

Minutes of a remote meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7.00 pm

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

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
228.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr Hitchenes and Newcastle City Councillor Lower.	
229.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Members were reminded of the need to declare interests at relevant items.	
230.	<b>Police Report</b> A report from the Police had been circulated by the Clerk. There had been 14 incidents from 21 <sup>st</sup> October to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020, 13 were nothing of note or threat to the wider public. Incidents included vermin shoot and incomplete 999 calls  There had been a report on 30 October of trespassers on March Terrace. This had been a false alarm.  There had been 19 incidents from 1 <sup>st</sup> November to 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2020, 15 were nothing of note or threat to the wider public. Incidents included vermin shoot  There had been a number of complaints regarding youths setting off fireworks in the early part of November, and two reports of suspicious activity on West Acres and Havannah Crescent, which had been pursued with negative results.	
231.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 October 2020 be agreed as a true record.	Clerk
232.	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minute No.212 – the gulleys were still blocked.</li> <li>Minute No. 218 – the broken kerbstone hadn't been replaced yet and the broken speed sign had been reported through Envirocall. The Football Club had also been approached about the plastic bottles.</li> <li>There had been no response yet from Peter Boulton re the tree planting programme so this would be chased up.</li> <li>There had been further slippage on the works being completed at Sheraton Park. This was due to Keepmoat's sub-contractor being hugely under-resourced over the past few weeks due to a high number of personnel being off work with Covid 19 (either as a result of a positive test or having to self-isolate). Around 60 members of staff were absent and this was having a significant</li> </ul>	Clerk

	<p>impact across all of their work. On this basis it was likely to be early December before tarmac topping-off started at Dinnington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was reported that the gates had now been fitted in front of the Northern Powergrid substation at Hartley Court.</li> <li>Past Chairs' Board - the manufacturer was still very busy catching up on work he couldn't get on with during lockdown. It would now probably be late November / early December before it would be done.</li> </ul>	
<b>233.</b>	<p><b>Recreation Ground Play Equipment Upgrade</b></p> <p>Nothing further had been heard from Cllr Lower following the last meeting's discussion. This, and any other actions, would be followed up with the City Councillors by the Clerk.</p>	Clerk
<b>234.</b>	<p><b>Carr Gate Cottages</b></p> <p>The loss adjusters had been advised that a date had been pencilled in for 21 December 2020 for the works. This would be done by North East Tree Surgeons.</p>	
<b>235.</b>	<p><b>Christmas Tree and Lights 2020</b></p> <p>Tom Laidler had cleared it with the vicar that the PC could either put lights on an existing tree, or put its own tree in the churchyard. Members agreed that putting a tree at the front of the churchyard where it could be clearly seen was the best solution, and that battery powered lights which could be timed should be used. A similar set up was planned for outside the village hall, which would look very effective. Members <b>agreed</b> to spend £300 on the purchase of a tree and lights.</p>	Cllr Phelps and Cllr Porter
<b>236.</b>	<p><b>Interactive Speed Sign Update</b></p> <p>A response had now been received from Sarah Gardner. SSE had advised that they were unable to introduce an electricity supply to this location so the only available option would be a solar powered DFS. This would cost approximately £7,300, including installation and consultation. She cautioned that with a solar powered unit the surrounding vegetation could make it difficult for adequate power to be received, which could affect the operation and overall lifespan of the unit.</p> <p>Members felt this cost seemed high and the Chair agreed to approach Prestwick PC to see what theirs had cost. Members also felt that the location could be adjusted slightly to ensure a better position for the sun.</p>	Chair
<b>237.</b>	<p><b>Members Items of Concern</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Dellow:</b> a number of trees needed tidying up and pruning. This would be raised with Peter Boulton. The county boundary sign which was in a poor state of repair had been raised with Streetwise and she was hopeful of getting a replacement soon.</p> <p><b>Cllr Porter:</b> she had received a complaint about a campervan parked partially blocking the pavement in Castleway, which was difficult to get past. Cllr Wood would pick this up.</p> <p><b>Cllr Phelps:</b> reported some fly tipping in a field near the airport. He had asked the Airport to secure the forced open gate but nothing had been done. The Chair would raise this with the Airport. He had also been asked by a resident about having a mirror at an exit onto March Terrace. It was noted that this had been raised previously and it was suggested that the PC could perhaps pay for one, if more than one was felt to be necessary. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this issue with Sarah Gardner also.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wood</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p>

238.	<b>Correspondence</b> An email had been received asking if the PC could do anything next year about stipulating the use of silent fireworks given the amount of distress caused at this time of year to dogs and other animals. Members noted however that this was a national issue and that such action would require an Act of Parliament. It was <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk would write to Catherine McKinnell MP to make representations in support of this and that the resident should also be advised to do so.	Clerk
239.	<b>Planning Applications</b> None had been received.	
240.	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> The consultant had adapted Policy DNP1 - Local Green Spaces to include the additional 2 areas identified on the recent walk around. He had forwarded the draft plan information to Luke Waterstone, (NCC) for initial review and had had a productive Zoom call with him. NCC had agreed to carry out the mapping required for the Draft Plan.	
241.	<b>Updates</b> Cllr Wood reported as follows:-  <b>Persimmon Homes</b> – had now sold 87 plots, 20 were reserved and 29 plots currently for sale. They had commenced piling again on site for the next phase of their works, this should be completed within the next 2 - 3 weeks.  <b>Village Hall</b> – the play group had had to close until 30 November.  <b>Newsletter</b> – this was complete and ready to send to the printers  <b>Library</b> - currently closed due to Covid-19.  <b>Northumbria in Bloom 2020/Adopt a Planter</b> - nothing to report  <b>Website</b> - nothing to report  <b>Allotments</b> – nothing to report.  <b>Doctors</b> - nothing to report	
242.	<b>Reports</b> Cllr Wood reported that a meeting had been held with the police and YHN at the cut between Cochrane Terrace and Elm Ave next to the substation. Car owners had been identified from their number plates and contacted and if they were not removed then it would be left with YHN to get rid of them. Two garages were left on the site and the owners had been identified also. This information would be passed to YHN who would ensure that they were kept in good repair. East View flats - a meeting had been held with the police and YHN on site and it was felt that the layby could be used as parking for the flats. YHN were to discuss with Nexus whether this would be possible. The new disabled bay next to the post office would not be legally enforceable but would provide an additional much needed space. Cllr Phelps reported that the airport had a new airline starting flights to Madrid, the Balearics and Alicante.	

	Cllr Wood reported that he and the Chair had met with Mark McKelvey, Land Director at Bellway Homes plus Hannah Maynard and Robert Jauneika both of H & H their Land Agents to agree what hedge cutting would take place on the Lonnen to the West of Dinnington Green, which Bellways are the land owners and between the new Bellway Estate and the Allotments. They agreed to cut the hedge on the West side of the Lonnen. They also agreed to cut the allotments hedge on the Bellway estate side, but the allotments would need to do their own side. Bellway also agreed to provide details of current land ownership of the Lonnen as some plots had been sold over the years. Robert Jauneika of H & H coincidentally is the land agent for the field on the west side of the road north of the village towards the vicarage and would write to the tenant asking them to cut the hedge adjacent the footpath down to the old vicarage.													
243.	<b>Financial Matters</b>													
243.1	<b>Invoices</b> Members approved payment of the following invoices presented at the meeting:- <table><tr><td>K. Hadfield</td><td>Salary Oct</td><td>£233.63</td><td>200130</td></tr><tr><td>PKF Littlejohn</td><td>Audit fee</td><td>£240.00</td><td>200131</td></tr><tr><td>J. Grey</td><td>Plants</td><td>£15.37</td><td>200132</td></tr></table> Rental income of £108.20 had been received.	K. Hadfield	Salary Oct	£233.63	200130	PKF Littlejohn	Audit fee	£240.00	200131	J. Grey	Plants	£15.37	200132	
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243.2	<b>Conclusion of Audit 2019-20</b> Members endorsed the conclusion of audit documents for 2019-20. No concerns had been raised and there were no matters arising from the audit review.													
244.	<b>Items for the Next Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parish Councillor Co-Option</li><li>• Xmas Lights/Tree</li><li>• Carr Gate Cottages Update</li><li>• Play Park</li><li>• Interactive Speed Sign Update</li></ul>													
245.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 7.00 pm.													
246.	<b>Conclusion of Meeting</b> The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.													

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