

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18 March 2013 AT 7.00PM IN THE W/VILLAGE HALL

- 0449. PRESENT:** Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs A Turnbull, D Lillie and C Rodgers
In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
- 0450. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs S Lynch and J A Holmes
- 0451. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr A Turnbull declared a personal interest in items relating to Northumbrian Water.
- 0452. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr A Turnbull, seconded by D Lillie and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2013 be signed as an accurate record.
- 0453. MATTERS ARISING.**
- a) **TRAVELLERS.** Minute 0452a refers. Letter received from Northumbrian Water advising that the access road and adjacent land is owned by the Duke of Northumberland and they only have a right of way across the land to access the water treatment works. They state that there is little they can do to prevent the travelling community using this land as a temporary site. It was AGREED to write to Northumberland Estates as they had stated in a previous letter that the matter was in hand between Northumbrian Water and the local farmer.
 - b) **BUS STOP TIMETABLES.** Minute 0447e refers. The new bus timetables were displayed in the new cases however the obsolete information was still attached to the wall inside the bus shelter. This needs to be removed and Cllr M D Senior will look into this.
- 0454. COUNTY COUNCILLOR PAUL KELLY'S REPORT.** Councillor Paul Kelly was unable to attend the meeting.
- 0455. RESIDENTS** present raised a number of matters and where relevant they are listed together with the actions that will be taken, if required. In due course if necessary, reports will be made back to Council.
- a) **PARKING AND ACCESS.** Mr & Mrs K Thornton attended the meeting to advise of the difficulty they have exiting their driveway from North Farm because of vehicles parked on the road. On the morning of 6 March cars were parked on both sides along the full length of the road through the village, greatly restricting traffic movement on both the road and footpaths. Cars were parked in front of driveways and on street corners blocking sightlines. The drivers of the cars were joining an organised walk starting at the Hearth. It was agreed to contact the Hearth to see if they had arranged the walk and also contact North County Leisure to find out if it was organised as part of their Healthy Walks. It was felt that if residents knew that these kind of walks were organised they could make alternative arrangements. Cllr Paul Kelly will be asked to look into the possibility of installing H Bars on the north side of the road. On the occasions where cars are parked inconsiderately, the clerk will produce a flyer to be placed on the cars in question.
 - b) **WATER WORKS TRAFFIC.** It was noted that large vehicles driving up Mill Lane and heading east were having difficulty in negotiating the bend. Cllr C Rodgers advised of the state of Mill Lane. Large vehicles with caterpillar tracks are damaging the surface of Mill Lane. Cllr C Rodgers will contact Cllr Paul Kelly and request a site visit with NCC to inspect the lane. NCC were to undertake a condition report in January and it was unknown if this had taken place.
Cllr C Rodgers expressed concerns that the compound was being used to store vehicles that were working elsewhere and this would be a material change of use should the planning consent not make provision for this. The clerk will provide the original information from the planning application to check this out.
- 0456. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the January meeting had been listed on the agenda and circulated.
- 0457. CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND.** North East Newsletter Spring 2013 edition received. Copies available from the clerk.
- 0458. PUBLIC TRANSPORT NEWSLETTER – Special Edition March 2013** received. This newsletter gives information concerning the renewal of older and disabled people's concessionary bus passes.
- 0459. AUDIT BRIEFING 2013.** Audit briefing received from BDO LLP giving information for completing the annual return for 2013.
- 0460. PARISH MATTERS.** Spring Edition of Parish Matters received from Came & Co, Parish Council Insurance Company. This edition outlines the enhanced policy cover which comes into effect on 1 April 2013. They have increased inclusive cover on Officials Indemnity, Fidelity Guarantee, Hirers Indemnity and Personal Accident and now include Loss of Revenue cover as standard.
- 0461. HM REVENUE AND CUSTOMS.** With effect from 6 April 2013, the Parish Council will have to start reporting PAYE information in real time. Details will have to be monthly to HMRC instead of annually.
- 0462. LOCAL MULTI AGENCY PROBLEM SOLVING (LMAPS) AND TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS.** LMAPS are seeking to develop stronger partnerships with Parish Councils to enhance links to communities. LMAPS meet every 4 weeks comprising Northumbria Police, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland Fire and Rescue, Youth Providers, Voluntary Community Sector organisations and other key stakeholders. The purpose of LMAPS is to problem solve issues which have been raised.

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- 0463. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.** Northumberland County Council have issued information of the arrangements for the parish council elections on 2 May 2013. Nomination papers distributed to all existing parish councillors who need to complete their papers and deliver to the nominated venue before noon on 5 April 2013.
- 0464. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK; CORE STRATEGY PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION.** It was noted that this consultation ends on 20 March 2013. Information had been circulated to all councillors.
- 0465. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSION FOR NORTHUMBRIA** has agreed to set up a Joint Independent Audit committee to maintain an effective internal audit of their affairs as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011. The appointment will initially be for one year and they are inviting members of the public to be independent members of this committee. Application forms and further details can be obtained by emailing deanlowery@gateshead.gov.uk or by telephoning 0191 4332128.
- 0466. PUFFING BILLY FESTIVAL.** 2013 celebrates 200 years since steam locomotives were used to transport coal from Wylam Colliery to Lemington. A partnership has been formed between Beamish Museum, Newcastle City Council and local councils in along the route of the wagonway. The intention is to organise a Puffing Billy Festival during 2013. It is intended to involve as many local community organisations as possible with a large range of events along the route. The largest single event is planned over the weekend of 20th to 22nd September when Beamish Museum's replica of the Puffing Billy will be on display in Wylam on the Saturday and Newburn on the Sunday. During the autumn half term Beamish will hold a special opening for community groups at which the Puffing Billy will be working on the demonstration track. A public meeting will be held in March. Further information from Tom Martin, Wylam Parish Council 01661 852025 tommartin1963@sky.com or Geraldine Straker Community Engagement Co-ordinator, Beamish Museum 0191 3704000 ext 2080 geraldinestraker@beamish.org.uk.
- 0467. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**
- a) PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS.** Details of planning decisions and applications as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
12/01514/FUL	Vallum Farm, Stamfordham	Amendments to previously approved scheme, changes to proposed uses and changes to opening times	GRANTED
12/01817/FUL	Northside Farm, Harlow Hill	Part conversion and extension of existing farm buildings to accommodate a small office and cafe including kitchen, outdoor area and amenities	GRANTED
12/03600/FUL	Old Post Office, Horsley	Proposed new single storey rear glazed orangery	REFUSED
13/00205/FUL	Northside Farm, Harlow Hill	Proposed expansion of existing wigwam campsite by adding 4 no additional wigwams	No objection sent
13/00528/FUL	Old Post Office, Horsley	Construction of single storey glazed orangery to rear	Objection sent
13/00024/FUL	The Manse, Horsley	Installation of 14 no photovoltaic panels on south face of North Studio roof	No objection sent
12/03034/FUL	Horsley Banks Farm, Horsley	Proposed change of use of farmhouse from residential to a mix of residential and holiday accommodation, construction of first floor extension to create two additional bedrooms, single storey extensions to create a lobby and dining area and conversion of outbuildings to provide holiday accommodation.	Objection sent

0468. FINANCE

- a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Cllr A Turnbull, seconded by Cllr D Lillie and AGREED accounts on the list as circulated be paid.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	£272.94		£272.94	SO
Hexham Courant	Advert	£55.20	£11.04	£66.24	000731
HMRC	PAYE	£68.20		£68.20	000732
Cartridge People	Printer Ink	£26.92		£26.92	000733
Amazon	Stationery	£13.50		£13.50	000734

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INCOME RECEIVED

NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Lloyds TSB	Interest	£0.41	09.01.13
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0469. VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT.** 3 tenders received for the grass cutting contract. It was AGREED to award the contract to Chris Glew at an annual cost of £2010.
- b) **BUS SHELTER QUOTES.** 2 quotes had been received for the repair to the bus shelter roof at High Barns. It was agreed to accept the quote from Wayne Hillier at a cost of £670.00.
- c) **PLAY AREA FENCING QUOTES.** 2 quotes had been received to repair the play area fencing. It was agreed to replace the whole of the north side fence at a cost of £870.00.
- d) **NORTHUMBRIAN WATER.** Meeting held in December with representatives of Northumbrian Water to discuss the various issues with the ongoing building works, traffic, noise and light pollution. Cllr S Lynch had advised that although the noise/light pollution had improved since the meeting it was now becoming a problem again. It was agreed to contact Northumbrian Water (Alan Willoughby and Richard Johnson), thanking them for attending the meeting and to advise that the problems are still present.
- e) **BUS STOP TIMETABLES.** Confirmation received that the updated information for the bus stop opposite the Lion and Lamb would be updated as soon as possible.
- f) **STATE OF THE PAVEMENTS.** NCC had inspected the pavements from Stonecroft to the Crown and Anchor and advised that there were currently no actionable defects. No work would be carried out at this time. The Highway Inspector has requested that the footway is added to the Capital Works Programme for future work. A large area of pavement had been lifted outside the Old Chapel at the top of Mill Lane. This had been reported however no repairs had been undertaken to date.

0470. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Parish meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 20th May 2013 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Signed as an accurate record _____