

Minutes of a meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 6.30 pm

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

Cllr A. Avaei (Newcastle City Council)

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
164.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllrs Campion and Laverick (NCC).	
165.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> The Chair reminded members to declare any interests as they arose.	
166.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 February 2023 be agreed as a true record.	
167.	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Avaei reported that there had been no update yet from Cllr Campion regarding the Carr Road. However, he could confirm that the pedestrian crossing mooted for outside the shop was not happening. The Chair confirmed that the Post Office was now open Mon-Fri.</li> <li>• Cllr Hitchenes again raised the matter of the litterbin programme. This was a regular complaint and the Parish Council had been asking for an update on this for several months. The Chair reported that Hazlerigg had had a response on this from NCC now.</li> <li>• Cllr Toward Wright had still not had a response to her reported items. The ticket for the potholes on the Horton Grange Road had been closed with no action.</li> <li>• Cllr Wood had spoken to Noel Hanlon regarding the litter left on the recreation field and he was going to address this with the Football Club.</li> <li>• VAS Signs – Cllr Wood reported that the one on Main Road was not programmed to only operate at certain hours. However, it did not react to speeds below about 28 mph. Data from the speed sign on Prestwick Road would be forwarded shortly.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Avaei</p> <p>Cllr Avaei</p>
168.	<b>Planters</b> The Chair reported that he had moved the planter from outside the doctors. This was full of bulbs and he would look after it until the pharmacy was up and running before replacing it. Ceri had cleaned up the planters but some volunteers would be needed going forward, and it was agreed that this would go on the next agenda. Cllr Porter had identified some potential volunteers.	Clerk

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169.	<p><b>Coronation Event</b> Cllr Avaei reported that the City Council may have some funding which could be made towards an event and an application could be made for funding from the ward budget. He would investigate this further. This would be put on the agenda again for the next meeting.</p>	Cllr Avaei Clerk
170.	<p><b>Elections May 2023</b> The briefing pack from the City Council had been circulated to members.</p>	
171.	<p><b>Village Projects</b></p> <p><b>Tree replacement and maintenance programme</b> 17 new trees had been planted around the village, the one at Church Close could not be installed.</p> <p><b>A new village map</b> It had been agreed that the new map should be deferred until the GP surgery had been built and then a more detailed map be sourced, so this item would be removed from the list for the time being.</p> <p><b>Additional litterbins</b> Still awaiting feedback from Cllr Laverick / Your Local Services about whether additional bins could now be requested from NCC, before this could be resolved.</p> <p><b>Possible additional grass cuts</b> If the need arises.</p> <p><b>Turn the area of the Old School Field remaining after construction of the Doctors into a small simple park.</b> Although agreed in principle by NCC, this could not proceed much further until the Doctors' land purchase had been finalised.</p> <p><b>Speed Reduction to 20mph on Main Road</b> The initial design and budget from NCC for a traffic calming scheme for the village was delayed due to lack of available staff to work on it. It would probably not now be available for another month or so.</p> <p><b>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</b> NCC were currently liaising with NWL to agree the spec and surfacing depth over site sewer. Discussions were progressing with NCC Highways to get detail design drawings to them by May, with works then programmed for a June start. There was a scheme being removed from another site in Newcastle and it may be possible to reuse the bow top fencing to save some costs.</p> <p><b>Improvements to Footpath down to Big Waters</b> The survey work was complete, proposal options drawn up and priced. Work was currently on hold, due to lack of resources. A new landscape architect was starting with NCC on the 12<sup>th</sup> April which would greatly help resourcing issues.</p>	

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	<p><b>Electronic Traffic Speed signs in the Village</b> New signs on Front Street on the North side of the road - One sign had been delivered and hopefully would be installed before the end of the month.</p>																
172.	<p><b>Updates</b></p> <p><b>Persimmon Homes</b> - They had 190 plots completed, 3 plots for sale and 9 plots reserved / exchanged. They were now almost complete.</p> <p><b>Village Hall</b> – another music group had started that day and were meeting in the memorial hall, which was now being used by a lot of groups. The election was booked for 4 May.</p> <p><b>Allotments</b> – it was expected that a hay crop could be cut this year because of the planning application delays.</p> <p><b>Newsletter</b> – potential items for the next edition were discussed. This included material for the village hall centenary event, the success of the warm zone initiative, the Scouts 90<sup>th</sup> birthday event and the front garden competition.</p> <p><b>Library</b> - they were holding a meeting later this week to discuss their plans for their 10 year celebration event.</p> <p><b>Development of field adjacent to the allotments known as the Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments</b> - Work had been on hold due to NCC needing to prioritise city wide tree planting. This had now slipped a further month, with the aim to submit for planning at the end of April.</p> <p><b>Website</b> - Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Dinnington Surgery</b> - Argon Health had advised NCC planning that they were still progressing the design and in particular the access, and would be in a position to submit a pre-application 'very soon'. Cllr Avaei reported that the shopfitters would be in the pharmacy in April.</p>																
173.	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> When Argon Health submitted their Pre App, then the Parish Council would be able to make the decision on whether to withdraw the plan or not.</p>																
174.	<p><b>Financial Matters</b> The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>K. Hadfield</td> <td>Salary (Feb 2023)</td> <td>15.03.23</td> <td>£191.98</td> <td>200249</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Municipal</td> <td>Insurance Policy</td> <td>15.03.23</td> <td>£522.91</td> <td>200250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE (Dec-Feb)</td> <td>15.03.23</td> <td>£443.60</td> <td>200251</td> </tr> </table> <p>The budget monitoring report up to year end had been circulated.</p>	K. Hadfield	Salary (Feb 2023)	15.03.23	£191.98	200249	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Policy	15.03.23	£522.91	200250	HMRC	PAYE (Dec-Feb)	15.03.23	£443.60	200251	
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	It was <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk be added as a further signatory to the Parish Council's bank accounts. This would enable online banking to be accessed.	
175.	<p><b>Members Items of Concern</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Toward Wright reported that the swings had been removed.</li> <li>• Cllr Dellow had received a report from a resident that the dog bins on the Persimmon estate were overflowing but it was noted that this was still the responsibility of the developer.</li> <li>• Cllr Porter reported a broken public footpath sign next to Quarry Cottages – this would be reported to NCC by the Clerk.</li> <li>• Cllr Phelps reported potholes at the entrance to Horton Crescent. He had also chased the previously reported potholes without success and he asked Cllr Avaei to pursue this. The speed sign on March Terrace also needed to be adjusted due to it twisting with recent high winds.</li> <li>• Cllr Hitchenes – the hedge at Moorey Spot Farm was very overgrown and affecting visibility on the main road, but the Chair advised that under the stewardship scheme, farmers were being encouraged to let hedges grow at this time of year for birdnesting.</li> <li>• Cllr McKenna reported that residents who backed onto the football pitch appeared to be throwing unwanted items over the fence. Cllr Wood would raise this with Parks.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Avaei</p> <p>Cllr Wood</p>
176.	<p><b>Newcastle City Councillors' Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Avaei would invite the local dog warden to attend the next meeting.</li> <li>• Woodburning – Newcastle City area was a smokeless zone so most materials could be reported as a nuisance. Cllr Avaei would re-report the current matters.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Avaei</p> <p>Cllr Avaei</p>
177.	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><b>(1) Planning Appeal at Little Marsfen, Horton Grange Road, Dinnington, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 7AA – No comments</b></p> <p><b>(2) 2023/0360/01/HOU</b> Erection of two storey extension with terrace to rear – 2, Moorey Spot Cottages Prestwick Road, Dinnington, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 7AQ – <b>No comments</b></p>	
178.	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair had chased up the outcome of the meeting with NCC Chief Executive with NALC.</li> <li>• Cllr Phelps reported on two meetings at the airport. The solar farm was now active and producing electricity. The 30 mph speed restriction may come down in the near future as they progressed to Phase two.</li> </ul>	
179.	<p><b>Items for March Meeting</b></p> <p>Coronation Event</p> <p>Planters</p>	
180.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday 19 April 2023 at <b>6.30 pm</b></p>	

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The meeting finished at 8.15 pm.

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