

Minutes of a remote meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 7.00 pm

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

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
267.	Apologies for Absence Newcastle City Councillors Avaei, King and Lower.	
268.	Declarations of Interest Cllr Thompson declared an interest in item 12 on the agenda (Correspondence – letter from the Planning Inspectorate regarding Footpath No 4 Parish of Brunswick and FP No.6 Parish of Dinnington).	
269.	Welcome to New Parish Councillor Members welcomed Cllr Gordon Clark to his first meeting. Cllr Clark would be an asset to the Parish Council.	
270.	Police Report A report from the Police had been circulated by the Clerk. From 15th December there had been 10 incidents, all incidents were nothing of note or threat to the wider public. These incidents included vermin/duck shoot and a diesel spillage on Prestwick Road. Within the month of January there had been 13 incidents, 8 incidents were nothing of note or threat to the wider public. These incidents included Covid19 reports/information, vehicles passing cyclists in close proximity, and an alarm activation at the shooting ground.	
271.	Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 December 2020 be agreed as a true record.	Clerk
272.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair reported that he had chased up the broken kerbstone and gulleys with Envirocall. Cllr Wood reported that the ground clearance work had begun and there was only one car left to move in the area next to the substation. It would be finished once this was moved. The Xmas lights competition winners had now received their prizes. The winners had been 4 Havannah Place, with 2 Rochester Place and 11 Bracken Close the runners up. 	Clerk

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new village sign (Minute No. 257) would be pursued with Cllr Lower. The topping off tarmac works at Sheraton Park were complete and only the white lines were left to paint. Cllr Wood had had further discussions with Jimmy Jewers about the past Chairs' Board and it was felt that it would be extremely difficult to take the order elsewhere in the current coronavirus situation. He recommended things were just left as they were until the national position improved, which members agreed. A response had been received from Simon Carey regarding the footpath to Toft Hill. There was no funding within the current financial year to do anything but members agreed to raise this again in the new financial year. The Clerk would circulate the breakdown of the budget line figures agreed at the last meeting. 	Clerk
273.	<p>Village Projects Members agreed on the following projects:-</p> <p>Additional grass cuts</p> <p>Speed signs on Prestwick Road</p> <p>New public seat on roadside adjacent Quarry Cottage on Front street, plus 1 more at another location in the village.</p> <p>Rotten timbers to be repaired on existing seats in "Queen Elizabeth II Field"</p> <p>Tree replacement and maintenance programme.</p> <p>A new village map.</p> <p>Additional litterbins</p> <p>Light and footpath improvements at the bus stop opposite the Keepmoat site</p> <p>Additional Parking bays in the village on main road adj Horton Crescent</p> <p>New play park equipment in recreation ground</p> <p>Additional footpath in recreation ground, between Sycamore Ave and Sheraton Park adjacent to the school</p> <p>Additional drainage to Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments</p> <p>Bus Shelter outside Hartley Court</p>	
274.	<p>Recreation Ground Play Equipment Upgrade Nothing further to report at this stage. It was agreed that an update would be sought from Cllr Lower.</p>	Clerk

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275.	<p>Interactive Speed Sign</p> <p>Members agreed that the order should be placed with the City Council, once the detail of the maintenance contract had been established.</p> <p>Members agreed the location as being on the road from Prestwick just beyond the stables on the left hand side.</p> <p>The Chair advised that he had chased up the broken speed sign with Envirocall and asked the Clerk to raise this again with Sarah Gardner.</p>	Clerk
276.	<p>Members Items of Concern</p> <p>Cllr Dellow – reported that she had received a complaint regarding the state of the old school field. This was in the ownership of YHN. It was agreed that this be pursued with Cllr Lower for action. The trees Cllr Dellow had raised at the last meeting had been flagged up with Peter Boulton but he hadn't yet responded to Cllr Dellow. Cllr Dellow would contact him.</p> <p>Cllr Hitchenes – reported that the full length of path from behind Sycamore Avenue onto Cochrane Terrace was dangerous and needed to be completely re-laid. Also, the entrance road into East and West Acres, particularly the section from the main road to the farm gates, was in a very poor condition. He would report these matters via Envirocall.</p> <p>Cllr Wood – a third signatory on the PC's bank account was needed as ex-Cllr Hood needed to be removed, and he proposed that Cllr Porter be added. Also, he proposed that online banking be investigated. These were both agreed.</p> <p>He also reported that the Public Footpath fingerpost sign was missing opposite Venture Farm cottage, which signed the public footpath up to Gardner's Farm House and on towards Blagdon Hall. He would action this via Envirocall.</p> <p>Cllr Phelps – the seats on the bowling green needed to be repaired.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Hitchenes</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wood</p>
277.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Cllr Thompson took no part in this item and Cllr Wood took the Chair.</p> <p>A letter had been received from the Planning Inspectorate which gave notice that the Newcastle City Council (Parish of Brunswick Footpath No. 4 and Parish of Dinnington Footpath No.6) Diversion Order 2018 had been passed to the Secretary of State for determination. Consideration of the Order would take the form of exchanges on statements of case and comments on statements of case. Though the consultation period for objections had now passed, comments could be made by 9 February 2021.</p> <p>Cllr Wood provided members with details on the relevant issues and members supported the proposed diversion, as long as a bridleway link could be established between Coach Lane and Sandy Lane.</p> <p>It was agreed that a response be made to the Planning Inspectorate as follows:-</p> <p><i>The Parish Council does not object to the footpath diversion and would like it to go ahead as soon as possible. The Parish Council does believe, however, that there is merit in upgrading the route from H to I to 3m width at the outset, as this would allow it to be upgraded to a Bridleway for</i></p>	

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	<i>cycles and horses in future, if a suitable link could be connected from H into the new housing estate (currently under construction). This would allow a bridleway link to be established via the new estate roads and pathways between Sandy Lane and Coach Lane in future. The Parish Council would also like confirmation that disabled access has been taken into consideration in the footpath diversion.</i>																									
278.	Planning Applications None had been received.																									
279.	Neighbourhood Plan Newcastle City Council were working on producing the required maps for the NP.																									
280.	Updates Cllr Wood reported as follows:- Persimmon Homes – had sold 98 plots, 12 were reserved and 31 plots were currently for sale. Village Hall – the playgroup had reopened after the Xmas holidays. Newsletter – the spares had been sent to the Chair. Library – the library was currently closed. Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter – if the PC wanted to enter this year then photographs had to be submitted in lieu of site judging. Allotments – nothing to report. Website – nothing to report, it was up to date. Dinnington Surgery – there may be an update for the next meeting from the developer.																									
281.	Reports There were no matters to report. The agenda for NCC’s Standards Committee had been circulated to members for information.																									
282.	Financial Matters																									
282.1	Invoices Members approved payment of the following invoices presented at the meeting:- <table><tr><td>S. Phelps</td><td>Tree Lights</td><td>£21.98</td><td>200139</td></tr><tr><td>NE Tree Surgery</td><td>Tree felling</td><td>£690.00</td><td>200140</td></tr><tr><td>R. Thompson</td><td>Xmas lights prizes</td><td>£200.00</td><td>200141</td></tr><tr><td>K. Hadfield</td><td>Dec Salary & exp</td><td>£235.16</td><td>200142</td></tr><tr><td>TP Jones</td><td>Payroll</td><td>£57.60</td><td>200143</td></tr><tr><td>RBL</td><td>Poppy Appeal</td><td>£20.00</td><td>200144</td></tr></table>	S. Phelps	Tree Lights	£21.98	200139	NE Tree Surgery	Tree felling	£690.00	200140	R. Thompson	Xmas lights prizes	£200.00	200141	K. Hadfield	Dec Salary & exp	£235.16	200142	TP Jones	Payroll	£57.60	200143	RBL	Poppy Appeal	£20.00	200144	
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283.	Items for the February Agenda																									

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village projects to be a standing item • Playground Update Items for March Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath at Toft Hill 	Clerk
284.	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 7.00 pm.	
285.	Conclusion of Meeting The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.	

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