

Minutes of a meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 21 December 2022 at 6.30 pm

Members Present: Cllrs A. Dellow, P. Hitchenes, S. Phelps, J. Porter, R. Thompson, J. Toward-Wright, M. Wood

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

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
115.	Apologies for Absence Cllr McKenna.	
116.	Declarations of Interest The Chair reminded members to declare any interests as they arose.	
117.	Police Report As agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner expressing the concerns raised at the meeting regarding the data on the crimerate website and had received a response. The PCC would pursue this should the PC wish. However, the Police had indicated they would attend the January meeting and this would provide the opportunity to do that direct.	
118.	Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 November 2022 be agreed as a true record.	
119.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hedge at 23 Sycamore Ave had had a good prune. • There was no update from NCC yet regarding woodburning stoves. The same properties who had caused an issue last winter were doing it again so she would report the matter again. She would send on the information she had re the material which could be safely burned. • The pavements on Ash Avenue had been reported by Cllr Laverick last time but it was noted that defects had to be quite severe before any action would be taken by NCC. 	Cllr Laverick
120.	Christmas Trees Nothing to report.	
121.	Village Projects Tree replacement and maintenance programme Following a joint walk around since the last meeting, NCC had finalised the positions of new trees to be planted in the village. This was based on the information the PC sent them earlier in the year of preferred locations. The locations had had to be checked against existing underground services,	

lighting columns and highways to ensure they were not obstructing sight lines at junctions etc.

A drawing had been circulated to the PC members showing the new tree locations and members confirmed they were happy with the proposed locations. This was also subject to final approval from the North East Community Forest Team, who were paying for them. The price included 3 years' maintenance. It was expected that they would be planted in February if approved by NECF.

There had also been 4 trees planted on the green at Havannah Crescent. These had been approved by NECF earlier and were indicated on the second drawing sent to members.

A new village map

Awaiting Persimmon completion, before proceeding.

Additional litterbins

Awaiting feedback from Cllr Laverick / Your Local Services about whether additional bins could now be requested from NCC, before this could be resolved. An email had been received from a resident requesting a bin beside the seat on the corner of Prestwick Carr Road and the Carr single track lane. However, members noted that the overall position on bins remained unresolved by NCC and it was not clear when this would change. However, the Chair had raised it at a recent meeting with the NCC Chief Executive and Parish Council Chairs.

Members supported the provision of a new bin at the Sycamore Ave entrance to the park now that the path was completed. This had not been part of the overall bin replacement programme.

Possible additional grass cuts

If the need arose.

Turn the area of the Old School Field remaining after construction of the Doctors into a small simple park.

NCC properties had been sent an email with the PC's request and preferences for what work the PC would like to carry out in the park. Nothing back from NCC yet, a follow up email had been sent.

Chicanes at the South and North entrances to the village and reducing the speed limit to 20mph on Main Road.

NCC would work up a basic design and a budget estimate and would then come back to the PC with some details so that a way forward could be agreed. As yet, nothing had come back from NCC.

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 had completed the path from the school gate to Sycamore Ave entrance. NCC were pricing up the installation costs for the play equipment and were expecting to have these back by mid-January.

Improvements to Footpath down to Big Waters

No progress

Electronic Traffic Speed signs in the Village

	New signs on Front Street on the North side of the road - no progress, still delays in manufacturing.	
122.	<p>Updates Persimmon Homes - They had 183 plots completed with a further 5 plots completing in the next few days. There were 6 reservations and 9 plots who had exchanged contracts. This meant that they were very nearly finished.</p> <p>Village Hall – nothing further had been heard from the Dogs Trust. The Northumberland Theatre Company production would take place on 13 January 2023.</p> <p>Newsletter - the Newsletter had been delivered. Cllr Toward Wright had received an email from a resident asking about more pro-active updates. There was some discussion about the appropriateness of Facebook as a way of communicating with the local community. Members remained of the view that it was not a reliable form of communication with residents as there was no control over the feed and it was easy for comments to be made without full possession of the facts, leading to miscommunication. Members felt that the best way for residents to be involved was to come to meetings, and to read the minutes on the Parish Council website. Many residents emailed direct, which was also welcome. A lot of work went into the newsletter and its content was agreed by the PC as a whole. Feedback on its content had also been sought from residents.</p> <p>Library - Nothing to report</p> <p>Development of field adjacent to the allotments known as the Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments - the work is progressing with the Planning Application and the Design and Access Statement. The Planning Application had slipped a little bit, with submission now likely mid-January.</p> <p>Allison had forwarded the next section of the fee drawdown to progress the works for the PC's approval. The amounts were £2,736 for RIBA Stage 3 and £1,521 for the planning fee. This was not for the PC to pay, but approval was sought to progress the work. It was agreed that the work should be progressed as planned.</p> <p>Website - the section on the Police contact had been amended.</p> <p>Dinnington Surgery - the design and planning work was progressing with the programme being to obtain planning permission in the next few months and hopefully complete the works by summer 2024. The consultation on the pharmacy had finished on 30 November. A decision had not yet been issued but no objections were expected.</p>	
123.	<p>Bus Services Cllr Campion reported that another public meeting was being organised by North Tyneside Council and was being extended to the wider area. He had had some encouraging discussions with Arriva regarding the improved accuracy of the App so that situation was improving. Whilst there were still some service cancellations, these were significantly fewer than they had been. Arriva had hired some temporary agency staff to plug the gap until sufficient new permanent drivers had been trained.</p>	

	<p>Nexus and Transport North East were discussing protected routes and efforts were being made to identify a route to the three local villages from the city centre as a protected route. This status meant that Nexus would have to pick up this service if Arriva dropped out.</p> <p>Regarding the 342 service, Nexus were maintaining the argument that it was too expensive to bring it into the villages. He would however keep the pressure on.</p> <p>When the new rules came in in the Spring, Transport North East would have a much greater role in how services were operated and there would be a lot of change.</p> <p>Members felt that even a loop through the village and back out to the city centre through Kingston Park would be a big help and there was enough time within the routes to build that in. Cllr Campion agreed to take that forward in his discussions.</p>	Cllr Campion																																													
124.1	<p>Financial Matters The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="236 770 1209 1473"> <tr> <td>K. Hadfield</td> <td>Salary (Nov 2022)</td> <td>21.12.22</td> <td>£282.80</td> <td>200238</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M. Wood</td> <td>Xmas trees and lights</td> <td>21.12.22</td> <td>£419.95</td> <td>200239</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE (Sept-Nov)</td> <td>21.12.22</td> <td>£426.00</td> <td>200240</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Porter</td> <td>Xmas lights</td> <td>21.12.22</td> <td>£28.00</td> <td>200241</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L&S Printers</td> <td>Newsletter</td> <td>21.12.22</td> <td>£240.00</td> <td>200242</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Thompson</td> <td>Xmas tree lights competition and members allowances</td> <td>21.12.22</td> <td>£400.00</td> <td>200243</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ROAM</td> <td>Newsletter distribution</td> <td>21.12.22</td> <td>£300.00</td> <td>BACS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S. Phelps</td> <td>Refund for airport meeting parking</td> <td>21.12.22</td> <td>£4.00</td> <td>200244</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	K. Hadfield	Salary (Nov 2022)	21.12.22	£282.80	200238	M. Wood	Xmas trees and lights	21.12.22	£419.95	200239	HMRC	PAYE (Sept-Nov)	21.12.22	£426.00	200240	J. Porter	Xmas lights	21.12.22	£28.00	200241	L&S Printers	Newsletter	21.12.22	£240.00	200242	R. Thompson	Xmas tree lights competition and members allowances	21.12.22	£400.00	200243	ROAM	Newsletter distribution	21.12.22	£300.00	BACS	S. Phelps	Refund for airport meeting parking	21.12.22	£4.00	200244						
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124.2	<p>Precept Requirement for 2023-24 It was agreed that the precept be set at £12,600 again for 2023-24. It was expected that spending would exceed that this year but any excess would be taken from accumulated balances (excluding CIL funding).</p>																																														
125.	<p>Members Items of Concern Cllr Toward Wright – she was to contact the dog warden regarding dog fouling on the school field. Also, she would report the fence materials which had been left following the footpath works as fly tipping and the road surface defects on the Horton Grange Road. Cllr Wood would request an additional bin at the East entrance of the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Cllr Phelps – the paths needed to be gritted during the winter months at the bungalows on Horton Crescent. Cllr Campion would action this. He had reported the sinkhole which was getting bigger. Cllr Campion</p>	<p>Cllr Toward Wright</p> <p>Cllr Wood</p> <p>Cllr Campion</p>																																													

	<p>recommended that the city councillors were copied in to any reports as it sometimes speeded things up.</p> <p>Cllr Hitchenes – the path from the school behind Sycamore Avenue was dangerous as it was at all different heights. It didn't get swept, so the height differences could not be seen.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson – The road gulleys were badly in need of sweeping and the trees had not been trimmed at Havannah.</p>	Cllr Laverick
126.	<p>City Councillors' Report Cllr Campion reported that preparations were underway for the Newcastle City Council budget meeting. It was expected that the council tax would rise significantly. Discussions were ongoing with the Boundary Commission regarding the revised proposals for Parliamentary constituencies as part of the 2023 Review. New boundaries were likely from 2026 and the City Councillors had submitted a response objecting to a proposal for a new constituency which would encompass Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside authorities. The City Councillors had also been looking at a workplan to get more visible policing on the streets.</p>	
127.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan NCC had provided the updated maps and the outstanding information to allow the PC to complete the Basic Conditions Statement and finalise the documents. The consultant had since completed the Submission version of the NP, together with the Basic Conditions statement and the Consultation Statement.</p> <p>The documents had been circulated to the PC members and members agreed that these be approved for official submission to NCC for them to take over the process early in the New Year.</p>	
128.	<p>Planning Applications (1) 2019/0666/01/OUT at Land to the west of Brunton Lane, North of Brunton Bridge and east of Sunnyside, Newcastle Upon Tyne – members agreed that a comment should be submitted expressing the view that the proposed road infrastructure was not sufficient to support the housing developments involved and that the existing road from the proposed North site entrance down to Brunton Bridge should be straightened.</p>	Clerk
129.	<p>Reports Cllr Phelps reported that the first phase of the solar farm was almost complete and should be ready by the end of February. A mock emergency exercise had been carried out recently. There were some extra routes planned for the summer and lots of tree planting had been done.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson reported back on a recent meeting with the City Council Chief Executive, the Chair of NALC and the other City Parish Council Chairs. A lot of issues had been discussed and he would share the summary of the discussion with all councillors.</p>	Cllr Thompson
130.	Correspondence	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As discussed in Minute No. 121, a request had been received for a litterbin but the Parish Council could not request any from the City Council at the current time. An email had been received suggesting the Parish Council apply to the Woodland Trust for some sapling trees which were available but it was noted that the PC were to receive a number of established trees working in partnership with the City Council. However, this could be considered again in future. An email had been received regarding works to highway / national cycle network between Dinnington and Ponteland. Sustrans were working with Newcastle City Council to investigate the possibility of improving a section of National Cycle Network (NCN) route 10 between Dinnington and Ponteland. It was agreed that this should be supported. An email had been received regarding an overgrown hedge/dilapidated fence blocking the footpath from Cochrane Terrace to the school gates. This had been reported by the resident online but the Clerk would forward his email to Cllr Campion direct. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
131.	<p>Items for January Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implications of new voter identification laws 	
132.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 6.30 pm.</p>	

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The meeting finished at 8.30 pm.