

Otterburn Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 May, 2008
Between 7.30pm and 8.30pm at Otterburn Memorial Hall
MINUTES

Present

John Hartshorne	Chairman
Val Corbett	Vice Chair
Sarah Robson	
Clive Emerson	
Ron Holden	
Harry Scott	

Absent

Cllr Brian Corbett

In attendance

Miss Emma Anderson	Parish Clerk
Tom Walling	Hexham Courant
PC Nigel Daly	Northumbria Police

The Chairman expressed his condolences and those of elected members to Ron Holden following the recent death of Mr. Holden's wife.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr. John Riddle.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The meetings of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

- a) item 3a: *Public seating at the Mill Corner*: The Clerk's Report was received and agreed.
- b) item 3c: *Munro's Buses*: The Clerk's Report was received and agreed.
- c) item 3g: *Parish Council Website*: The Clerk's Report was received and agreed. IT WAS AGREED to proceed immediately to create a website.
- d) item 3h: *Dennis' Lane*: The Clerk's Report was received and agreed.
- e) item 6a: *Hanging Baskets*: The Clerk's Report was received and agreed.

4. Finance

- a) *Parish Clerk's salary and expenses*: The Clerk's claim for salary for April 2008 of (£147) and expenses (£nil) was AGREED.
- b) *Accounts to 31 March, 2008*: The accounts to 31 March, 2008 were AGREED by members.
- c) *Audit to 31 March, 2008*: The *statement of accounts* and *annual governance statement* for 2007/08 were AGREED by members.
- d) *Bank Interest*: The Clerk's Report was received and agreed.
- e) *Public Liability Insurance*: The Chairman reported that he had reviewed the recently received renewal documents. These included a new obligation to undertake any repair or maintenance work to playground equipment recommended in the annual playground inspection. IT WAS AGREED that this requirement would be met in future.
- f) *Subscription to NALC*: IT WAS AGREED to renew this subscription in the sum of £144.72.

5. Planning

- a) *T 20071273 Construction of 14 Dwellings, Plots 88-90 Willowgreen:* This application had been refused by Tynedale Council.
- b) *T 20080200 Construction of link building and alterations to existing property of Otterburn Tower Hotel:* This application had been APPROVED by Tynedale Council.
- c) *T 20080201 Construction of link building and alterations to existing property of Otterburn Tower Hotel:* This application had been APPROVED by Tynedale Council.
- d) *NNPA 08NP0017 Construction of 2-storey side extension, single rear extension & external porch, 6 Hopefoot Cottages, Otterburn:* After discussion, this application was AGREED with no objections by the Parish Council

6. New business

- a) *Gift of land for footpath to Otterburn Mill:* The Clerk's Report was received and agreed. IT WAS AGREED that the Chairman would speak to Otterburn Mill, Cllr John Riddle and Mr. and Mrs. Hogarth in an effort progress this matter quickly.
- b) *Painting of electricity poles:* The Chairman reported that this work had been completed.
- c) *Resurfacing of the A696:* The Chairman reported that this work had been completed.
- d) *Playground Inspection:* The Chairman reported that playground inspection would be undertaken in June.

7. Any other business

There was no other business

8. Date, time and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, 4 June, 2008 at Otterburn Memorial Hall. The meeting will begin with the annual village inspection at 6.45pm and the business meeting will follow at 7.30pm