



Minutes of Birtley Parish Council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019

At Birtley Village Hall

Present:

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

Ann Lowes & 1 member of the public

Clerk; Iris Leadbitter

Apologies Rupert Gibson

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

The last planning application received from the owners of Church View had been rejected

The owners are now going to meet with the planners to ascertain what they would be allowed to change

No information has been received from the council regarding the planning application at Bog Shield

S.C. asked for;

A copy of the asset register and the lease for the playing field as required by the insurance broker - IL to email a copy

The suggestion to use the drinking trough for a planter has been investigated but due to the water still running through its unable to be used

Quotation to be obtained for the lawn mower as it appears to have a hydraulic issue to be investigated at the end of the summer

#### Finance

Payments approved

Invoice received from Robson & Cowan for a new belt for the lawnmower - IL to pay

Fuel for the lawn mower invoice received - IL to pay

Invoice received from Northumberland Estates for the playing field Increased from £1.00 to £25.00 – IL to pay

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

The Parish Council have been approached by Corsenside Parish Council to ask if we would join with them to apply for funding from the Wind Farm in order to obtain a grant to enable a facility to be made available to the youngsters of the villages to have a meeting place at a local location for a youth club

A letter was received from a resident of the village re the extension at Rose Cottage being a possible planning breach

EC distributed a copy of the letter to the Parish Councillors including Tony Brotherton who owns the property

Mr Brotherton stated the extension was built under the permitted development ruling and could provide a letter of approval if required and confirmed that similar building products were used in the construction

As the Parish Council were asked to investigate the matter the Parish Councillors all agreed a written request would be sent to the planning department of Northumberland County Council asking them to investigate the matter further - IL to email

A request was made by the Chairman for the Parish Council to contact the Highways department of Northumberland County Council to ask them again to advise when repairs would be carried out on the Birtley to Wark road as the pot holes are getting worse - EC to give IL the email address for the person to contact

#### Village Hall and Church Committee update

David Burn advised the possibility of Solar Panels being fitted to the hall roof 7 each side which would provide approx 9 KW of electricity is still ongoing hopefully support from a Wind Farm grant would be possible as costs looking to be around 10 to 12K

The cost for the Church for improvements to both lighting and heating plus the design and build of a toilet facility has been approved is also to be submitted to the Wind Farm for a Grant, fund raising would also be required

### Village improvements

Tony Brotherton advised a grant had been approved for £6239.00 which was to be paid into the PC bank in the next couple of days

The items agreed to be purchased total £2888.00, the lead time one month, they have to be installed by the end of October 2019

5 Benches

2 Picnic Benches (1 disabled bench to be closer to the path)

It was agreed the balance to be spent on:

New planking to be replaced beside the pub

Flower bed surrounds

1 waste bin to be placed outside the Church and 2 outside the hall

Bike stand for the park area

1 x cigarette waste bin

4 X litter pickers

Composting bin behind the tree x 4

Bush cutter x 1

### Any other issues

Parish Council to contact the church for payment of the petrol used to cut the church yard  
£100.00 -IL to contact

Annual return to be requested from NALC as original can't be found -IL

IL asked to write and thank previous clerk for his help over the past years

Next meeting to be held at 8pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2019

Birtley Hall supper room

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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