### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 May 2019 at 7.10 pm in Dinnington Memorial Institute


Councillor A. Lower, Newcastle City Councillor

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<th>Minute No.</th>
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| 1.         | Election of Chair  
RESOLVED that Councillor R. Thompson be elected Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year. | Councillor Thompson in the Chair |
| 2.         | Election of Vice Chair  
RESOLVED that Councillor M. Wood be elected Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year. | |
| 3.         | Election of Newcastle City Councillor to the Castle Ward  
The election of Councillor Ali Avaei to the Castle Ward was noted. | |
| 4.         | Apologies for Absence  
Cllr Hitchens, Cllrs King and Avaei (NCC). | |
| 5.         | Declarations of Interest  
Members were reminded of the need to declare interests at relevant items. | |
| 6.         | Appointments to Outside Bodies  
(a) Banks Liaison Committee (2) (J. Porter, R. Thompson)  
(b) Village Hall Management Committee (up to 4) (J. Porter, M. Wood, two vacancies).  
(c) Airport Consultative Committee (1) (S. Phelps, K. Oliver (sub))  
(d) Allotments (1) (J. Porter)  
(e) NALC (1) (S. Phelps)  
(f) Dinnington First School Governing Body (P. Hitchens). | |
| 7.         | Minutes of previous meeting  
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 April 2019 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair. | K. Hadfield |
| 8.         | Matters Arising  
- Minute No. 195 – Cllr Lower had chased up the bus stop issue and the City Council were now talking to Keepmoat.  
- Minute No.195 – Cllr Wood reported that the Football Club were now progressing their funding application to Banks and were seeking quotes. However, there had been an issue regarding the return of the |
pitch to the Club by NCC with the Council advising that they needed confirmation from Kier of the return of the building before they could offer it back to the Club for use. Members were very concerned about this and felt everything should be done that could be to support the Club to ensure its survival. Members did not want to see the loss of a long standing team and a refurbished changing pavilion in the recreation ground with no one to use it. It was agreed that Cllr Wood would speak to Kier to confirm a date for the hand back and Cllr Lower would speak to Su Cummings to ensure that the pressure was kept on.

- Minute No. 197.4 – Cllr Thompson reported that the gullies were still blocked. Cllr Lower was aware of this but there was only one gully cleaner.

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<td>9.1</td>
<td>Cllr Hood – the pavements were in a bad condition – many were very uneven and this was dangerous for those with mobility problems. Cars parking partly on the pavement were also affecting the kerbstones on the Trees estate roads. It was agreed that this should be reported to Envirocill.</td>
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<td>Cllr Dowd reported that she had been bitten by a dog whilst out delivering the newsletter. She had reported this to the Police.</td>
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<td>Cllr Dellow asked when the tarmacking of the road crossings would be finished between the Persimmon and the Bellway sites. It was already subsiding. It was agreed that Cllr Wood would raise this with Steve Paget.</td>
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<td>9.4</td>
<td>Cllr Wood reported that he had been contacted by residents of Cochrane Terrace regarding what they believed to be a new sump containing standing water in the school grounds behind their houses. This had turned out to be part of the new school's SUDs pond drainage system. On closer examination it appeared the detention pond behind Cochrane Terrace had been constructed incorrectly, as it should only have standing water in it after heavy rainfall conditions and should then empty over the next couple of days. The Site Manager would get his consultants to investigate and then report back.</td>
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<th>Dinnington Parish Council Centenary</th>
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<td>- Cllr Thompson reported that he had met with Miles Watson and Alan Proudlock. The display headings would be:-</td>
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<td>- Plans of Parish and Buildings</td>
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<td>- Archive material would be sought out from the Discovery Museum.</td>
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<td>- Alan had designed a couple of boards for the Strawberry Fayre event but this would depend on how much material would be available and ready for then.</td>
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<td>- Saturday 19 October 2019 10.00-4.00 pm was identified as a potential date for the main event. This would be called the Parish Council Centenary Celebration Event.</td>
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<td>- Banks needed to be approached for some photos and the event had been flagged up with the Chronicle.</td>
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Cllr Wood/Cllr Lower

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Cllr Wood
- It was **agreed** that Cllr Phelps would undertake some research on past Chairs, Cllrs and Clerks during the previous 100 years. It was suggested that it would be interesting to identify those associated with the Parish Council in the past who were related to current residents.

Cllr Phelps

11. **Village Gateway Planter**

Cllr Wood reported that Keepmoat had confirmed they would construct the planter free of charge, although there would be a fee of £200 to work on the highway. He had met with Steve Paget (NCC) on site and he had no objection in principal, subject to confirming legal ownership of the proposed location, which he was almost positive was on NCC Highways land. Since then, an email had been received from Bryan Mullen (NCC Highways) advising that they would not support the request, on the basis of three main objections:

- Access along grass verge. However, the verge was actually wider than the tarmac footpath on the other side of the road and only about 8 or 9m past the end of the footpath.

- Removing the planter if it was no longer required. However, the PC could guarantee to remove it.

- The “Welcome to Dinnington” sign. This could be removed.

After some discussion about the best way forward on this, Cllr Lower asked that the plans be sent to her so she could raise this with the appropriate senior officer at NCC.

Cllr Wood/Cllr Lower

12. **Response from the clinical commissioning group – GP and pharmacy services**

A response had now been received and had been circulated to members. Cllr Lower reported that she had recently met with the CCG, Heath Trust and associated representatives regarding the options. It was clear that planning for a new GP surgery had not taken into account the number of new build developments in the area, therefore a needs assessment was to be done of population and services. Ponteland Doctors needed proper premises and were putting a case together to secure funding. It was apparent that there was not enough GP capacity in the area given the ongoing developments and this had only become apparent through the work Cllr Aidan King had done. Progress now seemed to be being made.

Cllr Wood commented that the letter from the CCG ignored the issue that there was no public transport from Dinnington to Ponteland or Kingston Park, and all the distances given in their letter were as the crow flies, not true travel distances. Actions had been identified in the letter from the CCG, and he queried when they would have to report back on them. Cllr Lower advised that when Cllr King met with them again, someone from the Parish Council should be invited along so that the case could be put directly regarding the issues of concern – the lack of public transport to the areas mentioned, and the lack of GP presence in the village. Money was available from the developers which the CCG could access, but they would decide how this was spent unless the Parish Council exerted some influence on that.
13. **Correspondence**

No items had been received.

14. **Planning Applications**

(1) **2016/1700/02/DCC** | Submission of details of the design of the three replacement fireplaces to comply with condition 16 of planning permission 2016/1700/01/DET dated 25.09.2018 | Former Dinnington Youth Project Main Road Dinnington Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 7JW – **No comments**

(2) **2016/1702/02/LBC** | Listed Building Application: Submission of details of replacement windows, stonework details fireplace replacements to comply with conditions 4, 5 and 10 of planning permission 2016/1702/01/LBC dated 25.06.2018 | Former Dinnington Youth Project Main Road Dinnington Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 7JW – **No comments**

(3) **2-019/0573/01/DET** | Rearrangement of houses in north east corner of the site to accommodate 17 extra dwellings | Land east of Morley Hill Farm and west of Hazlerigg, Coach lane, Hazlerigg, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE13 7AS – **No comments**

15. **Neighbourhood Plan**

The consultant was continuing to progress the draft plan and members were in the process of providing the material he requested for the list of Open Spaces and Community facilities which required identifying in the plan for future protection.

16. **Updates**

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

- **Sales Activity:**
  - Plots sold: 114
  - Plots reserved: 12
  - Plots exchanged: 7

Regarding the litter - following a site walk around with Keepmoat to examine the amount of litter in and around the eastern end of the site, Keepmoat would be arranging for a one off thorough litter pick after completion of the SUDS ponds (a lot of the litter was not attributable to Keepmoat).

SUDS Ponds completion – Keepmoat were finishing off formation of the southern SUDS basin, following which the SUDS planting/landscaping works would be carried out and so the area should start to look better fairly soon.

16.2 **Persimmon Homes** – Cllr Wood reported they had approximately 22 no. occupied plots on site, 12 reservations and 19 plots released for sale. Persimmon did have further reservations, however some plots had temporarily fallen through due to breaks in the chains of sale.

Persimmon were still undertaking works in preparation for implementing the final surfacing of some of the roads and footpaths within the site. They had not yet agreed a start date for the piling on site.

16.3 **Bellway Development** – Cllr Wood reported Bellway had placed the tarmac to the footpaths on the estate. They were currently finishing off the footpath
on Front Street and should have the final tarmac coat on the roads within the next month.

16.4 **Dinnington First School - Kier Construction** – Kier had completed the demolition of the old school building, and would begin pulling up the old concrete floor slabs shortly. They would then commence constructing the new cark park and the new sprinkler tank. When the new car park was complete, they would dig up the temporary car parks. They would also carry out the construction of the recreation ground car park / drop off point in the school holidays and then clear the site. They were due to complete all of the works by September 2019.

16.5 **Village Hall** – Cllr Porter reported that a decision had been taken to replace the barge boards on the main building with UPVC ones to match the memorial hall. A further booking had been received for the European election.

16.6 **Newsletter** - these had been delivered including the leaflets promoting the WI and Parkinson's. The Parkinsons Walk leaflet had proved difficult to deal with due to its size. It was **agreed** that any further requests would need to adhere to size restrictions which could be easily accommodated.

16.7 **Library**
Going ok at the moment.

16.8 **Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter** - the large 3 tier planter for use in the circular flower bed opposite the Post Office had been delivered. It was noted that Ceri would need some notice about where exactly it was to be placed and how it would be stabilised. It was **agreed** that Cllr Wood would liaise with Ceri on this.

Cllr Wood

16.9 **Allotments**
Nothing to report

16.10 **Website**
Nothing to report.

16.11 **Dinnington Surgery** – dealt with under Minute No. 12.

17. **Reports**
Cllr Phelps reported that the Airport Sub Group had met to agree a response to the Government Green Paper on aviation strategy. The Green Paper talked about capping airport growth because of carbon emissions which would negatively affect local jobs.

18. **Financial Matters**

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

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18.2 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2018/19
RESOLVED that:-
(i) there were no issues from the internal auditor to note
(ii) the Annual Governance Statement be approved
(iii) the draft annual accounts for 2018/19 be approved
(iv) the Accounting Statement and Explanation of Variances be approved
(v) the Certification of Exemption be confirmed and approved.

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19. Items for Next Agenda
   • Presentation from Banks

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20. Meetings of the Parish Council 2019-20
    Agreed that the Parish Council meetings continue to take place on the third
    Wednesday of the month, apart from August when no meetings take place.

21. Date of Next Meeting
    Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 7.00 pm

22. Conclusion of Meeting
    The meeting closed at 8.42pm.

CHAIR………………………………………

DATE………………………………………