

Minutes of a remote meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 September 2020 at 7.00 pm

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

City Councillor: A. Lower, A. Avaei.

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
188.	Apologies for Absence Cllrs Hood and Oliver and Newcastle City Councillor King.	
189.	Declarations of Interest Members were reminded of the need to declare interests at relevant items.	
190.	Police Report A report from the Police had been circulated by the Clerk. 24 incidents had been reported in August, 18 of which were nothing of note or threat to the wider public. These included incomplete 999 calls, vermin shoot, pest control.	
	 Incidents included: a complaint of speeding on Cochrane Terrace, the Camera Enforcement had been sent to this location on two occasions. Vehicle obstruction on Havannah Crescent. Owner of vehicle spoken to regarding parking. Complaint regarding a driver on Prestwick Road, passing cyclists on the approach to a bend. 	
	There had been 10 incidents reported so far in September, 8 of which were nothing of note or threat to the wider public and included: movement of combine, vermin shoot, no request 999 call.	
	Incidents included an alarm activation at Steve Smith Shooting Ground and a complaint regarding a driver on Prestwick Road. The Chair asked Cllr Lower to raise an overhanging hedge at No.2 Brenkley Close with YHN which was forcing people to walk onto the road.	Cllr Lower
191.	Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 July 2020 be agreed as a true record.	Clerk
192.	 Matters Arising Minute No. 179 – a bottle of whiskey would be presented to Alan 	

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	 Proudlock as a token of appreciation Blocked gulleys which had been reported were still not cleared. Minute No.179 – gateway signs. This type of structure in the highway would not be supported by Newcastle City Council in any form and would have to be removed from the PC's list of projects. Minute No.180 – good progress had ben made with Northern Powergrid. A site inspection would be carried out and then a meeting held on site with the PC regarding a possible solution. Minute No.180 – the fence and tree had now been cleared away and residents were happy that the area be left as a wildlife haven. Minute No.181 – Cllr Lower would pass on the details of the Xmas trees when she got them. 	Cllr Thompson Cllr Lower
193.	Carr Gate Cottages It had been established that the PC was covered within the terms of its insurance policy for damage to the property caused by the trees. Members supported mitigation works for those trees within the Parish Council's control being undertaken at the PC's cost and that two quotes should be sought from qualified tree surgeons in accordance with the PC's standing orders. Agreed that quotes be sought as detailed above and Councillor Wood and the Clerk be authorised to award the work in light of the quotes received.	Cllr Wood/Clerk
194.	Christmas Lights 2020 Members felt that the quotes which had been received would consume a disproportionate amount of the PC's budget. It was suggested that a Xmas tree in the grounds of the village hall, or perhaps the church, would be a better and more secure solution and this should be explored further for this Xmas. Cllr Phelps reported that he had explored options for funding through the national lottery and other such charities, and for funding donations from local business and he could look at this again for future years if members agreed.	
195.	PARKING – POST OFFICE AND LAYBY at East View flats Cllr Lower was to investigate the possibility of a disabled bay at the Post Office and check the position with YHN regarding parking at East View Flats.	Cllr Lower
196.	Past Chairs Board Update The manufacturer had now returned to work but had had problems sourcing the materials due to the Covid situation. It was hoped that the board would be ready in October.	
197.	Newsletter A quote of £439 for delivery had been obtained by the Clerk. It was agreed that two further quotes should be sought. Material for the next newsletter would be needed for the October meeting.	Clerk/All
198.	Future Projects Cllrs Dowd and Phelps had discussed the provision of new play equipment with a supplier and had been quoted £37,000 for the provision	

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	of several items of play equipment to upgrade the park in the recreation ground. This could be funded from expected CIL funding from NCC and there were also other funding opportunities which could be investigated. Members noted that the land was owned by the City Council and they would therefore have to be consulted on and agreed whatever was planned. It was agreed that this be considered further at the next meeting, and Cllr Avaei raise the issue with the appropriate officer at NCC.	Clerk/Cllr Avaei
199.	Interactive Speed Sign Prestwick Road Members were in favour of an interactive speed sign and agreed that a price for both options (electric and solar powered) be sought from NCC. Cllr Phelps asked when the crossing outside the shop would be done. This would be raised with Cllr Avaei.	Clerk/Cllr Avaei
200.	Members Items of Concern Clir Dellow – reported that Mr Robin Greenup had painted all of the street signs on Dinnington Green recently with paint provided by Mr Dick Johnson. Members appreciated this community spirit and agreed that letters of thanks from the PC would be sent. Clir Dowd – asked when the roads would be adopted on Sheraton Park.	Clerk Cllr Wood
	Cllr Wood would take this up with the builder. Cllr Phelps – there had been a number of kids riding quad bikes and scrambling bikes in the park recently. This needed to be reported to the Police with descriptions where possible. There were also a number of overgrown hedges and rubbish dumped down Venture Bank. It was noted that this was a regular occurrence and was picked up quite quickly. The Chair reported that he had contacted Highways regarding the hedges who would be contacting the owners as they were responsible.	
	CIIr Hitchenes – the hedge on one of the properties at Church Close was very overgrown and forcing people in mobility scooters out onto the road. Also, NCC had done a very poor drain repair on Main Road and the tarmac which had been put down was now a trip hazard. Cllr Avaei would pick these issues up.	Cllr Avaei
201.	Neighbourhood Plan The consultant had forwarded Chapter 5, with Policies DNP1 - Local Green Spaces (LGS's) and DNP2 - Valued Community Facilities (VCF's) in August, which completed the bulk of the Draft information for the plan. The information in the draft was being reviewed by NCC and would require mapping details from NCC to complete it in due course.	
	There had been a meeting on site with the consultant to review some queries and have a walk around to look at some of the sites, and following this, another 2 areas in the green spaces had been identified which would be added.	
	Due to the covid-19 situation referendums would not be allowed until post May 2021.	
202.	Updates	
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Persimmon Homes -

78 plots were sold, 21 reserved and 36 plots released. Despite the current situation their sales are still going well.

Village Hall

The village hall was now Covid secure. Some groups had already returned, including the playgroup. A flexible approach was being taken and all requirements were being complied with.

Newsletter

Information for the Newsletter was needed for the next PC meeting so it could be finalised for the November meeting, ready to be printed and delivered, before Xmas.

Library

Currently closed due to Covid-19. They had carried out their own review of the rules incorporating the VH specific rules. They had also canvassed their volunteers to see how they felt about opening the library, but the general consensus was that it was too early and they had decided to remain closed for the time being.

Northumbria in Bloom 2020/Adopt a Planter

Competition for 2020 had been cancelled, due to Covid-19. The planters are still being maintained by the volunteers.

Allotments

No other matters to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

Doctors

Nothing to report

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The Banks Group now had £16,579 left in its grants funding.

There had been an Airport meeting on 1 September. As to be expected, passenger numbers were down on the same period last year and there would be effects on the workforce.

204. **Financial Matters** Invoices

Members approved payment of the following invoices presented at the		
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K. Hadfield	Salary Jul/Aug	436.80	200121
HMRC	PAYÉ	163.00	200120
Planning Adv	ice Plus NP	2,000.00	200122
K. Finney for Dinnington FC		2,039.00	200123
(Banks Fund	ing)		

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	The latest budget monitoring report which covered the period to 16 September 2020 was presented and noted by members. Rents owed to the PC were overdue and would be chased up. The allotments rent invoice for the next period would be issued at the end of September.	Clerk
205.	Items for the Next Agenda	
	Xmas Lights/Tree	
	 Carr Gate Cottages Update 	
	Play Park	
	Interactive Speed Sign Update	
206.	Date of Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 7.00 pm.	
207.	Conclusion of Meeting	
	The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.	

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