



Minutes of Birtley Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd December 2019

At Birtley Village Hall

Present:

Ernest Coulson, David Burn, Bill White, Sarah Crone, Tony Brotherton

Ann Lowes, Rupert Gibson & 2 members of the public

Clerk; Iris Leadbitter

Declaration of interest - None

Update from the previous meeting

E.C. advised:

Progress was being made with regards to the poles for the speed cameras

Still no response from NCC re the condition of the road between Birtley and Wark

Information regarding the small schemes fund is on going

Accounts for last year have been requested from Little John Accountants

NCC planning department contacted re the issues raised regarding Rose Cottage

Finance

Invoice received from Northumberland Estates £25.00

Fuel for the lawn mower invoice received from Coulson Construction £20.00

IL Sent an email again to the website admin advising all payments to be sent from her on behalf of the PC as from 3rd March 2020 by internet banking

Internet banking forms to be discussed at the next meeting and submitted to the bank

Precept application to be sent in to NCC

Invoice to be sent to St Giles for the petrol used for cutting the church yard

Adapt contacted the Parish Council re assistance that could be offered to the Parish cost to register and interest £6.00 – IL to contact and investigate

Age Concern – yearly contribution to be sent – IL to pay

Planning

The Manor House issue re the height of the fence – on going no response as yet, issue re planning on going – IL to chase

All Parish councillors confirmed they would not object to the request to inform NCC re the letting of a mobile home located at the Manor House

New purchases for the village

New items purchased with the grant have now been added to the asset list, insurers have asked that the new equipment be bolted down to prevent it being stolen, price for concrete pads to be installed is £1500 for 7 pads. A grant application to cover this was discussed and it was decided to approach the wind farm to enquire if a grant could be available

VAT to be reclaimed

Northumbria water also offer grants should the wind farm turn the application down

Any other business

A member of the parish discussed the BARN Broadband installation a letter was passed around details of the upcoming meeting we given for anyone to attend

A member of the parish raised the issue with Rupert Gibson re the condition of the styles in the village at Catreen side, Dinley Burn, Town Head and the bridge beside J Batys - RG advised which department to contact and made notes to mention at his next meeting at NCC

A request was made for a donation to be made available for the up keep of the play equipment the amount was to be discussed at the next meeting

Next meeting to be held at 8pm on the 25th February 2020

Birtley Hall supper room

Meeting closed at 9.15pm 3rd December 2019

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