

Minutes of a meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 6.30 pm

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

Cllr T. Champion (Newcastle City Council)  
 One member of the public

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
181.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllrs Toward Wright, Avaei, and Laverick (NCC).	
182.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> The Chair reminded members to declare any interests as they arose.	
183.	<b>Police Report</b> A written report had been submitted by the Police. Since the last meeting there had been 8 crimes reported. 6 of these were classed as violence, 1 was a vehicle crime and 1 was listed as 'other'. These all occurred within private dwellings and did not suggest any crime trends or hotspot areas. However, it was not clear which area the crimes related to.  The Speedwatch training for Cllr McKenna would be followed up with the Police. It was suggested that the handheld camera should be deployed on Main Road.  A member reported that a resident had had someone at their door purporting to be a police officer. This had been reported to the Police and was being taken seriously.	
184.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 March 2023 be agreed as a true record.	
185.	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Champion reported that the Executive Director for Local Services had been requested to undertake a site visit so that the problems regarding lack of litterbins and other local issues could be considered. This would not be until after the election. Parish Cllrs could also be involved in this.</li> <li>• A large number of potholes had been done or were on the workplan to be done in the next few weeks.</li> <li>• The fly tipping on the Carr Road should have been cleared away but there was no scope for any camera monitoring. Officers would be sent out every few weeks.</li> <li>• The footpath sign had not been put back in place. This would be chased up with NCC.</li> </ul>	Clerk

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data for the VAS had been received recently, unfortunately the dates were not displaying correctly, which they were trying to resolve, but data for the last year was available from 1 DFS. 80% of the traffic was passing between 20 - 30 mph and less than 10% was above this. There had been 360,000 vehicles along Prestwick Road over the course of the year.</li> <li>• Rubbish on the football field – Cllr Wood had visited with NCC and they had agreed to remove the rubbish.</li> </ul>	
186.	<p><b>Planters</b> The one at the Doctors surgery entrance would be put back in due course. Cllr Porter reported that she had three volunteers to water the three tier planter and a resident had agreed to plant it up. There would be a charge for this, which members accepted. Tracy would still do the corner planter behind The Raj and the one behind the bus shelter could be grassed over, if it proved difficult to continue to maintain.</p>	
187.	<p><b>Coronation Event</b> It was noted that there were a number of street events planned and the Club also had an event arranged.</p>	
188.	<p><b>Village Projects</b></p> <p><b>Tree replacement and maintenance programme</b> The dead tree on the left hand side of the road coming in from Kingston Park had been replaced free of charge by NCC.</p> <p><b>A new village map</b> Deferred until the GP surgery has been built and then a more detailed map sourced.</p> <p><b>Additional litterbins</b> Awaiting feedback from Cllr Avaei / 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>Consider reducing the speed limit 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</b> Construction Plans and internal finance transfer being organised internally within NCC for the erection of the new play equipment to enable a start on site in June. The NCC Recreation team were visiting the school again on 5 May to bring them up to date with the finalised approved plans.</p>	

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	<p>The existing swings were removed due to safety concerns over the state of the safety rubberised flooring beneath them.</p> <p><b>Improvements to Footpath down to Big Waters</b> The survey work was complete, proposal options drawn up and priced. Work currently on hold, due to lack of resources. The new landscape architect had started at NCC, which would hopefully allow this to go forward.</p> <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 soon. However, a new dedicated pole was required to mount the DFS on and this needed installing first, before the sign could be installed.</p>	
189.	<p><b>Open Forum</b> A resident raised the issue of dog fouling on the football field and recreation ground and</p>	
190.	<p><b>Updates</b> <b>Persimmon Homes-</b> They had 193 plots completed, 4 plots for sale, 7 plots reserved and 2 exchanged. They were now almost complete.</p> <p><b>Village Hall</b> – there had been no new groups lately but a shout had gone out for memorial photos of the village hall centenary event.</p> <p><b>Allotments</b> – there had been a couple of complaints about progress with the new allotments. Cllr Wood explained that it was expected that the planning application would go in at the end of this week.</p> <p><b>Newsletter</b> - Almost complete ready to be sent to the printers.</p> <p><b>Library</b> - The volunteers planned to hold a celebration evening on Saturday 23rd September at 7pm in the MI. All were welcome. There would be free tickets available for collection in the Library from the start of September. Members were asked to keep an eye out for their posters and flyers for more information.</p> <p><b>Development of field adjacent to the allotments known as the Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments</b> - Progressing planning application with aim to have submitted by the end of this week.</p> <p><b>Website</b> - Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Dinnington Surgery</b> - Argon Health had advised that they have almost completed the design and in particular the access and would be in a position to submit a pre-application in the next couple of weeks. The fit out of the pharmacy was almost complete and was awaiting final inspection. It should be open end May/early June.</p>	
191.	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> When Argon Health submitted their Pre App, the PC would be able to make the decision on whether to withdraw the plan or not. The plan was temporarily on hold until after the May elections. Cllr Wood advised that the delays and rework to resolve the doctors' issue would involve another</p>	

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	additional fee from the consultant and he recommended that the PC should budget on £1000 for this work. This was <b>agreed</b> .																
<b>192.</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p>The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>K. Hadfield</td> <td>Salary (Mar 2023)</td> <td>19.04.23</td> <td>£191.98</td> <td>200252</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TP Jones</td> <td>Payroll</td> <td>19.04.23</td> <td>£63.40</td> <td>200253</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NALC</td> <td>Subscription</td> <td>19.04.23</td> <td>£409.75</td> <td>200254</td> </tr> </table>	K. Hadfield	Salary (Mar 2023)	19.04.23	£191.98	200252	TP Jones	Payroll	19.04.23	£63.40	200253	NALC	Subscription	19.04.23	£409.75	200254	
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<b>193.</b>	<p><b>Members Items of Concern</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Dellow asked about a tree for Bracken Close. Cllr Wood advised that this could not be put in because there was a tree stump there but work was in hand to get it removed.</li> <li>• Cllr Porter reported that she had concerns from a resident regarding the removal of two trees on the corner opposite North Mason Lodge entrance due to ash dieback. There had been no consultation which was concerning. Cllr Wood would ask if this area could be added to the next planting schedule.</li> <li>• Cllr McKenna raised Footpath Route 10 as being almost impassable at times and asked who maintained it. The Chair advised that this was not part of the national cycle route but was a permissive path he was trying to get incorporated back into the countryside stewardship scheme. Cllr Wood advised that Sustrans were surveying the whole area.</li> <li>• Cllr McKenna also reported that his wife had reported the number of HGVs through the village to Catherine McKinnell. A survey was to be done which would potentially stop HGVs through the village. Construction traffic for the new developments would also be monitored and the MP would get back in touch when the survey was complete.</li> <li>• Cllr Phelps reported that the Prestwick road from the 60mph limit to the Northumberland boundary was in an atrocious condition and water pooled very badly on the corner, creating a safety hazard. He understood that when the Persimmon estate was finished that the road would be re-laid up to March Terrace. Cllr Wood replied that the PC would know when that point was reached as a further tranche of CIL funding would be released.</li> <li>• Cllr Hitchenes reported that the shop was for sale again.</li> <li>• The Chair reported that the signed minutes in the filing cabinet were from 2004-2015. The City Archives preferred digital records to be transferred. The transfer would be raised with Archives.</li> </ul>	Clerk															
<b>194.</b>	<p><b>Newcastle City Councillors' Items</b></p> <p>Cllr Champion reported that there had been no City Council meeting since March but normal work continued, including on the protected bus route. The City Council were starting the process on the new Local Plan and the Local Government Boundary Commission were coming in to review the City again.</p>																
<b>195.</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><b>(1) 2023/0483/01/LDC</b> Site Location: Annexe at Marsfen Horton Grange Road, Dinnington, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 7AA Proposal: Lawful</p>																

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	Development Certificate for existing use as dwelling, outbuildings, hard standing and fences (Class C3) – <b>object on the grounds that the application is within the green belt.</b>	Clerk
196.	<b>Items for May Meeting</b> Cllr Thompson advised that he would not be standing for election as Chair or Vice Chair at the annual meeting in May. He paid tribute to Cllr Audrey Dellow who had not stood for re-election as a parish cllr and who had given 12 years of dedicated service to the Parish. Members asked the Clerk to review the salary scale.	Clerk
197.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Wednesday 17 May 2023 at <b>6.30 pm</b>	

CHAIR.....

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The meeting finished at 8.20 pm.

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