**Minutes of meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Kirkwhelpington on Tuesday 9th of May 2017 at 7.30pm**

**Those Present:** Cllr Thornton, Cllr A Purves, J Brown, K Fortune, J Brown C Miller (Clerk), three members of the public

**2017/32 Apologies for Absence**

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**2017/33 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declaration of Interests.

**2017/34 Public questions**

There were no public questions.

**2017/35 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

**2017/36 Matters arising from previous meeting**

* **Verges:** Confirmation County Council would not carry out work as they were not dangerous but aesthetic, and matter to be passed to Neighbourhood Services who may action, however parishioner John Bungay from BerryHills had attended to the area and letter of thanks would be forwarded.
* **Meadowlands Wall:** It was suggested drainage on field be actioned before wall works, as it would be pointless reinstating if the same problem occurred in the future. As it is a community asset, funding to Ray Fell wind farm may be possible with a joint application from residents and the parish council. Resident reported they had been in touch with their insurance company who had confirmed they were not prepared to pay out. Drainage quotations to be sought and permission from Northumbrian Water could be required, and a larger portion of the field may have to be utilised. Housing Association representative is prepared to discuss and attend a meeting. Cllr R Thornton to obtain quotations for drainage, and residents to obtain consensus of options preferred, then meeting to be held as soon as possible with Housing Assocation representative to also be present
* **Overhanging Trees:** Further correspondence had been received from parishioner regarding overhanging trees from church into the Old School House. Progress cannot be made as the Archdeacon who deals with planning had not been at work for some considerable time, however it was agreed by PCC representatives present that a tree surgeons report is required. Clerk to reply and inform resident of this.
* Large upgrade on EE mobile mast to be carried out.

**2017/37 Sulphur Well:** Definitive Map Modification Order (No 13) 2014 – footpath had been legally established. It was reported stile on wall into field is collapsing and at the far end the wooden stile over the fence needs repaired, which would be the responsibility of Northumberland Estates. Steps from second stile down to well are breaking away and require resetting, being blocks of sandstone, with suggestion Ray Wind Farm funding could be approached, or even Green Rigg, and quotations for the entire work should be organised, however if the responsibility of Northumberland Estates it should be reported to County Council, Clerk to action and Cllr K Fortune and D Hofman to liaise.

**2017/38 Youth Club**

Slightly lower numbers further to restart of youth club, and proposals to increase the equipment at play area ongoing.

**2017/39 Correspondence**

* No correspondence had been received.

**2017/40 Finance**

**2017/40/01 Bank Balance:** £6740.77 as at 30/04/17

**2017/40/02 Invoices for payment**

* Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall – W/C maintenance - £255.50
* C Miller – March, April salary and expenses - £336.02
* HMRC - PAYE on above - £54.00
* Robson & Cowan - £24.50 (oil) £50.40 (fuel)
* NALC – annual subscription - £88.42
* Came & Company – annual insurance - £562.03
* Northumberland & Newcastle Society – annual membership -£25.00 – Cllr A Purves declared an interest.

**2017/40/03 Request for Donation**

PCC of Kirkwhelpington & Kirkharle had requested a donation towards the cost of the churchyard maintenance – Cllr A Purves declared an interest. Payments had not been given in recent years, and it was proposed by Cllr Rogerson and seconded by Cllr Fortune a donation be given, Cllr Brown proposed £250, Cllr Rogerson seconded, all in agreement.

**2017/40/04 Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 & Accounting Statements 2016/17**

**Section 1 Annual Governance Statement:** Clerk read out all points which were agreed with; **Section 2 Statement and Accounting Statements year ending 31/3/17:** Figures agreed as a true record, and document accepted as a true record.

**2017/41 Planning Matters**

**2017/41/01 Planning Applications received**

None received.

**2017/41/02 Approval of Planning Application**

None received.

**2017/42 Play Ground**

Ongoing.

**2017/43 Ray Fell Wind Farm/Community Benefit Fund**

Discussed earlier.

**2017/44 Urgent Business**

* Wood had been dumped in Lord John Steven’s field where annual bonfire is held, and it had been requested PC place a notice on the fence forbidding this. However it was thought more beneficial to place a notice in Church Chimes, then review the situation regarding signage. Cllr Rogerson to ask if assistance is required in removing the debris.
* Seats in the village in a disgraceful state, particularly structure at the telephone exchange, and several others requiring attention/repainting. It was agreed full inspection be carried out, repairs established, wood purchased and work actioned.

**2017/45 Information Items**

No information items.

**2016/46 Kirkwhelpington Education Trust – trustee nomination**

The term of a trustee for the Kirkwhelpington Educational Trust finished this year, they are prepared to continue but it would be necessary for the Parish Council to nominate them again. Cllr E Rogerson subsequently nominated I Elliott, Cllr J Brown seconded, all in agreement.

**2017/47 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4th July commencing 730pm in Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall.

Claire Miller

Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 845pm.

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