
HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3 JULY 2019 AT 7.00PM IN THE WI/VILLAGE HALL (Draft Minutes Subject to Council Approval)

- 1162. PRESENT:** Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with C Roe, R D Lillie, Mrs S Glover, S Lynch.
In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
- 1163. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – County Councillor Karen Quinn**
- 1164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None**
- 1165. RESIDENTS.**
- a) **TREE PLANTING.** Email received regarding the planting of trees on Lead Lane. It was noted that the Parish Council would not be planting any trees on Lead Lane. Grants are available to plant trees and a number of trees are to be planted behind The Hearth. The collars on the trees at the east side of the village will be removed.
 - b) **PLAY AREA GATE.** A complaint was received over the locking of the gate to the play area on Croft Lane. This gate is a maintenance gate and is locked for health and safety reasons. The locking of the gate had been identified on the annual inspection report as an issue. A copy of the Annual Inspection Report will be sent to the resident.
 - c) **HORSLEY WOOD COTTAGES.** There have been several incidents of anti social behaviour at Horsley Wood Cottages. These had been reported to Karbon Homes and the police. The residents asked for the Parish Council's support. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would contact Karbon Homes supporting the residents and requesting a meeting of interested parties to discuss. 0o
 - d) **FOOTPATH REPORT.** Maurice Holliday gave an update on the state of the footpaths around the parish. Maurice had carried out work on several footpaths, cutting back hedges and undergrowth. The footpath to Wylam needs the hedge cutting back as the finger post is obscured. There is a path through Horsley Woods that has been used for a number of years but is not an official right of way. It was suggested that this could be a permissive path through the woods. The route is through the woods, at the edge of Howdene which will then access the path to Wylam via the pumping station. Each end of the path is accessed by an existing Public Right of Way. The landowner will be contacted initially.
 - e) **TRAFFIC/PARKING.** Concerns were expressed over the parking in the village especially over the Open Studios weekend at The Hearth. It had taken a resident a considerable amount of time to exit Croft Lane. There is also a safety issue with emergency vehicles trying to access properties due to the parked cars. The issue with parking had been discussed at The Hearth Trustees meeting. Unfortunately, NCC had refused to supply traffic cones for the first time this year. They had telephoned the police to ask for a drive through the village however due to workloads they cannot guarantee to visit. A meeting with NCC Highways will be requested to discuss options.
- 1166. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019 be signed as an accurate record.
- 1167. MATTERS ARISING**
- a) **BUS SHELTERS.** It was noted that the bus shelters are in need of sweeping, rubbish removed and painted. This will be arranged.
 - b) **PLAY AREA.** The annual inspection report had been received and there are several issues which need to be resolved. A report will be circulated in due course. In the meantime, the bins will be emptied, the small planter planted up and the hedge cut back from the bench seat.
 - c) **VILLAGE HALL.** The new windows have been approved for the Village Hall. These will be funded from Karen Quinn's member funding. Thanks were expressed to Karen.
 - d) **H BARS.** Any H bars in the village would have to be approved by NCC, Traffic and Road Safety Team. Obstructing driveways is a concern and NCC would be able to review this on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - e) **PLAY AREA SIGN.** Northumberland County Council are unable to relocate the sign which is currently outside the Hearth unless the Parish Council pays for this to be done.
- 1168. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence and information items received since the May meeting had been listed on the agenda and most of this correspondence had been circulated by email.
- 1169. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL – SUBMISSION OF DRAFT LOCAL PLAN.** On 29th May 2019 Northumberland County Council submitted the Local Plan to the Secretary of State. The draft Local Plan and supporting documents can be viewed on the Council's website at www.northumberland.gov.uk/localplan.

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1170. INFORMATION ITEMS

- NALC – weekly eNews
- Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2019 Issue 124
- Northumberland County Council – Temporary Road Closure and Footway Closure – Ovingham Bridge 12th August 2019 – 1st September 2019.

1171. 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
19/01167/FUL	Fairwood, 1 Laker Hall Farm, Newton	Proposed extension to existing entrance porch to create sun room and formation of 2no pitched roof dormers to west elevation	GRANTED
19/00712/FUL	Horsley Banks Farm	Change of use of stable building to 1no dwelling house and retention of modern agricultural building	Decision awaited
19/00713/FUL	Horsley Banks Farm	Proposed retention and completion of 1no agricultural building	Decision awaited
18/04028/FUL	North Side Farm, Oatens Bank	Extension to dwelling	APPEAL

1172. FINANCE

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

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Mrs A Senior	Salary	349.98		349.98	SO
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	87.60		87.60	000979
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	000980
Horsley Village Hall	Hall rental	20.00		20.00	000981
T Bell	Grass cutting	500.00		500.00	000982
B & Q	Chain for play area	16.98	2.83	14.15	BP
J C Accountants	Internal audit fee	36.00	6.00	30.00	BP
The Signbuilder	Play area sign	43.22	7.20	36.02	BP
Playsafety Ltd	Play area inspection	120.00	20.00	100.00	000983
Income					
Northumbrian Water	Donation	9814.08		9814.08	24.05.19
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.43		0.43	10.06.19

1173. VILLAGE ISSUES

- b) **PLAY AREA.** The new piece of play area equipment is due to be installed on 15 July 2019. The area will be levelled by Kompan before the equipment is installed.
- c) **GRASS CUTTING.** The current grass cutting contract comes to an end in October. This will be put out to tender at the end of the year.

1174. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- d) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** The burial fees for the cemetery are being reviewed and the groundworks contract is coming up for tender.
- e) **EAST TYNEDALE PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS FORUM.** The next meeting is to be held on 18 July 2019 in Newton Village Hall. Cllr C Roe will attend.

1175. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th September 2019 at 7.00pm in the WI Hall. Cllr Mrs S Glover gave her apologies for this meeting.

Signed as an accurate record