

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20 May 2013 AT 7.00PM IN THE W/VILLAGE HALL

- 0471. PRESENT:** Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs A Turnbull, S Lynch, D Lillie and C Rodgers
In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
- 0472. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.** All councillors present signed their declarations of acceptance of office in the presence of Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council.
- 0473. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** None
- 0474. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.** It was proposed by Cllr S Lynch, seconded by Cllr A Turnbull and AGREED to re-elect Cllr M D Senior as Chairman. Cllr M D Senior accepted and took the chair,
- 0475. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.** It was proposed by Cllr A Turnbull, seconded by Cllr S Lynch and AGREED to elect Cllr C Rodgers as Vice Chairman. Cllr C Rodgers accepted.
- 0476. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr A Turnbull declared a personal interest in items relating to Northumbrian Water. Cllr M D Senior declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 14d as husband of the Clerk.
- 0477. CO-OPTION TO FILL ONE VACANCY.** Two residents had expressed an interest in becoming a councillor. They would be advised to contact the clerk if they were still interested. Notices will be placed on the notice boards and will be discussed at the July meeting.
- 0478. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr A Turnbull, seconded by D Lillie and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2013 be signed as an accurate record.
- 0479. 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) **NORTHUMBRIAN WATER WORKS. Minute 455b refers.** NCC, Highways Inspector had met with NWL. Cllr C Rodger had contacted NCC to see if NW had agreed a schedule of works, and in particular whether they will agree to resurface Mill Lane as the most appropriate way to remedy the damage caused by their operations. The Planning Department had also been contacted to ascertain whether a material change of use has taken place and whether planning permission should have been sought and obtained for the use of the land included in the water treatment works as a storage site for vehicles used elsewhere daily. To date no update had been received.
 - c) **PAVEMENTS.** Minute 469f refers. It was noted that the pavement had been patched outside the Old Chapel.
- 0480. COUNTY COUNCILLOR PAUL KELLY'S REPORT.** Councillor Paul Kelly was unable to attend the meeting.
- 0481. 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) **MILL LANE VERGES.** Residents expressed concern at the state of Mill Lane. This is currently being looked at with NCC. A schedule of works to repair the lane will be requested from NCC/NWL.
- 0482. ALLOCATION OF PARISH COUNCIL DUTIES**
- a) Maintenance of bus stops/notice boards
 - b) Representative/s on Ovingham Joint Burial Committee – Cllrs M D Senior and A Turnbull.
 - c) Representative/s on East Tynedale Parish Councils Forum – Cllr M D Senior
 - d) War Memorial – Alan Holmes
 - e) Representative/s on SCA Forum – Cllr A Turnbull
 - f) Observer Governor – Heddon on the Wall First School – Cllr R D Lillie
- 0483. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the March meeting had been listed on the agenda and circulated.
- 0484. LOVE NORTHUMBERLAND AWARDS 2013.** The Love Northumberland Awards event aims to reward community achievement of schools, community and voluntary groups through projects that preserve and enhance the environment. Nominations are invited and the award event is to be held at The Alnwick Garden on Wednesday 10 July at 7.00pm. Winning entries receive a £250 prize and runners up a £100 to be spent on something that will benefit the project or work. More information can be found at www.northumberland.gov.uk/love or by telephoning Carrol Hessey 01670 622992.
- 0485. ST OSWALDS MAKE A WILL MONTH.** June is St Oswalds Hospice Make a Will month when numerous local solicitors team up with the Hospice you provide great deals on making or updating wills. The cost is £90 for a single will or £125 for a joint will and the full amount is then donated directly back to the Hospice. For more information about 'Make a Will Month' contact Carole on 0191 2469123 or email carolejacobs@stoswaldsuk.org.
- 0486. BLACKETT TRUST.** All funds held in trust for the benefit of aged residents of Horsley, Ovingham, Ovington and Wylam have now been expended and the CJW Blackett Village Trust is to be wound up.

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- 0487. NALC TRAINING EVENTS.** Details of training events for new councillors and chairman circulated to all Councillors.
- 0488. COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND.** CAN's Spring Conference is to be held on Tuesday 30 April 2013 at 2.00pm in the North Sunderland and Seahouses Sports and Community Centre.
- 0489. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**
a) PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS. Details of planning decisions and applications as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
13/00205/FUL	Northside Farm, Harlow Hill	Proposed expansion of existing wigwam campsite by adding 4 no additional wigwams	GRANTED
13/00528/FUL	Old Post Office, Horsley	Construction of single storey glazed orangery to rear	GRANTED
13/00825/LBC	The Manse, Horsley	Installation of 14 no photovoltaic panels on south face of North Studio roof	GRANTED
13/00024/FUL	The Manse, Horsley	Installation of 14 no photovoltaic panels on south face of North Studio roof	GRANTED
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.	Decision awaited
13/01109/LBC	Dukes Cottage, Horsley	Listed Building Consent: Change extension roof from hip to gable (extension partly constructed approved under application T/20100555 and T/20110087)	Decision awaited
13/01384/PRUTPO	Stoneycroft, Horsley	Tree Preservation Order: Felling of seven Sycamore trees T3, T4, T6, T8, T9, T11, T12, Reduce and re-shape by 20% to four Sycamore trees T5, T7, T13, T14 and Reduce and re-shape by 10% to one Sycamore tree T10	Comments by 08.06.13

0490. 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.
- b) **ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2012/2013.** It was proposed by Cllr D Lillie, seconded by Cllr A Turnbull and AGREED that the Chairman shall sign off the approved section 1 and 2 of the Annual Statement of Accounts, there being no queries raised by Councillors
- c) **REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY.** After discussion it was proposed by Cllr R D Lillie, seconded by Cllr C Rodgers and agreed to increase the annual salary of the clerk to £2500.00. The chairman and clerk took no part in this discussion.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Wayne Hillier	Repair of bus shelter roof	£670.00		£670.00	000735
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	272.94		272.94	SO
Mrs A Senior	Play Area Inspection	75.00		75.00	SO
Calico UK	Website annual charge	18.00	3.00	15.00	000736
Spanglefish	Annual subscription	24.95		24.95	000737
Northumberland Assoc of Local Councils	Subscription 2013-14	75.49		75.49	000738
C Glew	Grass cutting	510.00		510.00	000739
Ovingham Joint Burial Committee	Contribution 2013/2014	2640.00		2640.00	000740

INCOME RECEIVED

NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Lloyds TSB	Interest	£0.36	10.04.13
Lloyds TSB	Interest	£0.53	10.05.13
NCC	Precept	4545.00	10.04.13

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- 0491. REGISTER OF MEMBERS INTERESTS.** Forms had been distributed to councillors for completion. The forms need to be completed and returned to the clerk within 28 days of the election. The registers of interests will be maintained by the Monitoring Officer and also included on the NCC website. A link will be placed on the Parish Council's website.
- 0492. VILLAGE ISSUES**
- a) **COMMUNITY PLANTERS.** Horsley WI had been awarded a grant of £200 to fund four planters in the village containing herbs. The planters will be sited at Cherry Tree Gardens, the playing field, outside the church and at the entrance to Stonecroft. All planters will be maintained by the WI and members of the Garden Club. Villagers are invited to help themselves to the herbs growing in the pots.
 - b) **THE HEARTH.** The Hearth has been able to extend its car park to add another 2 bays. They advise that they are aware of parking problems in the village and do their best to help. When the car park is full they ask customers to park on the road and not on the pavement.
 - c) **iNORTHUMBERLAND.** In 2011, the Government announced that it wanted the UK to have the best broadband internet network in Europe by the end of the decade. To make sure that this happened, they announced a fund of £580 million to be shared among local authorities to pay for the necessary upgrades. Northumberland is a largely rural county with many people living in remote locations. This means that the market – companies such as BT – cannot be relied upon to pay for all the improvements, as it just isn't economically viable for them to do so. This is where the government money is being used to help incentivise the market to do something in those most rural communities. iNorthumberland is encouraging residents to register their desire for super fast broadband. Flyers will be requested and distributed throughout the village
 - d) **OIL BULK BUYING SCHEME.** Community Action Northumberland is looking for local communities and individuals to join its countywide bulk-buying group for heating oil. The scheme is aimed at bringing consumers together to make the most of joint buying power so that greater savings can be made and passed on to customers. They believe that finding a way to keep fuel costs as low as possible is particularly important in rural areas, where many households don't have mains gas. Savings have been seen of approximately 5p per litre.
The scheme will also help to reduce the carbon footprint of the delivery system. Every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it's using a lot of fuel – a full tanker may only get about 8 miles per gallon! So if deliveries are organised so that one tanker can reach as many customers in as small an area as possible, the fuel consumption is reduced. There is a membership fee to join the scheme which is £20 per domestic household. A meeting will be arranged for an Oil Can representative to give a presentation.
- 0493. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15 July 2013 at 7.00pm.

Signed as an accurate record _____