

## HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.00PM IN THE W/VILLAGE HALL

- 0510. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.** Paula Taylor signed and gave her declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of Mrs Senior, Clerk to the Council.
- 0511. PRESENT:** Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs S Lynch and P Taylor  
In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
- 0512. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** County Councillor P Kelly, Cllrs A Turnbull, C Rodgers and D Lillie.
- 0513. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.
- 0514. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr S Lynch, seconded by Cllr M D Senior and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2013 be signed as an accurate record.
- 0515. MATTERS ARISING.**
- a) **TRAVELLERS.** Minute 0499a refers. Response still awaited from Northumberland Estates.
  - b) **NORTHUMBRIAN WATER WORKS.** Minute 499b refers. No further update had been received although it was noted that a section of Mill Lane had been resurfaced. Cllr S Lynch to obtain an update from Seymours, the contractors and Mrs Senior will contact Dick Phillips, NCC.
  - c) **BUS STOPS.** Minute 0499c refers. Repairs to the bus shelter at High Barns had been carried out by Cllr M D Senior. Cllr A Turnbull will be asked to sweep out the bus stop opposite the Crown and Anchor.
- 0516. COUNTY COUNCILLOR PAUL KELLY'S REPORT.** Councillor Paul Kelly was unable to attend the meeting however had sent a written report which is attached to this minute.
- 0517. 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) **FOOTPATH REPORT.** Maurice Holliday advised that there were no problems to report. Due to the dry weather there were no problems at Spital although no improvements had been made by NCC. Mrs Senior to contact Tim Fish for an update.
  - b) **SEATS.** The request for a seat at the west end of the village was still being looked into.
- 0518. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the July meeting had been listed on the agenda and circulated.
- 0519. DON'T STAND FOR IT CAMPAIGN** NCC is re-launching the campaign to reduce dog fouling across the County. If a Parish Council feels any specific areas needs to be targeting then officers will visit the localities and attach posters and signs. Civil Enforcement Officers have been trained to issue fixed penalties for dog fouling and littering.
- 0520. NORTHUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS.** It was noted that the AGM of NALC is to be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am in Morpeth.
- 0521. CORE MUSIC.** Request for donation received. This will be carried over to next year as all grant aid has been awarded for 2013-2014.
- 0522. ROAD CLOSURE.** It was noted that NCC intends to make an order prohibiting vehicular traffic on the C256 Oatens Bank, Horsley for its entire length. The order is to be effective from 30 September until 30 October 2013 however it is expected that the road will only be closed on 30 September 2013 from 09:00hrs to 15:00hrs. The alternative route will be via A69, B6309, B6318.
- 0523. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**
- a) **PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS.** Details of planning decisions and applications as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors.
  - b) **SCA.** It was noted that SCA had submitted a planning application 13/02592/VARYCO which is a variation of planning application 20060283 agreed for an Energy Recovery Plant. Horsley Parish Council have not been consulted on this application although had submitted an objection in 2006 to the original application.

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REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
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.	GRANTED
13/01921/FUL	2 Horsley Wood Cottages	Proposed single storey kitchen/dining room extension to rear of property	GRANTED
13/01828/FUL 13/01829/LBC	Moor View, Horsley	Proposed extension to existing bungalow	GRANTED
13/01643/VARYCO	Dukes Cottage, Horsley	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 20100555 to change roof of proposed extension from hip to gable	GRANTED
13/02168/FELTPO	Stoneycroft, Horsley	Tree Preservation Order appln to fell 4 sycamores and reduce and reshape 6 trees by 20%	GRANTED
13/02459/FUL	South Lodge, Tynewood, Wylam	Creation of new access from road by widening existing driveway	No objection sent

### 0524. FINANCE

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Cllr S Lynch, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED accounts on the list as circulated be paid.
- b) **ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.13.** The annual audit had been completed by BDO LLP and there were no matters to be brought to the Council's attention. The report was accepted and approved and the statutory Completion of Audit Notice was displayed on the notice board.

#### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	272.94		393.80	SO
Mrs A Senior	Play Area Inspection	75.00		75.00	SO
CAN	Grant aid	25.00		25.00	000745
Great North Air Ambulance	Grant aid	100.00		100.00	000746
West Nland CAB	Grant aid	50.00		50.00	000747
HMRC	PAYE	83.40		83.40	000749
B & Q	Bus shelter repairs	19.13	3.83	22.96	000750
FEL Accounts	Internal audit	20.00	4.00	24.00	000751
BDO LLP	External audit fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Broker Network Ltd	Insurance renewal	953.44		953.44	000752
Viking Direct	Stationery	34.03	6.81	40.84	000753
C Glew	Grass cutting	500.00		500.00	000754

#### INCOME RECEIVED

NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Lloyds TSB	Interest	£0.38	10.08.13
Lloyds TSB	Interest	£0.34	10.09.13
NCC	Precept	£4255.00	12.09.13

### 0525. VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **CROWN AND ANCHOR.** The Parish Council had been approached by Woodruff & Routledge Property Consultants to advise of the proposed plans for the Crown and Anchor. Their clients Akenside Developments intend to purchase the building and convert the ground floor into offices and convert the 1<sup>st</sup> floor into 2 apartments. They intend to build a detached property on the land to the rear of the pub. A pre-planning enquiry had been made to NCC and a planning application is awaited. Unfortunately this would mean that the community allotments behind the Crown and Anchor would no longer be available. It was agreed that the Parish Council would approach Northumberland Estates to see if they were willing to lease some land to the Parish Council as an allotment site.
- b) **LITTER PICK.** A litter pick to be arranged for 26 October. All equipment will be supplied. Posters will be placed in the notice boards requesting volunteers.
- c) **PLAY AREA.** Cllr S Lynch advised that the play area fencing will be removed within the next few days.

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- 0526. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP) PROGRAMME 2014-2015.** NCC is inviting Parish Councils to submit transport priorities for next year's Integrated Transport Programme. The top three priorities will be assessed for inclusion in the draft programme, which will be considered by the County Council Area Committees. The following will be put forward as a priority:-
- a) **Ref: 04842** Request for traffic calming.
- Parking on the pavements still continues to be a problem. PC Cross had advised that the police could be called however they had recently refused to come out following a resident's call to them. The Parish Council will contact PC Cross for further clarification.
- 0527. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 November 2013 at 7.00pm.

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Signed as an accurate record

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### COUNTY COUNCILLOR PAUL KELLY'S REPORT

I have little to report that is of direct relevance to Horsley except that I was over optimistic about the progress of changing the NCC 20mph policy on through routes. In spite of approval by Area Committee, Policy Board and Petitions Committee the visit by a small group of members and an officer to Gateshead and North Tyneside has not yet been organised. The delay is down to the Conservative and Lib Dem groups failing to nominate two councillors each.

The planning for the closure and repair of Ovingham Bridge is well under way. How badly Horsley will be affected is difficult to calculate. Please pass on any concerns and we will take them into account.

The Community Chest has been activated again after an investigation was carried out into whether some bids were being used for the purposes claimed. The West Area has the same pot of £90000 for the next financial year.

I note that the H bar markings requested by the Parish Council and located as requested are now being described as being in the wrong place. Please give more details as I don't want to spend my allocation on schemes that are not value for money.

***Comments noted by the Parish Council. The H bars were not in the wrong place although it had been expected that the white lines would have been carried further passed the junctions. It was felt that they were ineffective as it was giving drivers a gauge of where to park up to and had exacerbated the problem.***