tax base from the City Council as yet, but it was understood that it would increase again this year due to the ongoing house building, which meant that the precept would be shared among a greater number of homes.  
After some discussion, it was **agreed** that the Parish Council precept be set at £12,500 based on a general increase of 2% to allow for inflation and an increase of £150 to Adopt a planter / NIB budget and an increase of £450 to Miscellaneous and contingency budgets. |
| 129. | **Items for Next Agenda**  
- Peter Boulton from NCC |
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| Christmas Tree 2020  
Update on The Pond  
Update on Past Chairs’ Board   | K. Hadfield   |
| **130.** Date of Next Meeting  
Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 7.00 pm.   |   |
| **131.** Conclusion of Meeting  
The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.   |   |

**CHAIR…...............................................

**DATE…................................................