



Chairman: Sarah Crone

Parish Clerk: Iris Leadbitter

Minutes of Birtley Parish Council meeting held on 19th March 2024

8pm at Birtley Village Hall

Present:

Sarah Crone, David Burn, Bill White, Paul Andrew, Ann Lowes

Nick Morphet not present as he did not receive an invitation

Declaration of interest: None

Update from previous meeting

Sarah Crone (Chairman) approved the minutes from the previous meeting

B4RN

A village resident advised that 61 members were now connected to B4RN

Birtley village hall is to be connected on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, West Woodburn &

Kirkwhelpington will be connected in the next phase

## Roads

Clerk advised no communication received regarding the road surfacing on the Birtley to Wark road

Paul Andrew advised he had put a request on Northumberland County councils fix my street which had been duplicated

Paul advised he was going to contact Nick Morphet directly to ask if he is able to advise what process is needed to progress the carriage way repairs

A formal complaint is to be lodged as the drains in the village have not been cleared

The vehicle was seen in the village but no drains have been cleared foliage is growing in the drain surrounds which is a clear indication the drain covers have not been moved

## Village Hall

David Burn advised the concrete plinth has been installed for the generator to be placed on

An issue with the kitchen lights is to be investigated also the cause of the malfunction of the oven

A village member asked if the free wi-fi will have a password and would the wi-fi be switched off when the village hall is not in use

## St Giles Church

David Burn advised the church fete will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June

## Finance

The committee were advised of the expenses during the last 3 months

## Playground

The clerk was asked to investigate the cost for the installation of a new swing & chains

### Dog Fouling

The issue of dog fouling on the play park for both the children and helpers who cut the grass was raised because of the impending dog show on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June

Sarah Crone advised she had received 2 calls from residents who were pleased with the letter being sent and the additional signage

A member of the village attended the meeting and officially apologised for his dog fouling in the playing field

### Village Fete

Sarah Crone raised the annual dog show this is usually held on the playing field

Concern has been raised that the Parish Council cannot ban dogs from the playing field and allow the dog show to go ahead

A suggestion was made for it to be moved to the field owned by Bill White next to the village hall with the consent of Bill & Mary White to prevent dogs going onto the playing field

A discussion was held and the majority felt that it would not be appropriate to allow the dog show having recently agreed to ban dogs from the playing field

Sarah Crone proposed the church should be told that the dog show could not be held on the playing field for the reasons above but the decision would be reviewed after the event at the Christmas meeting

Meeting closed 9.15 pm

Date of next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

AGM to be held at 7.30pm followed by a full meeting

Minutes approved by .....

Chairman

21.5.24



