Minutes of the meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 7.00 pm in Dinnington Memorial Institute


Councillor A. Avaei, A. King, Newcastle City Councillors

Two members of the public were present

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<th>Agenda Item</th>
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<td>Apologies for Absence</td>
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<td>Cllr K. Oliver, Cllr A. Lower (NCC)</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 Report</td>
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<td>There had been a number of anti social behavior incidents recently. Issues around the entrance to the park seemed to have quietened down. A recent incident on social media had resulted in the person being identified and a youth caution being issued.</td>
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<td>Presentation from Banks</td>
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<td>Jeannie Kielty and Jill Lomax from Banks were present at the meeting to report on progress with the Kingston Village planning application. The main points of this were:-</td>
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<td>• The planning application had now been submitted and copies of the masterplan were circulated to members.</td>
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<td>• The site boundary remained the same.</td>
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<td>• The plan included provision for 100 half size allotments.</td>
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<td>• The road network now incorporated two new roundabouts - at the north and south sides of the site, which would reduce speeds, and a bus route would go through the site.</td>
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<td>• A three metre wide path for cycling and walking had been incorporated, and a “trim trail” which was an outdoor route going all around the perimeter of the site and through a new woodland area.</td>
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<td>• 900 houses were planned, 500 of which were granted up to 2030, and 400 more beyond that going up to 2035. These would range from 2 to 5 bedroom, would include 15 bungalows, and would be accommodated within four character areas.</td>
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<td>• The school development would be delivered as determined by City Council Planning.</td>
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<td>Members expressed concerns and comments on the following issues:-</td>
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- The potential effect of the cap on right to buy on sales which was coming in.
- The likely route to be taken by a large number of vehicles who wished to go north – it was unlikely that these would go south, to then turn north, they would simply take the shortest route. In response to this Jeannie advised that a transport assessment would predict traffic flows based on future road developments, including the A1 improvements. This could be shared with members. Also, options were being included to encourage people not to use their cars all of the time.
- There was a concern that Banks’ consultants would concentrate only on getting the application through planning and not take the holistic view of all developments in the area which was necessary. Jeannie advised that Banks did have to take into account other developments because of when their application had been submitted, and these could not be ignored. They did understand that the development would impact on Dinnington Parish, even though it was not located within the Parish.

The Chair thanked Jeannie and Jill for attending.

### 27. Dinnington Parish Council Centenary

Alan Proudlock was present for this item.

- The display had been divided into a number of themes as discussed at the last meeting. The main display later in the year would be grouped into decades and members were to ensure that all remaining information should be provided to Alan by September.
- It was suggested that a request could be made for additional material from local residents via the PC noticeboard.
- Miles’ book would not be ready as it had not been print ready when submitted to the printers. It was acknowledged that there was some overlap in material between the display and the book.
- The June event would be advertised at the venue the day before and members agreed to help out on the day where they could.

### 28. Minutes of previous meeting

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 May 2019 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

K. Hadfield

### 29. Matters Arising

- Minute No. 8 (Matters Arising), Councillor Wood advised members that the football team had obtained quotes for a fence, but had not progressed the grant further at the moment. They had been told the money would run out shortly and if they did not get on with their funding request soon there may be no money left in the fund. Jeannie advised that they could contact her direct and she would assist. Kier had confirmed they would vacate the pavilion by Fri 6 Sept so it would be available for the football team from Sat 7 Sept. They had agreed to confirm this in an email to Su Cummings and to him, but as yet he had not heard anything further.
- Minute No. 9.3 (Members Items of Concern), Councillor Wood had made contact with Steve Page who had advised that the situation be reported to Envirocall, which had now been done. He had explained...
it was better if it was done this way as they could levy an extra fine if necessary.

- Minute No.11 (Village Gateway Planter) – further to the discussion at the last meeting, the plans had now been forwarded to Cllr Anita Lower via email.

### 30. Purchase of Village Defibrillator

Members noted that there was funding available from within the ward budget for this, but the Parish Council would need to contribute £200. An appropriate location with an electrical supply was required, which needed to be approved by the Ambulance Service, and it was suggested that the post office might be the right place for this, assuming the proprietor gave permission. It was agreed that the contribution from the Parish Council be supported and that the Chair approach the proprietor in the first instance.

Cllr Thompson

### 31. Members' Items of Concern

#### 31.1 Cllr Hood – reported that grass cuttings were being left lying and that the hedge was very overgrown onto the public footpath at the top of Brenkley Close. Cllr Wood reported that a member of the public had complained he had slipped and fallen hurting his back on the grass cuttings from the recent cut in the village, during the very wet weather. Cllr King advised that the cutting schedule was delayed because of the poor weather.

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#### 31.2 Cllr Dellow – had received a letter of concern from a couple regarding a proposal from the City Council to open a footpath at The Crest in Dinnington Green, which she had given to the Chair. The footpath was shown as being closed on the Land Registry and on the deeds of the property. Cllr Thompson advised that the footpath had never actually been opened from the time of the estate being built and a fence erected, and the PC did not support any move to open it. He understood that the City Council was in the process of gathering evidence to support its opening as according to their records, it was a footpath. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the City Council advising that the Parish Council did not support any move to open the footpath as a right of way.

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#### 31.3 Cllr Phelps – reported that the footpath from the lonnen up over Toft Hill had been ploughed up by the farmer. He understood that a 1.5m strip was supposed to be left and that the field had not been cut as it was supposed to be. This needed to be looked at by a rights of way officer. The Chair advised that he had mentioned this to Dave McCourt but added that it did not need to be cut as long as it was passable. It was agreed that Dave McCourt and Simon Carey be contacted to advise that the path was not being maintained as it should.

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#### 31.4 Cllr Dowd – the “roundabout” in the Keepmoat estate was not being treated as a roundabout by cars giving way from the right and there were no signs. Members acknowledged that it was dangerous as not all drivers were treating it as such, but this had come about because the City Council had not wanted it to be an official roundabout, which would require upkeep of signage etc. Members asked that this be raised with the City Council again by one of the ward Councillors

Cllr King/Avaei

#### 31.5 Cllr Hitchenes – queried whether there was a plan to join up the footpath

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behind the new school from Sycamore Ave to the new path from the Keepmoat Estate as currently the two paths seemed to lead nowhere. The Chair advised that this issue had not been picked up by the City Council. The Ramblers Association had provided evidence of 20 years continual use to support a designation as a formal right of way from the Bridge to the end of Sycamore Avenue and there was funding available for work. He asked that the City Councillors follow this up with officers at NCC as no progress had been made so far.

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32. **Correspondence**  
An email had been received from a student at Newcastle University requesting assistance with his research from a member involved in the Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee. Cllr Phelps was to speak to him.

33. **Planning Applications**  
(1) 2019/0573/01/DET Proposal: Erection of 56 dwellings and associated infrastructure on existing Hazlerigg housing site (Amended Description)  
Location: Land East Of Morley Hill Farm And West Of Hazlerigg, Coach Lane, Hazlerigg, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE13 7AS **No comments**

(2) 2019/0744/01/DET | Erection of 15 dwellings (Substitution of house types for plots 38 to 42 and 45 to 52 and erection of 2 additional dwellings) | Land South Of Front Street West Of Dinnington Village Dinnington Newcastle upon Tyne **No comments**

34. **Neighbourhood Plan**  
Cllr Wood reported that the consultant was continuing to progress the draft plan and the draft information on Open Spaces, which required identification in the plan for future protection, had now been forwarded.

35. **Updates**

35.1 **Keepmoat Homes** – Cllr Wood reported as follows:--  
Plots sold 115  
Plots reserved 8  
Plots exchanged 10  
Last sale was currently forecast to complete in October 2019.

35.2 **Persimmon Homes** – Cllr Wood reported that Persimmon had 26 plots released for sale, 22 occupied plots on site and 13 plots reserved. By the beginning of July, around 10 of the reserved plots would be occupied.  
The piling works were still in the pipeline over the coming months, but a start date had not been agreed as yet.

35.3 **Bellway Development** – Cllr Wood reported that they had completed all of the work with the exception of the final tarmac topcoat to the roads. Planning was to finalise over the next month.
35.4 **Dinnington First School - Kier Construction** – Kier were working on the sprinkler tank and the new car park during the next month, probably placing tarmac at the end of July. When the new car park was complete, they would dig up the temporary car parks and carry out the construction of the recreation ground car park / drop off point in the school holidays, then clear the site.

Regarding the new school SUDS pond behind Cochrane Terrace, Kier had confirmed that the pond base levels were low and did in fact need bringing up. This would be done in the next couple of weeks. They are due to complete all of the works by September 2019.

35.5 **Village Hall** – Cllr Porter reported that another booking had been received for the police and crime commissioner election.

35.6 **Newsletter** - Nothing to report

35.7 **Library**
Going ok at the moment. A volunteers meeting had been held last night. Some more new books were to be ordered soon and a further coffee morning was planned.

35.8 **Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter** - the large 3 tier planter had now been sited and planted up. Due to weather conditions it was positioned between the stone planters adjacent the junction of Front Street and Main Road. Consideration would be given on whether to relocate it onto the circular bed opposite the Post Office later in the year.

35.9 **Allotments**
Nothing to report.

35.10 **Website**
Nothing to report.

35.11 **Dinnington Surgery** – Cllr Wood reported that he had received a telephone call from Dr Twelves on 7 June regarding health care provision for Dinnington Village and the surrounding new developments. Among the items covered were :-

- An explanation from Dr Twelves about the difficulties of funding for doctors under the present rules.
- Dr Twelves had asked why no money had come from Dinnington S106 payments. Cllr Wood had reminded him that Ponteland Doctors had refused any (although apparently there were caveats to what was offered at the time).
- They had discussed past proposals for possibly building a new surgery in the field next to the doctors, which seemed to still be of interest to him.
- They had briefly discussed the offer to build a new surgery at the Donkey Field site in the early stages, which eventually did not happen.
- Dr Twelves advised that he had a meeting that day with Catherine McKinnell and Cllr Wood had suggested that he urgently contact Cllr
Aidan King who was actively pursuing the issue. This had been done, and Cllr Wood had been copied into the email, which had been forwarded to the other members.

Cllr King reported to members as follows:-
- There would be around 20,000 people moving into the area, taking into account all of the various developments, which equated to 10-12 full time GPs. He had had many meetings with the CCG and as members were aware, the plan had been for a surgery on Great Park. However, this was now not going to happen.
- There was a good chance a service could be provided in Dinnington but the CCG first had to identify that there was a need for this service to be delivered. Dr Twelves had confirmed that he could deliver as much service as was needed, but had no role in provision of a building.
- The process was that first the CCG had to identify the need for the service, then the City Council could apply to developers for the funding to build, and then there would be negotiation regarding the location, but the Council had to first wait for the relevant document from the CCG. The CCG did not want to commit to a larger service provision, that was the issue.

36. Reports
None to report.

37. Financial Matters

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38. Items for Next Agenda
- Garden Competition

39. Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 7.00 pm

40. Conclusion of Meeting
The meeting closed at 9.10pm.