Minutes of the meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 7.00 pm in Dinnington Memorial Institute

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

Councillor A. Lower, Newcastle City Councillor

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| 190. | Apologies for Absence  
Apologies were received from Cllr Dowd, and from City Cllrs A. King and P. Lower. |  |
| 191. | Declarations of Interest  
Members were reminded of the need to declare interests at relevant items. |  |
| 192. | Police Issues  
PCs Maddison and Parker were in attendance. There had been four crimes recorded in the past month, including thefts from the Keepmoat and Persimmon sites, harassment and assault. There had also been a report about a bogus official attempting to gain access to a property, though no offence had been committed. Other items reported:-  
- A number of vermin shoots in the previous month  
- Road flooding in April  
- Community speedwatch presence on 10 April  
- Arrest for drug driving on 14 April  
- Disorder issues with youngsters hanging around the sub station near Hartley Court. |  |
| 193. | Open Forum  
No members of the public were present. |  |
| 194. | Minutes of previous meeting  
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 March 2019 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. | K. Hadfield |
| 195. | Matters Arising  
- Minute No. 176 – Cllr Lower had chased up the bus stop issue again. The Council was currently changing its bus shelter contracts and members had been informed they could have one new shelter per year per ward.  
- Minute No. 176 – Cllr Wood advised that the Football Club’s first game was on 18 August 2019. Kier had confirmed that, as they would not be finished on site by then, they would hire a couple of offices so the pavilion could be returned to the Club’s use in time for their first home game. This plan would need to be agreed with the City Council and Cllr Lower agreed to liaise with officers on this so Kier could be given the proper authorisation to do that. Cllr Wood would continue to liaise between Kier and the Football Club on the | Cllr Lower/Wood |
situation.
- Minute No. 176 – Cllr Lower would liaise direct with Jeannie at Banks regarding the application for funding from the Football Club.
- Minute No. 177 – Cllr Porter advised that Miles Watson was to publish his book himself and this would be available to purchase from June at a cost of £7.50. This information would be included in the newsletter. Alan Proudlock was happy to help out with the display, though he may not have time to deliver a full display for the June Strawberry Fayre. It was suggested that the display could be incorporated into the June Fayre in the village hall, with a further, larger event held around the anniversary of the first ever meeting of the Parish Council in October. It was agreed that Alan would liaise with Cllr Thompson and Miles direct regarding collation of additional materials and that Cllr Lower would contact NCC regarding use of the display boards.
- Minute No. 180.3 – Cllr Wood reported that the light issue had now been resolved.
- Minute No. 180.5 – Cllr Lower confirmed that the bin collection day was Tuesday. NCC were awaiting a new collection lorry which should address the current capacity issues on Tuesday collections.

196. Celebration of Dinnington Parish Council Centenary
Discussed under previous item.

197. Members’ Items of Concern

197.1 Cllr Porter – Rob Docherty and Jennifer Brown from the Sheraton estate had begun putting large carrier bags on the path behind the pumping station at the bottom of the Recreation field and at the junction of the cut behind Pine Ave and the public footpath down to Seaton Burn for people to deposit their dog waste bags. These bags were now being used, and the residents were to be commended for being so proactive.

197.2 Cllr Dellow – the rubbish was still lying in the airport field. It was noted that the landowner had been instructed to remove it by the airport.

197.3 Cllr Phelps:
- the state of the play equipment in the park was very poor and residents had commented on it. However, it was noted that the CIL funding from the Bellway development would not be available for it until the estate was finished.
- The state of the road and footpaths on Mitford Way was of concern. Cllr Wood provided members with an update on the ongoing utility works. It was understood that where they had cut across Main Road a complete resurface of the road 3m either side of the cut would be required by NCC once the works were complete. Steve Pagett, NCC was monitoring progress to ensure everything was being done as it should.

197.4 Cllr Thompson:
- the road gullies adjacent to Havannah Nature Reserve had been reported but were still blocked. Cllr Lower would chase this up again but there was only one gully cleaner for the whole of the City.
- There was a lot of rubbish, including polythene from the Keepmoat site, lying in the recreation field and at the Hartley Burn Woods. Cllr Wood advised that he was aware of the woods issue and would chase up with Keepmoat on the other area. Cllr Porter commented that the fence was
broken at the west side of the recreation field. Cllr Lower agreed to investigate the possibility of rights of way funding to repair this.

198. **Correspondence**
- An email from Sarah Gardner regarding the recent traffic survey had been circulated to the PC. Cllr Lower advised that she could get the statistics and dates in respect of the results.
- The request for permission to metal detect raised at the last meeting had been pursued with NCC via Cllr Lower. NCC had agreed that this could be done on land owned by them “with caution”.
- Information had been circulated by the Clerk on the Northumberland and Newcastle Local Councillor Census, the A1 Scotswood to North Brunton Improvement Project and guidance on the community infrastructure levy from NALC.

199. **Planning Applications**

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200. **Neighbourhood Plan**
The consultant was continuing to progress the draft plan and members were gathering the material he requested for the list of Open Spaces which required protection, together with a list of Community facilities in a similar fashion.

201. **Updates**

201.1 **Keepmoat Homes** – Cllr Wood reported as follows:

**Sales Activity:**

- Plots sold: 111
- Plots exchanged: 7
- Plots reserved: 12

The scheme was still on target to be finished in September.

**Roundabout** - Keepmoat were using this only for temporary storage, on an as and when needed basis.

**Estate Roads** - the final wearing course had been laid to Rochester Place, Nicholson Close and part of Young Drive.

**Brick planter at the entrance to the village** - Keepmoat had given a very positive response to this request. They were just awaiting final approval from
their Contracts Manager. The PC would have to resolve any planning issues, and Cllr Wood would speak to Steve Pagett regarding planning and highways issues once approval had been given. Members discussed a potential location for this, and agreed it should be located at the left hand side of the road on entering the village, opposite Sheraton Park.

| 201.2 | **Persimmon Homes** – Cllr Wood reported that Persimmon now had 22 plots completed, with a further 10 plots reserved and 22 plots released for sale, with about 20 more plots under different phases of construction. They were currently working through the completed cul de sacs preparing for laying the final road surface. They were still to agree a date with their subcontractor to commence the piling works for the large detached houses opposite the White Swan. |
| 201.3 | **Bellway Development** – Cllr Wood reported that Bellway were still in the process of carrying out remedics to the kerbs and paths in readiness for carrying out the final topcoat of tarmac to the roads and footpaths. They hoped to be complete within 6 weeks. |
| 201.4 | **Dinnington First School - Kier Construction** – Kier had completed the asbestos removal from the old school and were about half way through the old school building demolition, which should be finished in a couple of weeks. They were due to commence constructing the new car park where the original school was around the third week in May. They would then dig up the temporary car parks, finish off the playing fields, construct the recreation ground car park / drop off point and clear the site. They were due to complete all of the works by September 2019. |
| 201.5 | **Village Hall** – Cllr Porter reported that some broken roof slates had been mended last weekend and the final remedial painting work in the passageway and external doors was being done the following day. This was due to faulty paint being used. |
| 201.6 | **Newsletter** - the WI would deliver the printed copies of their flyer for delivery with the newsletters on Friday 26 April. |
| 201.7 | **Library** Going ok at the moment. |
| 201.8 | **Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter** - a large 3 tier planter had now been ordered for use in the circular flower bed opposite the Post Office. Cllr Dellow reported that she had recruited three new volunteers. |
| 201.9 | **Allotments** Cllr Phelps advised that the rent allotment cheque had been posted. |
| 201.10 | **Website** Nothing to report. |
| 201.11 | **Dinnington Surgery** – Cllr Phelps reported that there was a meeting of the patient involvement group the following month and he would report back on what was happening. It was noted that GP services in Dinnington had not been mentioned in the recent Focus newsletter in connection with Cllr King’s work, but Cllr Lower reported that this was because Dinnington was covered by NT and Northumberland CCG, not Newcastle. Members felt that more explanation should be included in the newsletter so people could understand
the position better. It was felt that it was now time to raise the issue again with the Director of Public Health given the lack of response to date from the CCG since they had attended the PC meeting in October 2018. K. Hadfield/Cllr Wood

202. Reports
Cllr Phelps reported that a Government White Paper on aviation and airports had been issued and he had joined a sub group of the Airport Committee to help formulate a response.
The Chair had circulated a report from the last Banks Liaison Group meeting.
Cllr Wood reported that a Hartley Burn meeting had taken place on 26 March. A lot of initial work had been done on flood management and on keeping Big Waters clear, but now funding was needed to start implementing some of the schemes which had been identified.

203. Financial Matters
203.1 Members approved and authorised the signing of cheques in payment of invoices received and presented at the meeting:-

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203.2 Arrangements for Audit 2018-19
The unaudited statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for 2018-19 were circulated by the Clerk. These would now be submitted to the usual internal auditor and presented to the next meeting for approval. The intention was, with the PC’s agreement, to again submit an exemption from a limited assurance review to the external auditors on the basis that the PC’s total gross income and expenditure was below £25,000. The Clerk advised that the PC had been identified as one of the 5% sample of authorities chosen at random for an intermediate review. However, this did not prevent the Authority from submitting an exemption.
Agreed that the unaudited accounts, bank reconciliation and financial position be noted, and that an exemption from limited assurance review be sought by the Clerk. K. Hadfield

204. Items for Next Agenda
- Dinnington Surgery Update as main agenda item

K. Hadfield

205. Parish Council Co-options
The Chair reported that, following notification from the City Council, there were currently two vacant positions on the Parish Council. The PC could now give notice of the vacancies so potential new members could be invited to express an interest.

K. Hadfield/Chair

206. Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 15 May 2019 at 7.00 pm (Annual and Parish Meetings)

207. Conclusion of Meeting
The meeting closed at 8.25pm.