Minutes of meeting of Wallington Demesne Parish Council held at Cambo Village Hall on Monday 27th November 2017 commencing 730pm

**Those Present Those Present:** J Ballantine (Chairman), D Cowan, A Robson, S Pattison, D Dexter, A Teasdale (Northumbria Police) C Miller (Clerk)

**2017/76 Apologies for absence**

E Green, S Richards, S Jones (received after the meeting) G Sanderson (County Cllr)

**2017/77 Co-Option Vacancies**

D Cowan proposed and S Pattison seconded that Adam Robson be co-opted onto the Parish Council, all in agreement.

**2017/78 Declarations of Members interests**

J Ballantine declared in interest in Wallington FC funding request and Cambo school.

**2017/79 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda**

There were no members of the public present.

**2017/80 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2017**

D Cowan proposed and Cllr Pattison seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a true record, all in agreement.

**2017/81 Matters arising from previous minutes held on 25th September 2017**

* **Defibrillators for Cambo and Scots Gap:** Independent referee required for funding application, and it was agreed Clerk would ask local clergy.
* **Fibre optic broadband:** S Richards progressing.
* **Dog fouling at Cambo:** National Trust had confirmed they would write to all residents of Cambo regarding problems with dog fouling.

**2017/82 NCC Update**

County Cllr not present.

**2017/83 Police Update**

Sheep savaged and problems with poachers. Request for increased police patrols made, however this had been turned down, and persons are urged to officially report suspected criminal activity.

**2017/84 Reports from representatives at outside meetings**

* **Cambo School:** Class 2 to visit cinema, and had applied to enter a dance competition; pantomime to be held 15/12/17 in Church; Christmas service to be held 22/12/17. School are planning to visit London next year, and it was agreed the Parish Council should donate to this educational trip. Clerk to contact school to confirm this and ask how much funding they may require.
* **Cambo Village Hall:** Nothing to report.
* **Middleton Hall:** Nothing to report.
* **Wallington F.C:** Funding required for grasscutting equipment and goalposts, with several funding applications submitted.

**2017/85 Financial Matters**

**2017/85/01 The following invoices were authorised for payment**:

* Middleton Village Hall - £20.00
* C Miller – October, November salary & expenses – £321.81
* HMRC – PAYE on above - £72.60

**2017/85/02 To discuss/agree request for grants received from Community Action Northumberland; Wallington FC (towards grasscutting machinery) and Core Music, Hexham**

Community Action Northumberland are a community group involved with assisting village halls; Core Music are involved with providing space and support for musicians – after discussion, it was agreed not to donate to these two organisations. Official request to be submitted from Wallington F.C. to discuss funding towards equipment which includes grasscutting equipment and goalposts.

**2017/85/03 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/17**

External audit report year ending 31/3/17 had been received with only minor comment as the internal auditor had not answered the question on Section 4 on whether the smaller authority had met its responsibilities as a trustee, which was not applicable.

**2017/85/04 To discuss/set precept 2018 - 2019**

Budget for year ending 31/3/19 had been circulated to all and it was agreed to retain the precept level at the current amount of £3500.

**2017/86 Planning Applications**

**2017/86/01 Planning Applications received**

* 17/03764/CCD: Mrs P Cummings, Cambo First School – application for the erection of conservatory – supported.

**2017/86/02 Approval of Planning Application received**

* 17/03079/LBC: National Trust, Listed Building Consent for fire compartmentation works including the installation of new internal doors and upgrade of attic fire resistance

**2017/87 Neighbourhood Management – to report on any issues within the parish**

* Several potholes had been marked for repair but work not yet carried out.
* Dog fouling in mart car park problematic, and an A3 sign would be beneficial on the fence relating to issues regarding animal welfare - it was agreed J Ballantine would contact sign writer.
* T Junction sign at Scots Gap rotten and large pothole evident, Clerk to report to County Council.
* Potholes when entering Oakford under white lining require attention.
* Cemetery hedge requires attention, and it was agreed J Ballantine would action.

**2017/88 Adoption of Parish Council Standing Orders/Grievance Policy**

D Cowan proposed and Cllr Dexter seconded that the documents were satisfactory for the present needs of Wallington Demesne Parish Council, all in agreement.

**2017/89 Correspondence**

* Northumberland County Council – Bus timetables
* Northumberland County Council – consultation on Northumberland Area Special Education Needs School Place Planning Strategy – available on-line
* CPRE – newsletter
* NALC – interactive speed signage – Parish Council would not be prepared to purchase

**2017/90 Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

**2017/91 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Wallington Demesne Parish Council will be held on Monday 22nd January 2018 commencing 730pm in Middleton Village Hall.

**2018 MEETING DATES**

MONDAY 22nd JANUARY - MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 26th MARCH - CAMBO VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 21st MAY - MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 23rd JULY - CAMBO VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER - MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER - CAMBO VILLAGE HALL



Claire Miller

Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 825pm.