

Minutes of a meeting of Dinnington Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 January 2023 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 and T. Champion, (Newcastle City Council)

Two members of the public were present

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
133.	Apologies for Absence Cllrs McKenna and Laverick (NCC).	
134.	Declarations of Interest The Chair reminded members to declare any interests as they arose.	
135.	Open Forum Dr P. Croney was present at the meeting and had contacted the PC about the following issues:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lack of a waste bin on Prestwick Carr Road at the corner/intersection of the Carr Road with Prestwick Carr Road. • The need for a 30mph speed limit on the Prestwick Carr Road. She had been in correspondence with the City Council about this. • Fly tipping on the road from Dinnington to Horton Grange. <p>Cllr Champion asked Dr Croney to send on the information which she had sent to the PC and would escalate the issues for her to see if anything could be done. He would also pursue the possibility of “fly-tippers will be prosecuted” signs if Dr Croney could make suggestions as to locations.</p> <p>Regarding the 30 mph speed limit which was asked for, this had been raised by the PC with the City Council on previous occasions but the data they had did not justify a reduction in speed limit. There had been no accidents.</p>	Cllr Champion
136.	Police Report PCSOs Paul Mood and Vickie Brown were present. They reported that there had been very little activity recently – two incidents of anti-social behaviour and one vehicle crime.	
	<p>Members highlighted their concerns regarding the presentation of the local data on the crimerate website, where the PC had been directed to to access information. There was no context provided to the overall report and it gave the impression that no crimes were being solved. It would help if the neighbourhood police could provide some background to what was happening so that councillors could report back to the community. Even if the Police could not attend every meeting, an update by email to the Clerk would help.</p>	

	<p>PCSO Mood advised that crimes were recorded by the postcode of the victim's home address, not where the crime took place which could account for some of the discrepancies referred to. He agreed to feedback the PC's views to his Inspector and would attend as many meetings as his shifts allowed. However, the PC needed to be aware that there were not enough staff to allocate individuals to a particular area, and staffing levels meant the Police were having to be more reactive instead of proactive.</p> <p>Cllr Toward Wright asked if it was possible to request a van presence for Cochrane Terrace for speeding problems. The PCSOs agreed to take this back.</p>	
137.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 December 2022 be agreed as a true record.</p>	
138.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Campion would remind Cllr Laverick about the information regarding appropriate materials for woodburners. • Cllr Toward Wright had reported all three matters she had raised under Minute No.125. • Cllr Phelps had reported the sinkhole. • Regarding the missing grit bin from the corner of Elm and Beech Avenue, the City Council had done a review of all grit bins across the city and it was likely as a result of that, that it had been removed and was not seen as a location which required a bin. Cllr Phelps asked if YHN could do some gritting outside the old people's bungalows. 	<p>Cllr Campion</p> <p>Cllr Campion</p>
139.	<p>Bus Services</p> <p>Cllr Campion had posted a Facebook update on this earlier that day. All vacancies were now currently filled by agency workers and services were just about back where they should be. He had raised the issue of the bus loop discussed at the last meeting and this would be looked at in March when new funding became available.</p>	
140.	<p>New Voter ID Legislation</p> <p>Elections at the City Council had been asked for further detail on this, so members could raise awareness within the community of the new requirements to take ID to the polling station From 4 May 2023, voters in England would need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections. Further information was available on the Electoral Commission website.</p>	
141.	<p>Village Projects</p> <p>Tree replacement and maintenance programme</p> <p>The new trees would be planted in February, if approved by NECF at their next funding panel on 25 Jan.</p> <p>The WI had planted their new replacement tree (for the one destroyed at the Main Road / Sandy Lane T junction) at the south east corner of Queen Elizabeth Park.</p> <p>A new village map</p>	

	<p>Awaiting Persimmon completion, before proceeding, although they had now almost completed all of the planned housing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Possible additional grass cuts If the need arises.</p> <p>Turn the area of the Old School Field remaining after construction of the Doctors into a small simple park. Positive initial discussions had been held with Paul Stewart of NCC properties, who could not see any major issues. He was looking to find a convenient way to transfer ownership of the land to the PC, who could then carry out the improvement works to the park. The main issue for the PC would be the ongoing cost of maintenance, grass cutting, etc going forwards.</p> <p>Reduction of speed limit to 20mph on Main Road. An initial design was currently being worked up for a traffic calming scheme for the village and NCC would forward a plan and budget estimate, hopefully before the next meeting. A decision could then be made on how to proceed from there.</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 Cllr Wood had had discussions with NCC regarding the 2 additional bins for the Recreation Ground. One at the north - Sycamore entrance and one at the east - pumping station entrance. They had agreed to add these to the Recreation ground current scheme.</p> <p>NCC were continuing to price up the installation costs for the play equipment and were expecting to have these back to the Recreation Ground team by end January.</p> <p>Improvements to Footpath down to Big Waters The Survey work was now complete, proposal options were drawn up and priced. Allison McLeod would pull this together for the next meeting.</p> <p>Electronic Traffic Speed signs in the Village New signs on Front Street on the North side of the road - the signs should be getting dispatched from the manufacturer on 27th Jan, and would be installed shortly afterwards.</p>	
142.	<p>Updates Persimmon Homes - They had 186 plots completed, 8 plots for sale and 12 plots reserved / exchanged. This meant the site was now almost complete.</p> <p>Village Hall – the village hall would be 100 years old this year and an event was planned for 16 September 2023. A new yoga class was starting on Friday mornings with the possibility of taster sessions on a Thursday. The Northumberland Theatre Company production had been excellent.</p>	

	<p>Newsletter - Cllr Dellow thanked the resident who picked up the rubbish. This would be highlighted in the next edition.</p> <p>Library - Nothing to report</p> <p>Development of field adjacent to the allotments known as the Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments - work was progressing to finalise the Planning Application and the Design and Access Statement. The Planning Application should be submitted end January.</p> <p>Website - Nothing to report</p> <p>Dinnington Surgery - Argon Health had had initial discussions with NCC planning with the programme being to obtain planning permission in the next couple of months and hopefully complete the works by summer 2024.</p>											
143.	<p>Financial Matters The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="236 801 1209 920"> <tr> <td>K. Hadfield</td> <td>Salary (Dec 2022)</td> <td>18.01.23</td> <td>£191.98</td> <td>200245</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TP Jones</td> <td>Payroll services</td> <td>18.01.23</td> <td>£63.40</td> <td>200246</td> </tr> </table>	K. Hadfield	Salary (Dec 2022)	18.01.23	£191.98	200245	TP Jones	Payroll services	18.01.23	£63.40	200246	
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144.	<p>Members Items of Concern</p> <p>Cllr Dellow asked why there were no litterbins on the Persimmon estate. It was suggested that this may be because the estate had not yet been adopted by the City Council but Cllr Wood would raise with Persimmon.</p> <p>Cllr Toward Wright referred to Facebook comments about access to a cash machine when the Post Office was not open. It was noted that previously, there had not been enough need in the Post Office to justify it. It was agreed that Cllr Porter would raise the possibility of a cash machine with the Post Office</p> <p>Cllr Porter referred to the ongoing problems on land belonging to YHN which included extensively overgrown footpath, litter and fly tipping. Cllr Thompson would raise this with YHN.</p> <p>Cllr Phelps raised the issue of a crossing outside the shop. It was noted that this had been rejected by NCC Highways previously. However, Cllr Campion reported that it had also been raised with them and it would be looked at.</p> <p>Cllr McKenna – had asked by email about the traffic calming measures, and reported that the speed awareness sign outside the Memorial Hall was only working intermittently.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson – the traffic signs were down at Brunswick junction following a traffic accident. Cllr Campion reported that he would liaise with Cllr Laverick on this, who was aware.</p>	<p>Cllr Wood</p> <p>Cllr Porter</p> <p>Cllr Thompson</p> <p>Cllr Campion</p> <p>Cllr Campion</p>										
145.	Newcastle City Councillors' Items											

	<p>Cllr Avaei reported that the planning application for the temporary pharmacy had been held up due to a requirement from the City Council that the applicant pay for double yellow lines. Officers were currently discussing ways forward for the application.</p> <p>Cllr Campion reported that a public meeting had been arranged for 23 January 2023 at Hazlerigg Community Centre for all YHN residents.</p>	
146.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Final Submission version of the NP was submitted to NCC on the 5th January 23 and receipt acknowledged by them. NCC would now take the plan forward to its completion. It would be subject to a final round of consultation led this time by Newcastle City Council, followed by an independent Examination to ensure the Plan met statutory requirements. The final step of the Neighbourhood Plan process was for the Plan to proceed to a referendum open to all residents of Dinnington Parish. If this resulted in a majority support for the Plan, it would then be adopted and be used by Newcastle City Council as a statutory document in the determination of future planning applications in the Parish.</p>	
147.	<p>Items for February Meeting</p> <p>Signed Minutes</p>	
148.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 6.30 pm</p>	

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The meeting finished at 8.30 pm.