

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

Members Present: Cllrs P. Hitchenes, S. Phelps, J. Porter, R. Thompson, J. Toward Wright, M. Wood
 Cllr T. Champion (Newcastle City Council)

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Action required
37.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr McKenna and City Cllrs Avaei and Laverick.	
38.	Declarations of Interest The Chair reminded members to declare any interests as they arose.	
39.	Police Report No police report had been received for the meeting.	
40.	Minutes of previous meeting RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 June 2023 be agreed as a true record.	
41.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wood - the tree drawing had been passed to Cllr McKenna along with the data from DFS with dates corrected. The old data on the sign that needed the radar replaced had not been able to be recovered. The reports with the incorrect dates were being worked on by the supplier's tech team and they were in the process of trying to correct them. The software team were trying to work on the coding in the back ground to fix them. <p>Ex Cllr Dellow did not want a personal gift, but suggested that the PC plant some daffodils, crocuses or similar spring bulbs around the Green opposite the Post Office or similar, so that all the village could enjoy them.</p> <p>In response to Cllr Hitchenes' request for a plan of services, the Chair advised that this was not readily available from NCC.</p> <p>The football field grass cutting had been done. The appearance of it had improved since it was first done.</p> <p>The Horton Grange Footpath had not been done and there had been further complaints about it and other areas. Cllr Champion would chase up with the other City Cllrs.</p>	Cllr Champion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute No. 24 - Cllr Phelps would continue the issue with Royal Mail. • Minute No. 25 – a price had been received for maintenance of the circular bed and surrounding area but members agreed that it did not need monthly maintenance and that Cllr Thompson should obtain a price for maintenance of the circular bed only. • Minute No. 29 – the letter had been sent to Allison McLeod. There had been no progress with the boundary hedge. • Minute No.30.1 - the Clerk would check whether the Quarry Cottages invoices had been paid. • Minute No. 31 – Cllr Avaei had written to YHN and received a response which would be circulated to the PC. Cllr McKenna had circulated a response from Nick Howell. 	<p>Cllr Thompson</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
42.	<p>Planters/Village Maintenance</p> <p>Cllr Phelps reported that the local British Legion Branch were considering becoming a volunteer for one of the planters. The new pharmacy was now open and getting involved in village life through Facebook. Members were encouraged to support and promote the new pharmacy particularly until the new GP surgery opened.</p>	
43.	<p>Protocol for Co-Options</p> <p>A revised protocol had been circulated. This was agreed, subject to the title of paragraph 1 being amended to read “Prior to the Co-Option Meeting” and the title of paragraph 2 being amended to read “At the Co-Option Meeting”.</p>	
44.	<p>Village Projects</p> <p>Tree replacement and maintenance programme</p> <p>The updated plan of the existing trees in the village had been passed to Cllr McKenna to mark up the locations of any new trees the PC might like in the future.</p> <p>Proposed Tree Planting 2023-24 - NCC had raised an Expression of interest for city wide planting which was going to the NECF funding panel on 26thJuly. The Recreation ground and general village planting would be included in this. NCC had included approx. 60 trees for Dinnington Recreation ground proposals. Allison was looking to hold further consultation with first school/young people in the new term to input into tree choice and a community planting event and 20 trees for general village/street tree planting. She had asked for suggested locations from the PC to be provided by the September meeting.</p> <p>A new village map</p> <p>Deferred until the GP surgery has been built and then a more detailed map sourced.</p> <p>Possible additional grass cuts</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>Although agreed in principle by NCC, this could not proceed until the Doctors land purchase and site requirements had been finalised.</p> <p>Consider reducing the speed limit to 20mph on Main Road. The scheme had now been produced (a draft had been circulated to the PC for info). It would need a full village wide consultation, before it could be progressed. The consultation should go out within the next month.</p> <p>Money towards New play park equipment in recreation ground Work to install the new play equipment had commenced. Removal of old equipment, shrub clearance and other prep work had started. Completion would be mid/end of September.</p> <p>Improvements to Footpath down to Big Waters NCC had commenced working on this again. A report with survey, improvement proposals and costings, based on survey completed last year was almost complete. They were hoping to issue in draft format to the Parish Council and other landowners for comment soon, and on the back of this, organise a meeting with involved parties etc to discuss proposals and agree final works. Allison McLeod had also discussed with Nick Howell (new Rights of Way Officer) the re designation of the missing public footpath section at the east end of the football field and the improvements generally. There were a number of ways this could be resolved, which would be noted in the report and she would arrange for Nick Howell to attend the proposed meeting to explain this further.</p> <p>Electronic Traffic Speed signs in the Village The new back to back signs on Front Street on the North side of the road had been installed. The one facing the centre of the village had a fault on commissioning, so it had been temporarily left switched on as an illuminated 20 mph sign, until a replacement radar unit had been sourced and installed.</p>	
45.	<p>Updates</p> <p>Village Hall – a number of user groups were finishing this week for the summer holidays. A clubercise group was starting next week for five weeks. A new water heater had been fitted in the kitchen.</p> <p>Allotments – Allison McLeod was to get a price for grass cutting and collection at the allotments. This needed to be done once a year to meet ecology standards.</p> <p>Newsletter - Nothing to report</p> <p>Library - Their preparations were well advanced for the celebration evening on Saturday 23rd September in the MI. Parish Councillors would receive an invite to the event.</p> <p>Development of field adjacent to the allotments known as the Pleasure Grounds to facilitate additional Allotments - The NCC Ecologist was completing the revised Ecology & BNG calculations this week to accompany the planning application - NCC were aiming to get the Planning Application submitted by the end of this week/beginning of next.</p>	Cllr Wood

	<p>Website - Nothing to report</p> <p>Dinnington Surgery - Argon Health had submitted their planning pre-application, it should be resolved with NCC Planning in a month.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan - Argon Health's Pre App would define the new area they now required, which would enable the PC to make a decision on whether to withdraw the Plan or not. The plan was temporarily on hold.</p>																										
46.	<p>Financial Matters The following payments were approved:-</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>K. Hadfield</td> <td>Salary (June 2023)</td> <td>19.07.23</td> <td>£191.58</td> <td>200264</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TP Jones</td> <td>Payroll</td> <td>19.07.23</td> <td>£63.40</td> <td>200265</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L. Bass</td> <td>Plants</td> <td>19.07.23</td> <td>£44.00</td> <td>200266</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Thompson</td> <td>Plants</td> <td>19.07.23</td> <td>£30.00</td> <td>200267</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	K. Hadfield	Salary (June 2023)	19.07.23	£191.58	200264	TP Jones	Payroll	19.07.23	£63.40	200265	L. Bass	Plants	19.07.23	£44.00	200266	R. Thompson	Plants	19.07.23	£30.00	200267						
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47.	<p>Members Items of Concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Toward Wright advised that there was a city-wide assessment ongoing of the pothole situation and she would provide a proper update once this had been completed and the officer's response received. The main problem areas which were of concern to members were on the inspection radar. She would be chasing up the Horton Grange Road resurfacing. • Cllr Phelps raised the state of the footpath on the Sheraton Park side going towards Kingston Park. The surface was very poor and he had reported it. The sinkhole was also still there. Cllr Toward Wright would raise these matters with the officer when she met him. • Cllr Hitchenes reported that all residents on East Acres had received a letter about the footpaths coming up to allow fibre optic cable to be laid so this could well affect other footpaths in the village. • Cllr Thompson had received complaints about moving kerbstones at several locations. This would be picked up by Cllr Toward Wright with the officer. He also reported that the footpath to the old vicarage was overgrown and that the chicanes on the Horton Grange Road needed attention and the signs replaced. There were two dead trees at the entrance to the village and the Sheraton Park hedge still needed to be replanted. • Cllr Wood reported that the 30 mph speed limit signs at the Vicarage were obscured by trees. He had circulated the memorial plaque from the WI and would ask the WI what it was for. • Cllr Hitchenes would feedback to the Quarry Cottages residents regarding the VAS sign being illuminated all the time. He would also look at the poor maintenance of the hedge of the Bellway estate. 	<p>Cllr Toward Wright</p> <p>Cllr Toward Wright</p> <p>Cllr Wood.</p> <p>Cllr Wood</p> <p>Cllr Hitchenes</p>																									
48.	<p>Newcastle City Councillors' Items Cllr Campion reported that there had been a ward committee meeting at the end of June with updates from Nexus, Urban Green, on potholes, and</p>																										

	<p>from the Police. Priorities for the ward had been discussed. The Committee was not likely to meet formally again for another year, but more informal activity such as walkabouts would take place.</p> <p>The Local Government Boundary Commission would be redrawing the City Council ward boundaries and the Parish Council would be consulted on that as a statutory consultee. This would encompass the number of city councillors and the warding pattern. Final decisions were expected by Government in December 2024.</p>	
49.	<p>Planning Applications (1) 2023/0162/01/DET Site Location: Moorey Spot Farm Prestwick Road, Dinnington, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 7AQ Proposal: Widening of existing farm access road, change of use and conversion of existing stone agricultural buildings to create 3 new dwellings and additional accommodation for existing farmhouse, demolition of existing barns, and construction of 9 part two, part one and half storey new dwellings, and associated works and landscaping.</p> <p>Members agreed to object to the application on the grounds that the proposed development is on green belt. 270 houses had recently been built on what was green belt land on the west side of the village and another commercial housing development in this location was not needed.</p> <p>The Parish Council were of the view that the Submission version of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, currently with Newcastle City Council for its final consultation stage, should be taken into consideration for the application.</p> <p>Members felt that the only real future defence against having more houses built on green belt land around Dinnington was the green belt itself and the One Core Strategy, and this housing development would set a precedent to potential future developers, making it even more difficult to resist further housing developments. Given the loss of green belt to date, the remaining green belt land should be protected.</p>	Clerk
50.	<p>Reports Cllr Phelps reported that the Airport were doing a consultation on a Noise Action Plan and wanted submissions by 4 August. He would forward the email. There had also been a review of the Civil Aviation Authority by the Government which he would also forward.</p>	Cllr Phelps
51.	<p>Correspondence An email had been received from Hazlerigg Parish Council regarding a joint meeting of Dinnington, Brunswick & Hazlerigg Parish Councils. Members agreed this could be useful, as long as discussion was focused on specific issues relevant to all three parishes, or where a joint approach on a specific issue would be beneficial, such as responding to the City Council on something. There was no appetite for a regular programme of meetings as this had not proved to be useful in the past. The Clerk would respond to Hazlerigg on this.</p>	Clerk
52.	<p>Items for September Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite to Mick Murphy 	Clerk
53.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 6.30 pm</p>	

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The meeting finished at 8.25 pm.