

Minutes of the meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7.00 pm in Dinnington Memorial Institute

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

Councillors A. King and P. Lower, Newcastle City Councillors

3 members of the public were present

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
135.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Hood and Porter and from City Cllr A. Lower.	
136.	Declarations of Interest Members were reminded of the need to declare interests at relevant items.	
137.	Police Issues There were no representatives from the Police able to attend the meeting. A report had been submitted by email to advise that since the last meeting there had been no reported incidents of anti social behaviour since the police intervention following complaints of issues around the bus stop. The police were continuing to monitor the parking on Main Road with positive results. It was noted that there had been no further break-ins on the Keepmoat or Bellway sites.	
138.	Public Forum A member of the public raised concerns about the amount of rubbish being brought in and burnt in the garden of 22 Cochrane Terrace. There were also three unroadworthy vehicles parked on the drive, and a large van parked on the path/street constantly near to the traffic lights, which made visibility difficult. Vermin had been seen, and the whole area was unsightly. Members understood the concerns, though it was noted that there were no traffic restrictions to prevent the van parking where it was. If the van was a commercial vehicle, that might be different. It was agreed that the vermin issue should be raised with the ward councillor as this was an environmental health concern. A member of the public queried the rationale for the location of the new pelican crossing on the narrowest part of Prestwick Road, which was not where it was needed. People had to cross at the widest part of the road without any assistance. Cllr Wood responded that the Parish Council had been aware of the issues from the start and had suggested a roundabout at the entrance to the two estates but this had not been accepted by the City Council. A compromise had been to install a pelican crossing adjacent the White Swan and remove the chicane. The City Council had agreed that when the developments were completed they would undertake a traffic survey to establish traffic numbers. Cllr Lower agreed to raise the issue with Highways in the meantime, given that there were a number of major developments in the area which could impact on	Cllr Lower

	traffic through Dinnington on a longer term basis. If traffic flows did increase, this needed to be monitored and controlled.	Cllr Lower
139.	<p>S106 Funding</p> <p>Matthew Storey, Planning Obligations Officer, Newcastle City Council attended for this item. He circulated some information on the current position regarding S106 and CIL funding available to the Parish Council arising from the housing developments in the village. It was noted that CIL funding could be received on any size development, and that contributions increased from 15% capped at £100 per house to 25% uncapped when a neighbourhood plan was in place. Currently, around £12,000 was available in the accounts for transfer, and Matthew detailed the triggers in terms of development for further contributions to be made. As the developments progressed, money was received by the City Council every six months. To date, two phases had commenced and a third was expected very soon. Transfers of funding would therefore be made to the Parish Council two times per year, and members agreed that this should be on 1 April and 1 October. The Parish Council would need to publish an annual report on its website about what funding had been received, what had been spent and for what, and any funding currently held.</p> <p>Regarding the allotments contributions, members pointed out that the land for the new allotments belonged to the Parish Council and that the City Council could use it but S106 funding would have to pay for its conversion to allotments. It was agreed that Matthew discuss the position regarding both the allotments and the right of way access to Big Waters with appropriate officers at the City Council and report back, and that a checklist of permitted uses for S106/CIL funding be sent to the Clerk for members' consideration.</p>	M. Storey
140.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 December 2018 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	K. Hadfield
141.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that Cllr Lower chase up the outstanding issues which members had raised at previous meetings and respond to the Clerk by the following Wednesday. Minute No.125.2 – “no parking” signs had been put up by the site manager and the situation was being monitored to see if there were any more complaints. It was commented that disabled bays were supposed to have been put in outside the post office, and suggested that the grassed area could perhaps be replaced with parking bays. However, members felt that this may not be the best use of the space as it was the nearest thing to a village green that the village had, and that the situation should be looked at again when all of the building work was finished. 	Cllr Lower
142.	<p>Royal Garden Party 2019</p> <p>Members agreed that former Cllr Tom Laidler be invited to put his name forward for the NALC tickets draw in recognition of his work for the Parish Council, the Parish Church and his charity work.</p>	K. Hadfield
143.	Members' Items of Concern	
143.1	Cllr Dellow – there had been a lot of complaints about noise from the bird scarer in the field south of the village. She had asked Jimmy Murray (NCC) if he could get the graffiti off the litter bin at the bus stop on Front Street. It was suggested that the City Council be asked for the old bin if it was replaced for relocation elsewhere in the village.	

143.2	Cllr Phelps – had received complaints about the traffic on March Terrace again and the dog fouling on the recreation field was again very bad. It was noted that an application for funding from the football club to Banks to erect a fence around the field had not materialised. It was agreed that Cllr Wood would discuss this with Gary Cooper from the club.	Cllr Wood
143.3	Cllr Hitchenes – there was a lot of traffic parked on both sides of Cochrane Terrace outside the GP surgery and he queried whether this would be an issue should there be more patients in future. Cochrane Terrace had become really congested in the morning, and there had been a crash before Christmas. Cllr Wood advised that any replacement surgery would be adjacent to the existing and would include car parking. In Wideopen where the pavements were wide enough, the Council had painted parking bays half on and half off the pavement, which had helped the parking situation. It was felt that this suggestion should be made to Steve Paget, Highways Inspector at the City Council as an option for Dinnington, and a request be made for a traffic survey given the number of complaints.	Cllr Wood./K. Hadfield
144.	Correspondence A letter of acknowledgement had been received from Northumbria in Bloom regarding the Parish Council's decision not to participate in 2019. A couple of queries had been received from the public regarding a new gate which had been erected at the end of Mitford Way blocking access to the field. The public had been advised that the path through the field was not a right of way and the public did therefore not have a right of access.	
145.	Planning Applications No planning applications had been received.	
146.	Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Wood reported that the consultant was working on the draft plan.	
147.	Updates	
147.1	Keepmoat Homes – Cllr Wood reported as follows:- Sales activity : Plots reserved 9 Plots exchanged 7 Legal completions 99 The scheme was currently expected to be finished next Autumn. Concern had been previously raised by a resident that the SUDS ponds did not have life belts stationed adjacent to them in case of emergency i.e. if they were full, and it had been mentioned at the last meeting that people had seen them at other similar sites. However, unlike some SUDS ponds which were designed to be an actual water feature, the SUDS basins at Dinnington had been designed to avoid standing water. This was due to the proximity of the airport and the need to prevent birds congregating around standing water in order to minimise the risk of bird strikes. On this basis there was no requirement for life belts. It had also been raised that the grass hadn't been cut yet on site, particularly on the roundabout. Keepmoat had contacted the Management Company (Kingston Property Services). The site had yet to be formally handed over to them, however they were initiating that process now. It would probably be handed over in two phases. The roundabout would definitely be included in the phase 1	

	<p>handover so maintenance should commence in the next few weeks. There were a few minor legal formalities that need to be concluded first.</p> <p>Regarding the query about the lack of litter bins on the estate and the question to the Parish Council about who supplied them and when they would be positioned on site, Cllr Wood reported that these would only be provided by Keepmoat if it was a planning requirement. In this case, there had been no such requirement. From Keepmoat's experience litter bins were usually provided by the local authority. Agreed that this be raised with the City Cllrs at the next meeting.</p> <p>Keepmoat had now carried out some tarmac patching to the roads and raised channel blocks in readiness to put down the final tarmac topcoat.</p>	K. Hadfield
147.2	<p>Persimmon Homes – there was not much to report this month as they had just started back after the Christmas break. The offsite traffic calming was now completed and they would be resurfacing the site access over the next week or so.</p> <p>They would be commencing the remaining plots within Phase A of the development and continuing to build with those plots under construction on Phase B. Twenty plots were now occupied.</p>	
147.3	<p>Bellway Development – all the properties were now complete. There were currently 69 properties occupied out of a total of 71, with 2 remaining for sale. The roads should be tidied up and ready for the final tarmac topcoat within the next couple of months. .</p>	
147.4	<p>Dinnington First School - Kier Construction – the children and staff had moved into the new building the previous Thursday.</p> <p>Kier had now gained access to the old school to carry out surveys. They had found a small amount of asbestos and were therefore obtaining the necessary permits to safely remove it. This would take approximately one month to organize, and therefore nothing would happen in the old school until this time. They would then remove the asbestos and commence the demolition, which would probably take about 2 months.</p> <p>The only remaining work after that was the construction of the new car parks where the original school had been, and to dig up the temporary car parks, finish off the playing fields and clear the site. This was due to be completed by September 2019, but it was likely that they would be finished before then.</p> <p>Kier reported that the mast from the airport had been removed, but that they were not involved and had not seen who removed it. Cllr Hitchenes advised that the school had put this in the hands of Kier to arrange with the Airport. It was agreed that Cllr Phelps would raise with the Airport.</p>	Cllr Phelps
147.5	<p>Village Hall The Village Hall Committee had fitted a Keysafe at the entrance to the MI to assist the library volunteers to gain access without the need to continually swap keys between them. On the MI refurbishment, the guttering and fascia boards were well underway, and the redecoration would be done just prior to the carpets being fitted. The Northumberland Theatre Company would be</p>	

	performing their annual production on Saturday night.	
147.6	Newsletter Nothing to report.	
147.7	Library Going ok at the moment, nothing to report.	
147.8	Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter Nothing to report.	
147.9	Allotments Nothing to report.	
147.10	Website This had been updated following the last meeting.	
147.11	Dinnington Surgery An email had been received from Ponteland Medical Group Patient Participation Group inviting involvement from the Parish Council. Cllr King had also advised that he had met with the CCG and would be meeting them again in January to discuss the lack of GP provision. To date, no further updates had been received by from the CCG by the Parish Council since they attended the October meeting, despite a recent chase up. It was agreed that Cllr Phelps contact the Chair of the Group to discuss representing the Parish Council on it, and the Clerk to chase up the CCG again for a progress report.	Cllr Phelps/K. Hadfield
148.	Reports An airport consultative meeting had been held but there were no matters to report back.	
149.	Financial Matters	
149.1	Members approved and authorised the signing of cheques in payment of invoices received and presented at the meeting:- <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>K. Hadfield TP Jones</div> <div>£201.86 £57.60</div> <div>200043 200044</div> </div>	K. Hadfield
150.	Items for Next Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Dinnington Surgery • S106/CIL Funding Checklist • Litterbins on new estate 	K. Hadfield
151.	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 7.00 pm.	
152.	Conclusion of Meeting The meeting closed at 9.05pm.	

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