

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

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

Cllr A. Avaei (Newcastle City Council)

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
149.	Apologies for Absence Cllrs Phelps and Laverick (NCC).	
150.	Declarations of Interest The Chair reminded members to declare any interests as they arose.	
151.	Police Report PCSOs Paul Mood and Vickie Brown were present. There had been five incidents since their last report, mostly domestic issues. There had been no actual crimes. With regard to Cllr Toward Wright's request for a speed camera van presence, these would only normally be deployed where there had been casualties or high accident rates. Cllr Toward Wright asked if they were used after dark, PCSO Moody would check this out and report back.	
152.	Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 January 2023 be agreed as a true record.	
153.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Porter reported that there were no plans to install a cash machine at the post office, but they had suggested the newsagents. This was being considered but it would need to be outside the shop. The post office should re-open Mon-Fri if the required training took place. It was currently open Mon-Wed. • The Chair reported that he needed to get further information and go back to YHN on the issues relating to their responsibilities. The signs were now back up at Brunswick junction. • Cllr Avaei would speak to Cllr Campion regarding the issues raised under Minute No. 135. • Woodburners – Cllr Avaei would raise a new action on this. • Cllr Toward Wright – her potholes report had now been open for two months with no update. No update on the dog fouling report but the fly tipping issue had been sorted. She would email Cllr Avaei regarding the outstanding matters. • Cllr Dellow reported that she had spoken to NCC regarding the fly tipping on the Carr Road. They were going to assess the situation with the potential for installing cameras. Cllr Avaei would chase this up. 	<p>Cllr Avaei</p> <p>Cllr Avaei</p> <p>Cllr Avaei</p>

154.	<p>Bus Services Services appeared to have returned almost to normal. This could now be removed from the agenda.</p>	
155.	<p>Coronation Event Members had some initial discussions about events and it was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>	
156.	<p>Signed Minutes The current signed minute book was with the Clerk. There were also minutes in the filing cabinet in the cupboard and a check needed to be made to ensure that there was no gap between the two sets of records. Then a deposit could be made with Archives.</p>	Chair/Clerk
157.	<p>Village Projects</p> <p>Tree replacement and maintenance programme The 18 new trees had been approved by NECF and would be planted late Feb / March.</p> <p>A new village map Awaiting Persimmon completion and updating of the OS map database, before proceeding. It was suggested that the new map should be deferred until the GP surgery had been built and then a more detailed map be sourced. This was agreed.</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. Further positive discussions had been held with NCC properties, however this could not proceed much further until the Doctors' land purchase had been finalised.</p> <p>Speed Reduction to 20mph on Main Road. The initial design from NCC for a traffic calming scheme for the village was still awaited. They would forward a plan and budget estimate in due course and the PC could then decide 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 The available funding has been confirmed by NCC as £187,028.75. Costs have been returned from NCC highways, which were near enough within budget. The scheme would proceed on the basis of delivering the fenced play area as priority over the obstacle course and look to programme for installation in Spring.</p> <p>Improvements to Footpath down to Big Waters</p>	

	<p>The survey work was complete, proposal options drawn up and priced. Allison would aim to pull this together and get information over to the PC in March.</p> <p>Electronic Traffic Speed signs in the Village New signs on Front Street on the north side of the road - The signs were still held up in manufacturing due to a software issue, but hopefully would be delivered to NCC later this week and installed soon after.</p>	
158.	<p>Updates</p> <p>Persimmon Homes - They had 189 plots completed, 5 plots for sale and 7 plots reserved / exchanged. They were now almost complete. The play area at the front of the estate had now been installed.</p> <p>Village Hall – Cllr Porter reported that a new yoga class was starting in March and had booked a number of taster sessions. Warm Zone was proving popular and was attracting people who didn't usually attend other groups, which was welcomed.</p> <p>Allotments – the hedge had been cut.</p> <p>Newsletter - Nothing to report</p> <p>Library – On 22 July, the library would have been going for 10 years and they were considering an event to mark the occasion. Jellytots playgroup had begun visiting the library with 2 or 3 children at a time on Wednesday mornings.</p> <p>Development of field adjacent to the allotments known as the Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments The work was ongoing with the Planning Application & Design and Access Statement. Again, there was a major slip on timescale with submission likely to be end of March now.</p> <p>Website - Nothing to report</p> <p>Dinnington Surgery - Argon Health were continuing 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. They were now working with a Highways consultant to finalise their entrance details.</p> <p>The Pharmacy had obtained planning permission, so could proceed to carry out their security / building work improvements and prepare to open.</p>	
159.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Argon Health had been in touch with both NCC and the PC to advise that they may need slightly more land to accommodate their development. This was an issue as it was at variance with the area submitted by them for the NP. The plan may have to be amended to deal with this. Discussions were underway with NCC as to the best way forward, so as not to preclude the Doctors surgery from progressing and at the same time allow the finalisation of the NP. It was possible that the NP may need to be</p>	

	withdrawn to amend the Doctors' area. It was agreed that this should be done if necessary by Cllr Wood.																					
159.	<p>Financial Matters The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>K. Hadfield</td> <td>Salary and expenses (Jan 2023)</td> <td>15.02.23</td> <td>£232.52</td> <td>200247</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newcastle City Council</td> <td>Tree Planting</td> <td>15.02.23</td> <td>£4,689.60</td> <td>BACS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newcastle City Council</td> <td>Dinnington recreation ground pathway</td> <td>15.02.23</td> <td>£17,348.40</td> <td>BACS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RW Lynn</td> <td>Allotment hedge cutting</td> <td>15.02.23</td> <td>£120.00</td> <td>200248</td> </tr> </table>	K. Hadfield	Salary and expenses (Jan 2023)	15.02.23	£232.52	200247	Newcastle City Council	Tree Planting	15.02.23	£4,689.60	BACS	Newcastle City Council	Dinnington recreation ground pathway	15.02.23	£17,348.40	BACS	RW Lynn	Allotment hedge cutting	15.02.23	£120.00	200248	
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160.	<p>Members Items of Concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Toward Wright had chased up her two outstanding matters. • The Chair raised dog fouling. Cllr Avaei would forward an email to the Clerk regarding the possibility of a walk around with Parish Cllrs. • Cllr Dellow – potholes in Mitford Way kept reappearing. Cllr Toward Wright would mention this to Highways when she spoke to them the following day. • Cllr Porter – continued to receive requests for a bin at the end of East Acres. Cllr Wood advised that as soon as new bins were allowed by NCC (not part of the recreation/parks programme), this was the first location which would be requested. Cllr Avaei would see if there had been any movement on this issue. • Cllr McKenna raised a number of issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There had been a lot of litter left lying on the football pitch after a recent game. Cllr Wood would raise this with Noel Hanlon. ○ VAS signs – these only seemed to be working part of the time. Was any data available yet? Cllr Wood advised that data was available for the one on Prestwick Road. The one outside the club was set only to flash at 28mph and above. He did not believe it was timed to operate only at certain hours but he would check that. ○ Parents were parking on double yellow lines near the school when there was plenty of parking close by. Cllr Avaei would raise this with NCC so that there could be an enforcement presence, and the Clerk would contact the school asking for a reminder to be sent to parents. ○ There was a churned up area of grass at The Green. This would grow back in the better weather. ○ The kissing gate on the public footpath behind Dinnington Green was very badly damaged. This would be reported to NCC. • Cllr Hitchenes – the hedges on the left side of the entrance to East Acres were extremely overgrown again. This would be chased up with the agent by the Chair. 	<p>Cllr Avaei</p> <p>Cllr Toward Wright</p> <p>Cllr Avaei</p> <p>Cllr Wood</p> <p>Cllr Wood</p> <p>Cllr Avaei/Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Thompson</p>																				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Wood – had been approached by a member of the public to get a pile of rubbish removed from the open area behind the flats off Pine Ave. 	Cllr Avaei
161.	Newcastle City Councillors' Items Nothing to report.	
162.	Items for March Meeting Coronation Event Planters	
163.	Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 6.30 pm	

CHAIR.....

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The meeting finished at 8.25 pm.