

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15 JULY 2013 AT 7.00PM IN THE W/VILLAGE HALL

- 0494. 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
- 0495. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** County Councillor P Kelly.
- 0496. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr A Turnbull declared a personal interest in items relating to Northumbrian Water.
- 0497. CO-OPTION TO FILL ONE VACANCY.** One application had been received to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr C Rodgers, seconded by Cllr D Lillie and AGREED to co-opt Paula Taylor onto the Parish Council.
- 0498. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr D Lille, seconded by Cllr S Lynch and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2013 be signed as an accurate record.
- 0499. MATTERS ARISING.**
- a) **TRAVELLERS.** Minute 0479a refers. The travellers had visited Horsley on their annual pass through however no incidents had been reported. Northumbrian Water had left dumpy bags out for the travellers to collect their rubbish and had tidied up the area when they left. Nothing had been heard from Northumberland Estate following the letter from the Parish Council and this will be chased up.
 - b) **NORTHUMBRIAN WATER WORKS.** Minute 479b refers. 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. Email received from Dick Phillips, Network Manager, NCC advising that the work would be completed soon and once all work had been completed NWL and NCC would inspect the area to agree what works need to be carried out. He advised that NWL are very aware of the disruption they had caused and wanted to leave the area in as good as a condition as they had found it.
 - c) **BUS STOPS.** Minute 0482a refers. It was noted that there was graffiti on the bus shelter at High Barns. Cllr D Lillie agreed to paint over the graffiti. The paint will be provided. Cllr A Turnbull also agreed to sweep out the bus stop opposite the Crown and Anchor.
- 0500. 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.
- 0501. 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 the missing way markers had been replaced however there were still some missing. No action had been taken at Spital following Tim Fish's site visit. This will be chased up. The public footpath on the north side of the A69 needs cutting back and this will be reported to NCC.
 - b) **SEATS.** A further seat was requested at the bus stop opposite Cherry Tree Gardens. Due to the height of the verge this may prove difficult however it will be looked into.
 - c) **H BARS.** It was felt that these were in wrong place and problems were still being experienced exiting driveways along the main road. It was agreed to ask a Highways officer from NCC to visit Horsley and ask for suggestions of what could be done to improve the situation.
 - d) **SPEEDING.** Northumbria Police are looking for volunteers to support the work of the police in the area by expanding its Volunteer Community Speed Watch scheme which is run in partnership with Northumbria Police and Safer Northumberland and allows local people to help reduce traffic speeds. The Neighbourhood Policing Team will work closely with volunteers and give training, support and specialist equipment to set up the watch in a designated spot, recording the speed of passing vehicles and producing documentation to be sent to motorists. Cllrs S Lynch and D Lillie volunteered for the scheme.
- 0502. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the May meeting had been listed on the agenda and circulated.
- 0503. JOINT MEETING BETWEEN NCC AND PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS.** It was noted that the next Joint meeting between NCC and PCs would be held on Tuesday 15 October, venue to be confirmed.
- 0504. FREE PARKING FOR ALL.** NCC is looking to provide free parking in Corbridge and Hexham. Any Parish Council wishing to have comment are being asked to do this through the appropriate Parish/Town Council.
- 0505. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM.** A number of changes came into force on 30 May 2013 including the following:-
- a) **SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSIONS.** Homeowners will be able to extend their property by up to 6m for terrace/semi detached properties or 8m for detached properties without the need for planning permission. This change does not relate to properties in Conservation areas.
 - b) **CONVERSION OF OFFICE TO RESIDENTIAL USE.** Planning permission no longer required however applicant will need to submit a prior approval request to Local Planning Authority.

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- c) **CONVERSION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS TO SHOPS, BUSINESS USE, CAFES/RESTAURANTS, HOTELS OR LEISURE USE.** Up to 500 sqm can be converted without planning permission.
- d) **TEMPORARY/FLEXIBLE USES FOR 2 YEARS.** New 'pop up' uses will be able to open for a 2 year period without the need for planning permission.

0506. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- a) **PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS.** Details of planning decisions and applications as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors.

| 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. | Committee decision 17.7.13 |
| 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) | GRANTED |
| 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 | REFUSED |
| 13/01921/FUL | 2 Horsley Wood Cottages | Proposed single storey kitchen/dining room extension to rear of property | No objection sent |
| 13/01828/FUL 13/01829/LBC | Moor View, Horsley | Proposed extension to existing bungalow | Comments sent |

0507. 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) **TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR GRANT AID.**
The following requests for grant aid were agreed:-
- Community Action Northumberland - £25.00
 - West Northumberland Citizens Advice Bureau - £50.00
 - Great North Air Ambulance - £100.00

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| PAYEE | DESCRIPTION | NET OF VAT | VAT | CHEQUE AMOUNT | CHEQUE NO |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------|-----|---------------|-----------|
| Mrs A Senior | Clerical Services | 272.94 | | 272.94 | SO |
| Mrs A Senior | Play Area Inspection | 75.00 | | 75.00 | SO |
| UK Ink Cartridges | Printer cartridges | 19.80 | | 19.80 | 000741 |
| HMRC | PAYE | 98.40 | | 98.40 | 000742 |
| HMRC | PAYE | 68.20 | | 68.20 | 000743 |
| C Glew | Grass cutting | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 000744 |

INCOME RECEIVED

| NAME | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT | DATE |
|------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Lloyds TSB | Interest | £0.45 | 10.06.13 |
| Lloyds TSB | Interest | £0.36 | 10.07.13 |

0508. VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **SKIP.** It was noted that the skip on the road outside The Old Post Office was piled high with bricks and was a dangerous to passing motorists and pedestrians. The skip company will be contacted and asked to remove it..
- b) **INORTHUMBERLAND.** Flyers are still to be received. These will be chased up and distributed.
- c) **OIL BULK BUYING SCHEME.** Marc Johnson from OilCan had given an informative talk on the benefits of the Oil Bulk Buying Scheme. The meeting was very well attended by residents. The current scheme is being promoted by CAN to bring communities together to make the most of joint buying power. The

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annual membership fee for a household is £20.00 per year. Minimum order is 500 litres and a monthly order is submitted. Kathryn Nicholson had offered to be the Local Co-ordinator for Horsley who would contact each member monthly to ask whether you wish to place an order. OilCan negotiates the prices from a whole range of suppliers, the Local Co-ordinator would then advise members who the supplier is and the price per litre and approximate date of delivery. Members pay the company supplying the oil direct. Cllr C Rodgers to contact CAN and request leaflets and membership forms for everyone in the village. A brief explanation would then be produced and all information delivered to each household. Notices would be placed on the notice boards and information on the website.

- d) **PLAY AREA.** It was noted that the fence in the play area had still not been repaired however it was felt that the fence was no longer needed as the hedge behind it was well established. Arrangements will be made for the fence to be removed.

Cllr A Turnbull is to contact Richard Johnstone, NWL to ask if they would remove the soil heap in the play area.

- 0493. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 September 2013 at 7.00pm.

Signed as an accurate record _____

COUNTY COUNCILLOR PAUL KELLY'S REPORT

1. New arrangements
 - a) Policy Board- Opposition Leaders without portfolio (as I am Independent leader I am now on the executive)
 - b) Planning & RoW, Standards Cttee, LDF. (Because I objected to the abolition of Central Planning and Rights of Way committees, the Leader of the Council made me Chairman of the combined committee, of the Local Development Framework I.e. Planning policy and of the Standards Committee until we appoint an Independent chairman thereby avoiding having to pay additional Special Responsibility Allowances.)
 - c) Combined Authority for Infrastructure, Economy, Skills & Transport. (The leaders of the seven local authorities on Tyneside and Wearside, Northumberland and Durham have agreed to pool resources in these areas in order to have critical mass and to advance developments.)
 - d) Remuneration Panel (the new council needs to have its Special Responsibility Allowances proposals agreed by a panel of experts. The same pot of money has been redistributed.)
2. Grass cutting. New machines but behind schedule because of multi tasking.
Rothbury and Stocksfield landslips have diverted highways and neighbourhood services staff from normal duties. Northumberland Show attracted 25000 but generated traffic chaos. Joint working is essential for next year.
3. Closure of Allendale Middle was not a cunning plan by NCC education officers but as a result of two successive Ofsted failures. Michael Gove gives us the choice of closure or converting to an academy. The decline in numbers over the years resulted in no sponsor wishing to take the risk. Age range adjustment from 4-9 to 4-11 in feeder schools was attractive to those head teachers because of the improved funding for larger schools. West Northumberland Partnership made this choice without encouragement from NCC. Haydon Bridge High went secondary for the same reason.
4. Pinch point funding was successful for Ovingham Bridge. Government 70% NCC 30% = £3.24 million. Bridge likely to be closed for about nine months.
5. 20mph petition in Wylam was presented at the Area Committee. It is being progressed speedily!
6. Community Chest. The fairness of the current distribution of the £300000 is being reviewed by officers.

Paul Kelly

15.7.13