

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM IN THE WI/VILLAGE HALL (Subject to Parish Council approval)

- 0854. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.** Craig Turnbull gave his declaration of acceptance of office and signed it in the presence of the Clerk to the Council.
- 0855. PRESENT:** Cllr C Rodgers, Vice Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs A Turnbull, C Turnbull, S Lynch
In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
- 0856. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr M D Senior
- 0857. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr A Turnbull declared a personal interest in matters relating to Northumbria Water.
- 0858. RESIDENTS.**
- a) **MILL WAY.** Concerns were expressed over the speed of traffic travelling down Mill Way. Suggestions of signs towards the bottom of the lane 'Children Playing' were noted. As there is no speed limit sign a request for an advisory speed limit of 20mph was suggested at the top of the lane.
 - b) **GRITTING.** It was noted that NWL grit from the entrance of the Water Works to the top of Mill Way. It was asked if they could carry this out to the bottom of the lane.
 - c) **SIGNS.** It was noted that the play area warning sign is still in the incorrect position and should be repositioned near to Highcrofts. The crossing sign on the A69 is still the incorrect sign. This has been reported to NCC on numerous occasions.
 - d) **CAR PARK – THE HEARTH.** Interserve had carried out work to improve the car park in the Hearth and also had carried out work in the WI/Village Hall.
 - e) **TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES.** Unfortunately, the rumble strips could not be located in the centre of the village due to the noise for neighbouring houses. It was suggested that due to the number of cars crossing onto the other side of the road to avoid the rumble strips, they should be placed across the whole of the road. It was also suggested that the rumble strips at the west end of the village should be reinstated 100 yds further west. It was also noted that warning signs should be installed to advise motorists. It was suggested that the 30mph be moved closer to the Vehicle Activated Signs and the sign be changed to indicate actual speed instead of 30mph warning. Further discussions took place around chicanes and installing a chicane in the middle of the village was suggested. Following the consultation, 2 years ago most residents were against chicanes or any further form of traffic calming in the middle of the village. NCC will be consulted to see what improvements can be made to the present situation.
- 0859. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr S Lynch, seconded by Cllr C Rodgers AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on **21 November 2016** be signed as an accurate record.
- 0860. MATTERS ARISING.**
- a) **BOTTLE BANK** Minute 840d refers. It was noted that the bottle banks had been removed from Heddon on the Wall and the nearest was in Wylam
 - b) **TELEPHONE BOX.** Minute 840b refers. It was noted that this had now been removed.
- 0861. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence and information items received since the November meeting had been listed on the agenda and most of this correspondence had been circulated by email.
- 0862. THE PENSIONS REGULATOR.** The law on workplace pensions has changed. Under the Pensions Act, every employer with staff in the UK must automatically enrol those who meet certain criteria. The date Horsley Parish Council's enrolment duties start is 1 May 2017. Mrs Senior to complete the declaration of compliance.
- 0863. UNAUTHORISED OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE HIGHWAY.** . New guidance had been received to manage unauthorised obstructions within the highway. A copy had been distributed to members of the Parish Council.
- 0864. ELECTIONS 2017.** The 2017 County Council elections to be held on 4th May will be combined with elections to all Parishes across the County. Not all of these Parish elections will be contested. Where candidates do not exceed available council seats, new councillors will be elected without the need for a poll. It is not possible to predict which Parishes will be contested making it difficult to budget for a spend that may not be necessary. Any costs arising from the polls will be communicated to all parishes in September 2017 to allow for inclusion in the budget for 2018/19.
- 0865. PRE APPLICATION PROTOCOL.** The recommended amendment to the Pre Application Advice Protocol was approved. This is as follows:- An assessment will be made by the Principal Planning Officer when allocating minor pre-application enquiries and where appropriate Town and Parish Councils will be consulted. Unfortunately the Planning Department is unable to consult on confidential enquiries. This is because confidential enquiries are commercially sensitive. The Planning department intends to continue to provide on-going training to Town and Parish Councils.

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0866. REQUEST FOR DONATIONS. A letter had been received from the Hearth Trustees requesting a donation towards the costs of a defibrillator. It was AGREED to make a contribution of £600 towards the installation of the defibrillator. Thanks were expressed to the trustees of the Hearth for arranging this.

0867. MATERIAL AND NON MATERIAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS. Information received from NALC on what are Material and Non Material Planning Considerations. To be material a matter must relate to the purposes of planning, the view of local councils and other consultees can only be taken into account by the planning authority if they are material.

0868. INFORMATION ITEMS

- NALC eNews – weekly issues
- Northumberland County Council – Highways Services in Winter leaflets
- Northumberland County Council – Archaeology in Northumberland volume 42
- Clerks and Councils Direct – Magazine issue no 109

0869. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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
16/04634/FUL	West End Cottage	Demolition of existing modern flat roofed single storey rear extension and replacement with widened and lengthened flat roofed single storey rear extension	Comments to be submitted by 03/02/17
16/02987/COU	Northside Farm	Proposed change of use of the barn development to hold weddings – to use barn as a wedding venue and events space	GRANTED
16/04014/FUL	Horsley Water Treatment Works	Revised RGF structure incorporating filter gallery enclosure with roof covering	GRANTED
16/03578/FELTPO	The Old Post Office	Tree preservation order application to fell one birch and grind stump, fell one cypress and crown reduce one Ash by 2-3 metres	PARTIAL CONSENT
16/00455/PREAPP	Slate House, Welton	Minor amendments to existing listed building consent/planning approval, including construction of a new garage store building	
16/00441/PREAPP	Horsley Banks Farm	Rebuild demolished stables, utilise section of paddock as equestrian ménage and construction of agricultural building	
16/00449/PREAPP	The Hearth, The Manse	Application for damp proofing and prevention work in the north wall of the kitchen area and installation of second secondary double glazing to windows in office, hall and toilet in the hall in the Hearth cafe	

0870. FINANCE

a) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. It was proposed by Cllr C Rodgers seconded by Cllr A Turnbull 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
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	84.60		84.60	000882
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	000883
Horsley WI	Hall rental	15.00		15.00	000884
SLCC	Subscription	28.45		28.45	000885
C Glew	Grass cutting	500.00		500.00	000886

INCOME RECEIVED		AMOUNT	DATE
NAME	DESCRIPTION		
Lloyds Bank	Credit interest	0.36	10.12.16
Lloyds Bank	Credit interest	0.37	10.01.17
Horsley Village Church	Re-imburement for wreath	17.00	11.11.16
The Hearth & Horsley WI	Re-imburement for wreaths	34.00	02.12.16

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0871. VILLAGE ISSUES.

- a) **HORSLEY WATER WORKS – NORTHUMBRIAN WATER.** The issue of screening the water works was discussed. Unfortunately, NWL appear to be at a stale mate with Northumberland Estates regarding discussion. A letter is to be sent to Northumberland Estates requesting permission for the screening of the site at Water Lane on the west side and also along the new security fence.

0872. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** Cllr M D Senior has attended 3 meetings of the Burial Committee since the November Parish Council meeting. For over 40 years the structure of OJBC has not been as it should and as a result the OJBC agreed while still being a committee, the legal responsibility will be taken over by Wylam Parish Council. This means the Parish Council will agree contracts, administer the finances and their clerk will also become the OJBC clerk. OJBC will still make decisions and make recommendations to Wylam Parish Council. OJBC are progressing data security by arranging for the ledgers to be copied at Woodhorn however a deeds register appears to have been temporarily mislaid.

- b) **EAST TYNEDALE PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS FORUM.** Cllr M D Senior attended the January meeting of the Forum where there was a presentation from the Campaign to Protect Rural England who fight to protect landscapes and rural communities. The annual membership is £36 and Parish Councils are invited to join. The finances for the Forum are running low and they have about 6 months of funding left. One suggestion was to precept for the expenses based on numbers of parishioners in each parish which would cost Horsley Parish Council approx £20-£30 per year. The James Knott Foundation was suggested as a potential supporter.

- 0873. VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR.** Cllr C Rodgers had submitted his formal resignation from the Parish Council. Elections for the Parish Council will be held on 4th May 2017 and the nomination forms will be available for completion at the March meeting.

- 0874. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 27TH March 2017 at 7.00pm in the WI Hall

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County Councillor Paul Kelly report for Bywell Division - January 2017

1. Strategic Planning committee consented to 45 new dwellings in Beadnell, a village in the North Northumberland AONB where 80% of housing is either holiday let or second homes. It is a ghost village in winter. The NPPF dictates that no more than 10 dwellings can be built in the AONB unless in exceptional circumstances. Planning officers have reached an agreement with Northumberland Estates that all of the houses (20% affordable) must be principle dwellings in perpetuity, enforceable by a section 106 agreement. Making a significant contribution towards improving the sustainability of the village is considered exceptional circumstances.
2. In April Northumberland is to have the first Accountable Care Organisation in the UK. Steven Mason will, in addition to his NCC CEO duties, become the Accountable Officer for the partnership of: a) Primary Care Services. b) NCC Care Services. c) Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. d) North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. e) Northumberland, Tyne And Wear NHS Foundation Trust. NCC and Clinical Commissioning Group will share the support structure for the Strategic Commissioning function, integrating NHS services, Social Care and Public Health. Daljit Lally OBE will be System Project Director.
3. On January 10th Cabinet considered modifications to pre Planning protocols, Planning Application Validation checklist, Developer Fund for Affordable Housing (NCC can no longer deliver "council houses" directly), Fixed Penalty Notices for environmental abuse and the Treasury Management report. NCC can continue to provide many discretionary services because of its history of prudent investment. Currently NCC receives a 2.02% return compared to other authorities at 0.76%.
4. State of the County Trends- a) Increase in Ageing Population, over 65s now up to 20%, of whom 13.4% are classified as poor. b) Crime up by a third since 2015. c) 15% of the county's children now deemed to be in poverty, up by 3.8%. d) Fuel Poverty up to 16.7% of county population. e) 13% increase in child obesity.
5. Corporate Plan- Since April 2013 Government has cut NCC funding by 55%. The council has delivered £98 million in savings through the sale of redundant properties; use of IT; joint working; smaller workforce and the decision to move to a smaller, more efficient HQ in Ashington. Significant investment has been made in schools in Prudhoe, Bedlington and Alnwick and there are plans for new build in Ponteland, Hexham and Astley. Health and Social Care are seen as national exemplars e.g. Haltwhistle provision. Northumberland's Public Health Service has been assessed as exceptional. The County Council has won national awards for major improvements to road repairs, street cleaning, flood defences, parks and coastline. Since 2013 NCC has seen 619 affordable houses built, (about 300 directly by the council). 427 more are due by March 2017 via section 106 agreements. £238 million has been spent from 2015 to 2017 in schemes such as one stop shops, broadband, leisure centres, schools, roads and transport. When many local authorities in the region are choosing to provide only statutory services, Northumberland's end of term report is all the more impressive.

Please read it.

PK January 2017