

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2016 AT 7.00PM IN THE WI/VILLAGE HALL

- 0772. PRESENT:** Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs A Turnbull, D Lillie, C Rodgers
In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
- 0773. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.** It was proposed by Cllr A Turnbull, seconded by Cllr S Lynch and AGREED to re-elect Cllr M D Senior as Chairman. Cllr M D Senior accepted and took the chair.
- 0774. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr S Lynch and AGREED to re-elect Cllr C Rodgers as Vice Chairman
- 0775. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** County Councillor Paul Kelly
- 0776. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr A Turnbull declared a personal interest in matters relating to Northumbria Water.
- 0777. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.** Cllr Paul Kelly was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a written report which is attached to these minutes.
- 0778. RESIDENTS.**
- a) **TELEPHONE BOX.** It was noted that electricians had disconnected the BT phone box but as yet it had not been removed.
- 0779. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr A Turnbull, seconded by Cllr S Lynch and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on **21 March 2016** be signed as an accurate record.
- 0780. ALLOCATION OF PARISH COUNCIL DUTIES**
- a) **MAINTENANCE OF BUS STOPS –** Cllr S Lynch
 - b) **REPRESENTATIVES ON Ovingham Joint Burial Committee –** Cllrs M D Senior and A Turnbull
 - c) **REPRESENTATIVE ON EAST TYNEDALE PARISH COUNCIL FORUM –** Cllr P Taylor
 - d) **OBSERVER GOVERNOR OF ST ANDREWS C OF E FIRST SCHOOL, HEDDON ON THE WALL –** Cllr R D Lillie
 - e) **REPRESENTATIVE ON SCA FORUM –** Cllr A Turnbull
 - f) **MAINTENANCE OF WAR MEMORIAL –** Alan Holmes and Terry Mulligan
- 0781. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence and information items received since the March meeting had been listed on the agenda and most of this correspondence had been circulated by email.
- 0782. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION THAT MAY ARISE FROM PRECEDING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.** None.
- 0783. NORTHUMBERLAND LED STREET LIGHTING PROJECT.** Street lighting is being modernised across Northumberland in a £25m investment programme. Nearly 17000 lampposts will be replaced and all street lights fitted with new LED lights. A Schedule of costs for additional items in respect of LED street lighting has been provided by NCC.
- 0784. THE PENSIONS REGULATOR.** The law on workplace pensions has changed and all employers must comply with the workplace pension law. Horsley Parish Council's staging date is 1 May 2017 and currently have no eligible employees.
- 0785. LOVE NORTHUMBERLAND HATE LITTER CAMPAIGN 2016 –** Northumberland County Council is to launch its new litter campaign on 16 May 2016. The purpose is to raise general public awareness about the problem littering causes to communities and the environment.
- 0786. NORTHUMBRIAN WATER UPDATE.** A customer information event had been held on Thursday 21 April to give full details of the work NWL are planning including designs and 3D imaging. Staff were also on hand to show residents the community portal and how they can contact the site team during the project – www.nwlcommunityportal.co.uk.
- 0787. CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL FOR PONTELAND PARTNERSHIP.** Northumberland County Council met to discuss a recommendation to consult on the structure of the partnership. The Council approved the recommendation and consultation is open until 11 May 2016.
- 0788. PARISH CEMETERY DOUBLE CHARGING.** A payment of £41.36 had been made by Northumberland County Council in respect of the effective double charge that properties in the parish have been subject to as a result of the charges levied through both the parish precept and County Council's council tax charge.
- 0789. INFORMATION ITEMS**
- Northumberland County Council – Right thing, Commercial waste and Hazardous Waste leaflets
 - NALC – eNews April 2016
 - Northumberland County Council – Local council records in Northumberland
 - Came and Company – Spring Council Matters 2016
 - Citizens Advice Northumberland – Update April 2016
 - Tynedale Community Bank – Conference April 2016
 - Clerks and Councils Direct – May 2016 issue
- 0790. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

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

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
16/00417/LBC 16/400416/FUL	Crown and Anchor, Horsley	Conversion of former Crown and Anchor public house to 1no 4 bedroom detached house with integral garage	GRANTED
16/01253/FUL	5 Stonecroft, Horsley	Proposed construction of a new extension to the north side of the existing single storey dwelling within the footprint of the existing detached garage; new extension to form enlarged kitchen and dining spaces along with a living space to a mezzanine about the newly formed integral garage	Decision awaited
16/01366/REM	Horsley Water Treatment Works, Water Lane, Horsley	Reserved matters for the submission of final layout and appearance of upgrading works at Horsley WTW	Decision awaited

0791. FINANCE

a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED accounts on the list as circulated be paid.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services & Play area inspections	338.00		338.00	SO
HMRC	PAYE	84.40		84.40	000849
Calico UK	Website domain name	15.00	3.00	18.00	000850
Horsley WI	Hall rental	15.00		15.00	000851
Ovingham Joint Burial Committee	Contribution	900.00		900.00	000852
Amazon	Gloves	15.08	1.21	16.29	000853
Amazon	Litter pickers	28.95	5.80	34.75	000853
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	000854
C Glew	Grass cutting	510.00		510.00	000855
B & Q (G Burns)	Repairs to notice board	29.84		29.84	000856
Waltons Marquee Hire	Queens 90 th bday event	563.75	162.75	726.50	BP

INCOME RECEIVED			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.22	10.04.16
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.36	10.05.16
Northumberland County Council	Precept payment	5250.00	15.04.16
Northumberland County Council	Cemetery – double charging	41.36	12.05.16

b) ACCOUNTS UP TO 31 MARCH 2016. It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr S Lynch and AGREED to accept and approve the accounts and budget report for the year ended 31 March 2016.

c) ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016. Section 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016 was accepted and approved by the Parish Council. The return will now be sent to be internally audited.

d) RISK ASSESSMENT. The risk assessment circulated to Councillors was noted and the recommendations made therein to cover the Council were proposed by Cllr MD Senior, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED.

e) REQUESTS FOR GRANT AID. The following donations were proposed by Cllr S Lynch, seconded by Cllr A Turnbull and AGREED.

- Sport Tynedale - £50.00
- Great North Air Ambulance - £100
- Children's Foundation - £50
- NCVA – declined

0792. VILLAGE ISSUES.

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- a) **WAR MEMORIAL** – A pre-planning application needs to be submitted before any work can be carried out to the War Memorial as it is now a Grade II listed structure. The clerk will progress this.
- b) **QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.** Plans are well underway for the event on 11th June. Leaflets had been circulated around the village with a programme of events to be circulated in due course. The Lion and Lamb will be doing a BBQ, there is a children's entertainer, band, face painting, irish dancing and much more.
- c) **PLAY AREA.** NWL will be asked to remove the soil heap in the play area. Once this has been carried out future plans can be discussed.

0793. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** A draft constitution had been circulated and was AGREED. The Burial Committee should form part of a host Parish Council and not stand on its own. It is thought that this will be Wylam Parish Council. The contract for the groundworks has been extended for a further 12 month period.
- b) **EAST TYNEDALE PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS FORUM.** Nothing to report.

0794. HORSLEY WOODS. Information had been sent to residents of Horsley Wood Cottages regarding the felling of trees in the woods. The Parish Council had not been consulted and are waiting for information from the company concerned. Once information is received this will be circulated to all councillors for their comments. It was suggested that a traffic management plan should be in place together with a restoration programme of works for Mill Way once the work had been carried out.

0795. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.30pm in the WI Hall. Please note the slightly later start time of **7.30pm.**

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County Councillor Report for May 2016

1. At County Council on May 4th the most obvious change to the organisation was the reduction from three Planning Committees to two, Strategic Planning and Planning. Rights of Way will meet in its own right bi monthly from now on.
In the last year politically balanced committees meeting in Morpeth have replaced Area Planning Committees. Decisions have been made on planning grounds rather than reflecting local political pressures which produced numerous overturns of officer recommendation.
Performance has radically improved and we are no longer threatened with Government intervention. I will remain as Chairman of Strategic Planning (which retains responsibility for Minerals, Renewables, Energy and major departures from the development plan) and Chairman of Local Development Framework Cabinet Advisory Group.
2. Cabinet on May 10th considered the governors' proposal to close Whitfield Primary School after a series of critical Ofsted reports. We agreed to a six month delay in order to allow parents and teachers to seek an alternative solution. Like many of our rural schools Whitfield has lost critical mass as a result of the decline in agricultural workforce and an ageing local population. In two years time a new national per capita funding formula will threaten further the viability of many similar schools in the county.
3. Amble High and Middle schools decided to merge to become one 9-18 establishment. There were only 5 responses to the consultation, 2 in favour of two tier and 3 against. As nearby Alnwick has opted for two tier, the school system is becoming increasingly fractured. Heads and Governors have the power to change or retain the status of their school, NCC do not.
Ponteland parents are furious with NCC senior Education Officers for carrying out required Statutory Consultation following a request from First and High School Heads and Chairs of Governors to move to two tier. The Middle School Head had applied for Multi Academy status without their consent. NCC, of course, is being blamed for this ludicrous situation.
4. Cabinet has consented to a Mayoral Regional Authority after further clarification gave assurance of rural proofing, infrastructure improvements and limited powers for the Mayor. As local government continues to bear the brunt of austerity, this decision is Hobson's Choice, the only route to access much needed funding.
5. Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan is the second in Northumberland to have been "made" - I.e. Approved by Cabinet, after a month's delay for legal checking after a challenge from Mitford Estates.
6. Northumberland will take four Asylum Seeker families every four months over a five year period up to a maximum of 240 adults and children. The area most suitable for settling these families, supported by Central Government funding and County Council networks, is Cramlington. Unlike the refugees administered by G4S, the adults will be allowed to work. NCC recognises that this decision will be controversial but will make every effort to involve local people in welcoming these traumatised families.
7. My Councillor Small Schemes Account needs to be amended by £1500 as I consented to sponsor a candidate from my area to become a trainee during the Tall Ships Festival at Blyth at the end of August.
Following the Bank Holiday trainees will sail to Sweden and be flown back home. Laura Moyle of Newton Hall was selected by the panel.
8. The final link in the bridleway system linking Ovington, Ovingham, Whittle Woods and Nafferton has just been completed after ten years.
My thanks to Mr Dinning of Whittle Farm for allowing the use of his land to upgrade footpath 5 to bridleway. I must thank all the devoted volunteers on the Parish Councils and Community Groups for the work that they do to make our communities such pleasant places to live in and for the support they have given me over many years.

Paul Kelly.
May 14th 2016.