

Otterburn Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2 November, 2010
Between 7.00pm and 7.40pm at Otterburn Memorial Hall

MINUTES

Present

John Hartshorne
Val Corbett

Chairman
Vice Chair

Ron Holden
Harry Scott

Clive Emerson

In attendance

Martin Chilvers Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and AGREED from Sarah Robson, who was unable to attend due to work 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 1: Children's play area in Brieley Gardens:* Remedial jobs in the children's play area were completed by John Hartshorne, Ron Holden and Martin Chilvers. It was reported that whilst doing these jobs a local resident requested that the side gate remain lodged open as the noise of it being opened and closed was a nuisance. IT WAS AGREED to consider removing the side gate and fencing across this entrance.

IT WAS AGREED to purchase a new 'No Dogs' sign to replace the original one that has disappeared.

- b. *item 3a: Conveyance of two gifts of land to the Parish Council – Update:* The Clerk's report was received and AGREED.

- c. *item 3b: Mouldshaugh Developments – Update:* The Chair provided a brief background to the conditions of the development of Plots 88 – 90 in relation to the construction of the footpath connecting Willow Green to Brieley Gardens. IT WAS AGREED that there appeared to be clear evidence of development to the plots and agreed the condition between Mouldshaugh Development and Otterburn Parish Council should mean that construction of the footpath should have been completed prior to this.

As there has been no development of the footpath the Clerk was requested to contact Northumberland County Council and Mouldshaugh Developments to set up a meeting to discuss the position and way forward that should include the perimeter fencing of the footpath (both as an interim and long term solution).

- d. *item 3c: Otterburn Hall – Footpaths update:* The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED.

- e. *item 3e: Funding from Northumberland County Council:* The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED.

- f. *item 3f: Traffic safety through Otterburn:* The Clerk's Report was received and AGREED.

4. Finance

- a. *Parish Clerk's salary and expenses:* The Clerk's claim for salary and expenses for October 2010 was AGREED.

- b. *Donation request from Memorial Hall:* The Clerk's report was received. IT WAS AGREED to donate £750.00 to the Otterburn Memorial Hall to go towards the ongoing running costs of the Hall.

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- c. *Reimbursement of expenses to Chair for purchase of acrylic sheet:* IT WAS AGREED to reimburse the sum of £21.93 to the Chair for the purchase of acrylic sheet that will replace the broken glass in the notice board located at the junction of Willow Green.

5. Planning

- a. *NCC20100759 Change of use from field to horse training area and installation of oval all weather gallop. Girsonfield, Tower Lane, Otterburn, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE19 1NT:* This application was received and AGREED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.
- b. *NCC 20100910 Construction of new agricultural access. Land adjacent to Rede Tyne and Coquet Sports Centre, Otterburn, Northumberland, NE19 1HE:* The Councillors reviewed the application and supporting paperwork. IT WAS AGREED there were inconsistencies between the maps provided and whilst reference was made to a shed there were no details included as to the type and size that construction maybe.

There was uncertainty as to what exactly the application was including and IT WAS AGREED to object to the application based in the conclusions from the information provided.

6. New business

- a. *Signage on the footpath along Mill Lane to Otterburn Mill:* IT WAS AGREED that the Clerk would contact the Northumberland National Park Authority asking if they would be willing to provide signs either end of the footpath in a consistent format to the other signs they have provided along the Otterburn Trail.

7. Matters for discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council:

- 8. Date, time and place of next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 7 December, 2010 at Otterburn Memorial Hall.