Minutes of the meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 7.00 pm in Dinnington Memorial Institute

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

Councillor A. Lower, Newcastle City Councillor, accompanied by Mr A. Avaei

1 member of the public was present

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<td>Apologies for Absence</td>
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<td>Apologies were received from Cllrs Dowd and Oliver and from City Cllrs A. King and P. Lower.</td>
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<td>Declarations of Interest</td>
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<td>Members were reminded of the need to declare interests at relevant items.</td>
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<td>Police Issues</td>
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<td>There were no representatives from the Police present and no report had been submitted. The Clerk advised that she would contact the Police to see whether there was anything to report to members.</td>
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<td>Public Forum</td>
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<td>A member of the public raised a number of concerns:-</td>
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<td>• Proposed tip closure at Brunswick</td>
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<td>• Need for double yellow lines at the Bay Horse / North View corner to assist buses</td>
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<td>• Problems with inconsiderate parking at Oak Avenue from school drop-offs</td>
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<td>• Poor state of the old school building site</td>
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<td>With regard to the tip, Cllr Lower advised that the plan was for closure in 2021, though the City Council was reviewing the whole system of provision. The tip would close, but a different facility could be put in its place, and there had been some discussion about issuing permits with the council tax bills to prevent people from outside of the area coming in to use the facility. Members <strong>agreed</strong> that the tip was an essential facility to the area and asked that the Clerk write to the City Council to set out the PC’s objections to the proposed closure without a replacement facility being identified. On the other issues, Cllr Lower agreed to follow up the highways and parking matters, and Cllr Hitchenes would also raise at the next school governors’ meeting. The old school building site had already been raised with planning enforcement, including sending photos of the rubbish.</td>
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<td><strong>RESOLVED</strong> that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 January 2019 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</td>
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158. **Matters Arising**

- Minute 138 – Cllr Lower reported that the Council was now in dialogue with the owner of the property at Cochrane Terrace.
- Minute 141 – the disabled bays outside the shop had been requested.
- Minute 143.2 – Cllr Wood reported that he had been in contact with Gary Cooper and advised him to fill in the application form for a grant from Banks Community Fund, which he had said they would now do. He understood that three quotes were needed. It was suggested that Banks could probably assist with the application.
- Minute 143.3 – Cllr Wood reported that Steve Paget had advised him to contact Highways so he had emailed Sarah Gardner, NCC Highways with the PC’s concerns. She was going to set up a traffic monitoring survey on Main Road, opposite Brenkley Close in the next couple of weeks and would report back with the results of the survey, and to discuss matters further.
- Minute 147.1 – Keepmoat had advised that the City Council provided litterbins on the new estate. Cllr Lower confirmed that the estate had not yet been adopted by the City Council, but the policy was not to provide litterbins on new estates. If a litterbin could be provided, it was felt that the best location was near the Sheraton Park entrance.
- Minute 147.4 – the issue of the noise monitor had still not yet been resolved. A meeting between the school, Kier and airport representatives was scheduled for 4 March.
- 147.11 – Cllr Phelps reported that he had contacted the Chair of the Patient Participation Group and he was waiting for him to call back. Cllr Lower advised that she had an email to forward from Cllr King re the surgery.

Cllr Lower further reported that she had been contacted regarding the location of a signalised crossing 41m south east of Brenkley Close, which the Parish Council should have been consulted about. There was some uncertainty about the reason for this location, and about another crossing which had previously been discussed. Cllr Lower agreed to check what was happening and come back. Members stressed that their preferred option was for a controlled crossing at the T junction next to the shop and The Raj.

Cllr Lower

159. **S106/Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding**

Following the last meeting, some guidance on CIL funding had been sent by the City Council. This included the infrastructure items which the Parish Council could spend CIL funding on. It was noted that the Parish Council did not have General Power of Competence status which would enable spending on strategic infrastructure items such as roads or schools. However, CIL funding could be used for many other items, including litterbins, bus shelters and public seats.

The Chair suggested the relocation of the bus stop on Main Road could be a potential item. Cllr Lower advised that a new contract was about to start and she agreed to chase this up.

**Agreed** that the position be noted and considered again in due course.

Cllr Lower

160. **Litterbins on the Keepmoat Estate**

Dealt with under Minute No. 158 above.

161. **Northumberland Local Plan – Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19)**

Cllr Wood referred again to the need for the City Council to keep a strategic oversight of the cumulative impacts on highways and traffic from major developments, including those which could impact from Northumberland.
City Council had been written to about this in recent months but no reply had been received. It was agreed that the Clerk advise Cllr Lower who had been contacted so that she could take this up with the appropriate officer.

### 162. Members’ Items of Concern

**162.1 Cllr Hood** – the Johnson had still not been round the D on Ash Avenue. She also queried the extent of the local lettings policy following a query from a local resident whose rental property was to be sold by her landlord. Cllr Lower advised that she had already been in contact with this person to explain the position. The local lettings policy applied to Sheraton Park only.

**162.2 Cllr Dellow** –
- she had been informed by the City Council that if the inserts in the small blue bins became damaged they would not be replaced and all waste should go into the general waste.
- There was a lot of litter and broken tree branches/twigs on the Green.

**162.3 Cllr Porter** – a lady had had a fall recently at the cut where the tarmac path ended. Cllr Thompson had reported this area to the City Council without response to date. Cllr Wood commented that the paths should join up to Sycamore Ave. This had been raised early in the consultation for the school, with a reminder sent by the Chair as mentioned.

**162.4 Cllr Phelps** –
- The memorial plaque at Sheraton Park entrance had had a near miss recently when a car went through the wall. He asked if some protective bollards could be erected.
- The footpath from there down to the park was in a really bad condition. Cllr Wood replied that it was not adopted yet, but he made a note for future.
- He asked what the plans were for traffic calming along Cochrane Terrace. It was noted that this would be determined by the traffic survey to be carried out. However, a roundabout was not appropriate for the location.
- The sight lines were bad coming out of Sheraton Park looking south towards Kingston Park, probably because the hedge needed trimming. However, it was noted that hedges could only be trimmed at certain times of the year.

**162.5 Cllr Thompson** –
- He asked that the councillors’ declarations of interest forms be checked.
- He had raised a number of issues with Mr Delap at the City Council recently including:
  - the budget for the recreation field following promises about improvements.
  - a hard footpath from Sycamore Ave public footpath to join up with new Keepmoat footpath.
  - The broken boundary fence at the bottom of the recreation field.
  - Camps in the woods.
  - Broken tree branches lying around and lodged in the Hartley Burn and Keepmoat SUDS pond.
  - Blocked road gulley on Havannah corner.
  - Other general litter and polythene lying around.
- Mr Delap had previously suggested that the Parish Council meet with him to resolve the various issues but nothing had come of it.
Cllr Lower advised that there was no budget for parks, there was no requirement to have a boundary fence, the camps should be reported to Envirocall as fly tipping and the blocked gulley had been reported already. It was suggested that once Mr Delap had replied, then members could decide how to take matters forward.

163. **Correspondence**
A briefing for new councillors was being arranged by NALC for 3 June 2019 in Dinnington. A Castle Ward annual meeting was scheduled for 26 February at 6.30 pm.

164. **Planning Applications**
No planning applications had been received. The Chair reported that the Moorey Spot application was to go to Committee on 1 March 2019.

165. **Neighbourhood Plan**
Cllr Wood reported that the consultant was progressing with the draft plan. There would be some correspondence for the Sub Committee in a couple of weeks where some input was needed.

166. **Updates**

166.1 **Keepmoat Homes** – Cllr Wood reported as follows:-

Sales activity :

- Plots reserved 9
- Plots exchanged 9
- Legal completions 103

Contrary to what had been reported last month about cutting the grass on the roundabout, Keepmoat had to find the space on site to move their site setup to allow them to finish the last houses where their cabins were now. After much investigation and looking at alternatives, the only open space which could be utilised was on the large roundabout at the centre of the estate. They would therefore use this for their site setup until the work was completed. It would be correctly reinstated when they left the site. They had also had to close their temporary site entrance at the same time.

Work was continuing with raising the channel blocks and manhole frames in the roadways on site in readiness to put down the final tarmac topcoat in the near future. The scheme was currently expected to be finished next Autumn.

166.2 **Persimmon Homes** – Cllr Wood reported that Persimmon were close to handing over some more completed plots. Currently they had 16 occupied dwellings, with approximately 40 more under different phases of construction.

166.3 **Bellway Development** – Cllr Wood reported that Bellway were in the process of checking all of the drains on site, before they carried out the final topcoat of tarmac to the roads and footpaths. They were hoping to commence the work mid-March and hoped to be complete in 6 weeks.

166.4 **Dinnington First School - Kier Construction** – Kier were planning to commence the asbestos removal from the old School in mid-March and would follow straight on with its demolition. They had not found a lot of asbestos and should carry out the removal in 2 weeks, with the demolition taking about 4 to 5
weeks afterwards.

The only remaining works after that were the construction of the new car parks where the original school was, and to dig up the temporary car parks, finish off the playing fields and clear the site. They were due to complete all of the works by September 2019, but would probably be finished before then.

166.5 **Village Hall**
Northumberland Theatre Company had performed a really good production recently and the sponsors James Anthony Workwear Ltd, E Dixon & J Thompson, Challenge Northumberland Ltd and Masons Arms were thanked. The carpets were finished and a new outside light and smoke alarm had been fitted. A new yoga class was starting every Wednesday morning.

166.6 **Newsletter**
Nothing to report. Next issue would be around May.

166.7 **Library**
Going ok at the moment. No issues from the new keysafe system and some new books had been purchased.

166.8 **Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter**
A quote had been obtained by the Chair for a three tier planter and the representative was meeting with members on 5 March to show what was available. Cllr Dellow stressed that more regular volunteers were required simply to maintain existing planters, and that people should be actively encouraged to become involved, not just a call made for volunteers through the newsletter. Cllr Porter advised that the scout group would check the work needed on the seats and do any work that was needed.

166.9 **Allotments**
Nothing to report.

166.10 **Website**
Nothing to report.

166.11 **Dinnington Surgery**
Nothing further to report. Clerk to continue to seek update for next meeting

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167. **Reports**
Nothing of note to report.

168. **Financial Matters**

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

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169. **Items for Next Agenda**
- Celebration of Dinnington Parish Council Centenary
- Progress report on Dinnington surgery

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170. **Date of Next Meeting**
Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 7.00 pm.

171. **Conclusion of Meeting**
The meeting closed at 8.47pm.

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