**Minutes of meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Kirkwhelpington on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Those Present** R Thornton (Chairman), E Rogerson, K Fortune, P Senior, C Miller (Clerk), two members of the public

**2018/01 Apologies for Absence**

A Purves, J Brown

**2018/02 Declarations of Interest**

P Senior declared an interest in Meadowlands Wall.

**2018/03 Public questions**

There were no public questions.

**2018/04 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 7th November 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday 7th November 2017 were agreed as a true record.

**2018/05 Matters arising from previous meeting held Tuesday 7th November 2017**

* **Meadowlands Wall:** Quote had been promised from contractor’s, however nothing received to date, and it was agreed Clerk would send official letter to contractor requesting this. The situation is worsening with the matter ongoing since October 2016, with water now pouring out of the field, and residents feel unjustified being asked to contribute to the repairs. Housing Association had suggested Parish Council insurance may cover the work – Clerk to look into this. Householders insurance will not pay as it is not due to accidental damage/wear and tear. County Council Section 106 funding of £694 could be accessed for improvements to the playing field. It was agreed a meeting should be held with the Housing Association, residents and Parish Council as soon as possible.
* **Overhanging Trees:** Tree had been attended to at bottom of village, along with tree branch at bottom of Pearson’s bank.
* **Sulphur Well:** Works carried out, to be taken off agenda.
* **Seats:** Repairs pending.
* **A696 flooding:** Road surface now lifting; works had been carried out to Walk Mill road – Clerk to re-contact County Council.
* **Slow sign request Walk Mill:** Request had been passed to County Council Highway’s Department.
* **Knowesgate Junction:** County Council had confirmed work to commence 15/1/18.
* **White lining, Cornhills:** County Council had confirmed **w**ork would be carried out – Clerk to chase up. The whole road from Cornhills to Ridsdale requires white lining – Clerk to report.

**2018/06 Youth Club**

Nothing to report.

**2018/07 Correspondence**

* CPRE – newsletter
* NALC – interactive speed signage – scheme whereby County Council can bulk buy equipment and Parish Council’s then purchase from them
* Northumberland County Council – Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PHA) Consultation
* North of Tyne Devolution – Governance Review Consultation
* Invitation for past Chairmen to Royal Garden Party May 2018
* County Council – parking survey
* Friends of the Marie Curie Centre – notice of five mile charity walk from Kirkharle Courtyard on 13/5/18

**2018/08 Finance**

**2018/08/01 Bank Balance:** £7303.59 as at 31/12/17

**2018/08/02 The following invoices were authorised for payment**

* Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall – W/C maintenance - £255.50;
* C Miller – November, December salary and expenses - £255.95
* HMRC - PAYE on above - £54.40
* HMRC – missing payment - £55.16 – C Miller paid and reclaimed

**2018/08/03 Grant requests received**

* Northumberland Theatre Company; Sport Tynedale.

**2018/08/04 To discuss/agree precept 2018 – 2019**

Estimated year end balance £5120. With major wall repair estimated at £25K, discussion followed regarding raising the precept to cover anticipated costs. E Rogerson proposed raising precept level to £20,000, K Fortune seconded, all in agreement.

**2018/09 Planning Matters**

**2018/09/01 Planning Applications received**

None received.

**2018/09/02 Approval of Planning Application**

Application for Summerhouse at Old School House.

**2018/10 Play Ground**

Nothing to report.

**2018/11 Ray Fell Wind Farm/Community Interest Company**

Committee had not met for some time, with disagreements continuing. However, the community fund should now be accepting applications for smaller grants.

**2018/12 Bonfire Night Celebrations**

No volunteers forthcoming to organise celebrations.

**2018/13 Grasscutting from 1st April 2018**

R Thornton to speak to person who maybe interested in carrying out grasscutting duties. Small machinery requires servicing.

**2018/14 Kirkwhelpington Educational Trust – request for Parish Council to nominate replacement for Mr I Elliott**

Trust had requested Parish Council nominate a replacement for Mr I Elliott who has resigned. Ideally, the candidate should be somebody with children in the educational system, who would be in touch with development of schools in the area and requirements of young people in the parish. E Rogerson suggested a parishioner, and R Thornton also had a candidate that may be willing, and subsequently declared an interest. K Fortune proposed C Thornton as representative, E Rogerson seconded, all in agreement. Clerk to inform Educational Trust.

**2018/15 Urgent Business**

* Grit bin on Eastlands requiring refilling – Clerk to report to County Council and request bin be allocated a number for reference when requesting a refill.
* Gritting from A696 to Ponteland had been sub-standard after snowfall on 29/12/17, with black ice on other occasions, and it appears parts on being missed – R Thornton to speak to County Cllr J Riddle.

**2018/16 Information Items**

None.

**2018/17 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2018 commencing 730pm in Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall.