

Minutes of a Meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 7.00 pm

Members Present: Cllrs A. Dellow, P. Hitchenes, G. McKenna, S. Phelps, J. Porter, R. Thompson, M. Wood.

Cllr A. Avaei, T. Champion, H. Laverick (Newcastle City Council)

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
146.	Declarations of Interest The Chair reminded members to declare any interests as they arose.	
147.	Police Report No police report had been received this month. Cllr Laverick would email the Clerk with the link to the Police website where local crime data could be accessed.	Cllr Laverick
148.	Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 January 2022 be agreed as a true record.	Clerk
149.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hedge at the entrance to East Acres was now very overgrown. Cllr Laverick would action this with the agent and then get back to Cllr Hitchenes. The Chair reported that the hedge from North Mason Lodge also needed trimming. The fence had blown down at the school footpath. Cllr Laverick would chase this up. The footpath at Ash Avenue had been reported by Cllr Laverick. NCC had advised that 30 mph repeater signs were not lawfully permitted within a 30 mph area where there were street lights. The caravan had now been moved. The remembrance wreath had been found and would be cleaned and stored for next year. 	Cllr Laverick Cllr Laverick
150.	HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event The Church would be holding its annual fayre on Saturday 4 June and other village organisations would be invited to take part. This should be able to be confirmed by the April meeting. Cllr Laverick had been asked to follow up funding opportunities with NCC.	

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151.	<p>Village Projects</p> <p>Electronic Traffic Speed signs in the Village NCC had confirmed that they were intending to replace the obsolete speed sign adjacent to 1 Cochrane Terrace but were awaiting replacement costs and internal approvals before a date could be confirmed. James Cowen (NCC Planning) was chasing up the ones to the east of the access roads to the new housing developments with Highways and would advise the PC of timescales for Bellway installing these in due course. Members considered the possible addition of a further speed sign near the Old Vicarage, as requested by the residents. However, it was felt that there could be a number of worthwhile locations for this, and it was agreed that NCC be asked to identify a suitable location as part of the safety assessment they were undertaking. Cllr Laverick was reminded to report back on the Speedwatch training. Cllr Dellow asked if members could be given an update on S106 funding expenditure. It was noted that all village projects came from this funding pot.</p> <p>Anita Lower dedication seat The seat has been delivered to NCC and installation was expected in the next couple of weeks. As NCC had no money to replace the damaged one at the junction of Main Road and Sandy Lane, members agreed that a price should be sought for the PC to replace it.</p> <p>Tree replacement and maintenance programme Cllr McKenna had the survey in progress on where further trees may be required.</p> <p>A new village map All the information was now in to proceed with this but as the Persimmon estate was close to being completed members agreed to wait and get the latest up to date map, before proceeding.</p> <p>Additional litterbins Awaiting bin survey of the whole NCC area, before this would be resolved. Use of the two new bins purchased by the PC would be monitored to ensure that they were located in the most effective place. If not, they would be relocated.</p> <p>Money towards New play park equipment in recreation ground, an additional footpath in recreation ground, between Sycamore Ave and Sheraton Park adjacent to the school NCC was proceeding with design meetings and costing for the new play park equipment. NCC would fill in the potholes in the main track through the park, erect the dog fouling signs and provide the 2 additional bins, hopefully within the next month.</p> <p>Members discussed the fence at the east end of the recreation ground. After some discussion, it was agreed to not replace the fence.</p>	<p>Cllr Laverick</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wood</p>
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	<p>Development of field adjacent to the allotments known as the Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments</p> <p>Cllr Porter reported that a new secretary had been elected to the Allotments Association and the gate had been purchased and hung recently.</p> <p>Cllr Wood reported that Allison Macleod (NCC) had negotiated a much reduced quote from Northumbria University to carry out the site investigation work. Work could start on 26 Feb and 6 Mar if the Parish Council approved it. PC members were welcome to attend on site to talk to the students involved to supply background information etc. Advice was also being sought from NCC regarding site drainage. Allison had been advised that the field had been both ploughed and a hay crop taken off for a considerable number of years without any drainage issues, and she had been asked to proceed on the assumption that no site drainage would be required.</p> <p>Allison had now produced NCC Allotment design & management fees up to RIBA stage 2 and an outline programme. This totalled £5,3245 (£2,365 NCC) for preparation & briefing works, concept design, Topographical survey, Preliminary Environmental appraisal and Ecological data record search. This work would take up to April 22. The programme moving forward would be to obtain planning permission between June and Aug, with design and procurement taking place between Aug and Oct, then actual work during November and December. NCC total fees would be £8,850. This plan of works was agreed.</p> <p>Possible additional grass cuts If the need arose.</p> <p>Improvements to Footpath down to Big Waters A further site meeting had been held with Allison Macleod and Matt Storey, covering the western end of the route.</p> <p>Allison has now begun contacting the local landowners whose fields were involved, and NWL had been contacted to get their input into their requirements on the shared access sections down to the pumping station.</p> <p>Allison was in discussion with NCC structural dept to see if they could come up with a cheaper scheme to widen the bridge, utilising the current structure and foundations which were solid. She was also getting quotes for a typical £price / m for an updated path.</p>	
152.	<p>Updates</p> <p>Persimmon Homes - had 12 plots for sale, 4 plots reserved and 152 plots completed / occupied.</p> <p>Village Hall – things were still busy with a new yoga class starting soon. The Brownies were also back.</p>	

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	<p>Newsletter – the plan was still to do three editions going forward. It was noted that East and West Acres had not received theirs last time.</p> <p>Library - Nothing to report</p> <p>Northumbria in Bloom/Adopt a Planter - Nothing to report.</p> <p>Dinnington Surgery – Cllr Wood had attended a Teams meeting with Northumbria Health and Argon Health, as they were now in a position to resurrect planning discussions for the new doctors’ building. Nothing in principle had changed since before covid.</p> <p>The new building would initially be a satellite of the Ponteland Doctors, but the intention was to make it a full standalone practice in due course.</p> <p>The estimated programme was to obtain planning permission in the next couple of months and complete the works by end of 2023. The new doctors’ surgery would be constructed immediately behind the current building, and when complete decant from the current building into the new, and then demolish the old building, level the area and construct a car park and entrance at the front.</p> <p>Northumberland CCG were now in place to provide the funding, so there was now no need for any additional developments to be constructed on the old playing field site next door to provide additional funding.</p> <p>Argon Health were working on a Project Initiation Document (PID) to submit to Northumberland CCG to obtain the final go-ahead. They had asked the PC to provide them a letter setting out support for the project to submit as part of their PID.</p> <p>Members welcomed the update and agreed that a letter of support be sent.</p>	Clerk						
153.	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>Members approved payment of the following invoice presented at the meeting:-</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>K. Hadfield</td><td>Salary (Jan 2022)</td><td>16.02.22</td><td>£170.03</td><td>200193</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>It was noted that members needed to be aware of ongoing maintenance costs arising from the litterbins and clear accounting kept for S106 funding expenditure. This was in hand.</p>	K. Hadfield	Salary (Jan 2022)	16.02.22	£170.03	200193		
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154.	<p>Members Items of Concern</p> <p>Cllr Dellow – the pavement outside the shop to the bus stop and around the post office was in very poor condition. Cllr Laverick would raise this with Highways.</p>	Cllr Laverick						

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	<p>Cllr Porter – the fence was down along the back of Pine down to Beech. This was a YHN boundary fence. She also asked about the dementia bungalows which were not being occupied. Cllr Laverick would chase these matters up.</p> <p>She also asked that apologies be submitted to the Airport Consultative Committee if the member could not attend the meeting. It was noted that a replacement substitute member needed to be appointed. This could be done at the next PC meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Mckenna – reported that the road surface on March Terrace was very bad particularly on one side of the chicane. Cllr Campion advised that there was currently a £186m backlog of road maintenance repairs sitting with the City Council. Matters were reported but were taking a very long time to get done.</p> <p>Cllr Phelps – the fences were down at Hartley Court. The Head of YHN had acknowledged there was a backlog of repairs due to the storms.</p> <p>Cllr Hitchenes – had been approached about the brightness of the speed sign which meant that the figures could not actually be read. Cllr Wood would discuss with NCC whether the brightness level could be adjusted. He also had concerns expressed about the speed of vehicles driving up Mitford Way.</p> <p>Cllr Wood - the Hartley Court fence bordering the recreation ground car park had been damaged by a tree blown down by storm Arwen at the end of November 2021, and was still down laying on the grass adjacent to the tree. This had been reported by a resident requesting the PC help to get the fence reinstated by YHN.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson – the old Parish newsletters had been sent to Newcastle Archives, Dinnington Community Library and spare copies stored in the Parish filing cabinet.</p>	<p>Cllr Laverick</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wood</p> <p>Cllr Laverick</p>
155.	<p>City Councillors' Report</p> <p>Cllr Avaei – a meeting was due to take place on 9 March regarding the appeal for Dinnington Pharmacy. However, it was noted that the appeal would take place the following day.</p> <p>Cllr Campion – Dinnington Primary was exploring the potential of school streets. This was in the early stages of development but was in effect a temporary closure to prevent parents dropping schoolchildren off right at the school gates. He also reported that there were potential changes to bus timetables on the way.</p>	
156.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The consultant had updated the NP to bring it up to date in readiness for the PC to go back to the community for final consultation. The Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan (final draft) had been sent to all the PC members, so it could be formally approved at the meeting. The NCC completed screening report had also been sent for information.</p>	

	<p>The PC needed to agree a date for the consultation and to consider sending around a formal invitation to the community to the final consultation event. NCC were to provide a statutory consultee list for inclusion in this.</p> <p>Agreed that the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan (final draft) be approved for consultation.</p>	
157.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>None to consider.</p>	
158.	<p>Reports</p> <p>None to consider.</p>	
159.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None to consider.</p>	
160.	<p>Items for March Agenda</p> <p>Christmas Trees 2022</p> <p>HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>Substitute member for Airport Consultative Committee</p> <p>Budget Monitoring</p>	
161.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 16 March 2022</p>	
162.	<p>Conclusion of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.</p>	

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