**Minutes of meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Kirkwhelpington on Tuesday 3rd of January 2017 at 7.30pm.**

**PART ONE**

**Those Present:** Cllr Thornton, Cllr E Rogerson, Cllr A Purves, Cllr P Senior, C Miller (Clerk)

**2017/01 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J Brown, Cllr K Fortune

**2017/02 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**2017/03 Public questions**

There were no public questions.

**2017/04 Sulphur Well**

Planning Inspectorate to carry out site visit on 16/1/17, would be unable to discuss the case with anyone he/she meets and will therefore refuse any approach that is made.

**2017/05 Minutes of the previous meeting/Matters arising from meeting held 1st November 2016**

* The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.
* Cllr Senior declared an interest in Meadowlands retaining wall. Response had been received from ISOS regarding the comments made that historical work carried out by Two Castles had contributed to drainage problems, stating it would be difficult to substantiate such claims and therefore this would not be a route they would go down. Whilst not ideal, they would consider alternative proposals, and if agreement cannot be reached to carry out repairs to the entire wall, ISOS may have to explore the feasibility of carrying out works to stabilise the sections of wall which fall within their ownership only. Meadowlands resident had spoken to ISOS who were to forward plans of Eastland’s and had indicated no drainage works had been carried out; resident had also requested independent estimates for the work which had come in well under the ISOS estimates given.
* Paving flag had been placed on path near to Cllr Purves property.
* Cllr Thornton to contact personnel regarding soil heap.
* No further information regarding Knowesgate speed calming measures.
* Ray Mill wind farm to produce electricity within the next few days.

**2017/06 Youth Club**

Nothing to report.

**2017/07 Correspondence**

* Northumberland Theatre Co – future productions.
* The Planning Inspectorate – Sulphur Well – discussed earlier.

**2017/08 Finance**

**2017/08/01 Bank Balance:** £5881.97 as at 31/12/16

**2017/08/02 The following invoices were authorised**

* Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall – W/C maintenance - £255.50
* Playsafety Ltd – playground inspection - £105.00
* C Miller – six monthly salary and expenses - £741.50
* S Hofmann – fireworks - £342, (£285 net), with £304.68 taken in sales – thankyou letter to be forwarded.
* R A Nevin - £990 – replacement cheque from last meeting, due to incorrect name on cheque.

**2017/08/03 Request for Donation**

* Northumberland Community Voluntary Action – an organisation involved with issues supporting the voluntary and community sector – it was agreed not to donate to this organisation.

**2017/08/04 Clerks Salary**

To be discussed in private.

**2017/09 Planning Matters**

**2017/09/01 Planning Applications**

None received.

**2017/09/02 Approval of Planning Application**

None received.

**2017/10 Play Ground**

Nothing to report.

**2017/11 Ray Fell Wind Farm**

Electricity to be produced when cable to Fourstones completed.

**2017/12 Urgent Business**

* Several street lamps not working, with lamp numbers having been reported several times, and no action taken to repair by County Council.
* Ray wind farm funding committee to be held tomorrow night, with rural transport, broadband and mobile reception issues that could be improved through the funding.
* On Greenrigg road immediately alongside Sweethope lake, side of road had been restored with electric fencing installed, however due to this, road now urgently requires additional passing places on each corner – Clerk to contact County Council.
* Fatal accident had occurred at new livery stables on A696 near to Ponteland, with entrance into field causing danger near to junction at East Coldcoates Farm, with slow moving vehicles having considerably increased due to the equine activity – clerk to contact County Council.
* Letter of thanks to be sent to P Foley regarding leaf clearance works carried out.
* Recent gritting on A696 had appeared to be patchy – clerk to report.
* Flooding on A696 still problematic, with drainage clearance works required – clerk to contact County Council.
* Trees and hedges along West road on top of Raymill bank require knocked back to the boundary, and also in need of attention at bottom of road next to the bridge, due to being a vehicle hazard – clerk to contact County Council.
* May 2017 elections to be added to next agenda.

**2017/13 Information Items**

* City and County newsletter
* NCC – winter services
* NCC – Archaeology in Northumberland

**2017/14 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7th March commencing 730pm in Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall.

**PART TWO – PRIVATE SESSION**

Clerk had requested salary be in line with NJC payscales which would equate to £1632 per annum and to also be paid bi-monthly, as opposed to six, monthly, all in agreement.

The meeting closed at 845pm.

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