

# Otterburn Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2 February, 2010  
Between 7pm and 7.50pm at Otterburn Memorial Hall

## MINUTES

### Present

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

### In attendance

Miss Emma Anderson	Parish Clerk
Martin Chilvers	Parish Clerk Elect
Mr. & Mrs. C. Hoggarth	Parishioners
Ruth Lognonne	Hexham Courant

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and AGREED from Clive Emerson, who was unable to attend the meeting due to family commitments.

### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

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

### 3. Matters arising

- a. *item 3a: Otterburn Hall Marquee:* The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED.
- b. *item 3b: Moldshaugh Developments:* The Chairman reminded members that a representative of Moldshaugh Developments, the builder, had spoken to him in December, 2009, concerning the proposed development of eight homes on the vacant site at Willowgreen adjacent to the play area. Sight of the plans had been promised but they had not been received. IT WAS AGREED that the Chairman would speak to the builder to progress this matter.
- c. *item 7: Damaged safety barrier at Otterburn bus shelter:* The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Highways Department concerning this matter. A new barrier had been ordered but its fitting had been delayed by the recent severe weather and the diversion of Highways Department staff to gritting duties. Since then, the staff had been involved in attending emergency road repairs. The installation of the new barrier had been promised within two months.

The installation of a bollard on the north side of the new barrier, to protect it from future damage, was being considered by the Highways Department. The Clerk expected a response to this request in the near future. Additionally, approval had been given for the purchase of new cat's-eyes for the A696 in the village. These had been ordered and would be fitted in due course.

### 4. Appointment of new Parish Clerk

The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED. The Chairman welcomed Martin Chilvers to the Parish Council.

### 5. Finance

- a) *Parish Clerk's salary and expenses:* The Clerk's claim for salary and expenses for December, 2009 and January, 2010 was AGREED.
- b) *Clerk Elect's salary and expenses for January 2010:* The Clerk Elect's claim for salary and expenses for January, 2010 was AGREED.

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- c. *Invoice from PC World for purchase of printer for Clerk Elect:* IT WAS AGREED to pay an invoice totalling £109.99 received from PC World in respect of the purchase of a printer for use by the Clerk Elect.
- d. *Request for a donation: The Great North Air Ambulance:* IT WAS AGREED to give a donation of £200 the Great North Air Ambulance.
- e. *Request for a donation: Community Action Northumberland:* IT WAS AGREED to give a donation of £50 the Community Action Northumberland.

## 6. Planning

- a. *NCC 20091049: Application to vary conditions on previous application; The Coach House, Brierley Gardens, Otterburn:* This application sought to overturn the conditional approval granted to Snaith Travel of Otterburn in January, 2008 for two mobile homes to provide temporary overnight accommodation for the drivers of its coaches and public service vehicles.

The conditions were intended to ensure 1) “that the temporary overnight accommodation would not be used for permanent residential accommodation in a location where such development would be inappropriate and which did not achieve a pleasant residential environment or provide facilities which would normally be required in a residential setting” and 2) that by granting permission for two years only, the applicant would have an opportunity to consider more permanent alternatives to address the requirements of the limits on driver's hours and because the form of the development was not considered to be appropriate on a permanent basis.

The Parish Council considered that overturning the original conditions would be inappropriate as both remained valid. Additionally, as Snaith Travel had recently purchased a property in Otterburn adjacent to its premises, it was possible that this could be used to provide permanent overnight accommodation, thereby negating the need for the current temporary accommodation. IT WAS AGREED that, under these circumstances, the Parish Council was left with little choice other than to OBJECT to the application.

- b. *NCC20091009: Retrospective permission: Raising of extension roof to match existing dwelling at The Dolphins, Leslies Drive, Otterburn:* The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED.
- c. *NCC20090898: Construction of single storey rear extension at Cairncroft, Burn View Drive, Otterburn:* The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED.

## 7. New business

- a. *Land opposite Carter Cottages:* The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED. The Chairman hoped this matter could be resolved amicably by all those concerned.
- b. *Severe weather requirements: Winter 2010:* The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED.
- c. *Correspondence:*
  - 1 CPRE Newsletter: This document was made available to any member wishing to read it.
  - 2. Tynedale Visitor Guide, 2010: The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED.
  - 3. Aimbaron Ltd: Construction of fence at Willowgreen: The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED.

## 8. Matters for discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council

- a. IT WAS AGREED to discuss a request from North Tyne & Redesdale Community Partnership for a grant to help fund a project providing Individual Map Reference Cards to assist emergency services locating isolated properties.

## 9. Date, time and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 2 March, 2010 at Otterburn Memorial Hall.