

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM IN THE WI/VILLAGE HALL

(Draft Minutes Subject to Council Approval)

1176. PRESENT: Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with C Roe, C Turnbull, S Lynch.

In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council

1177. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr S Glover and Cllr R D Lillie

1178. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

1179. RESIDENTS.

- a) **TREES/PLANTERS.** Hazel Holliday has taken over looking after the planters at the west end of the village. Thanks to Hazel for doing this on behalf of the village. The gardening club is going to plant some more trees along the verge at the west end of the village.
- b) **PLAY AREA.** The reasons for the locking of the maintenance gate to the play area was questioned again. This is due to health and safety reasons and will remain locked. NCC will only relocate the play area sign if the Parish Council pay for them to do it. It was AGREED to arrange this.
- c) **FOOTPATH REPORT.** Maurice Holliday gave an update on the state of the footpaths around the parish. Maurice had carried out work on several footpaths and stiles, cutting back hedges and undergrowth. The finger post at Horsley Banks Farm is hidden in the undergrowth. It was noted that the gate at the top of Lead Lane is still to be replaced. The seat at the west end of the village needs repaired and this and the other seats are covered in lichen. The clerk will arrange for the seat to be repaired and the all seats to be cleaned and treated.
- d) **GULLEYS.** Most of the gulleys along the main road in the village are blocked. These have been reported however this will be chased up.
- e) **ENABLING COMMUNITIES.** Jude Deeks, Locality Co-ordinator from the Empowering Communities Project has arranged a meeting on Saturday 21 September at 2.30pm in The Hearth to see if they can assist Horsley in anyway with community projects.
- f) **BUS SHELTER.** A planter and climber have been placed beside the bus shelter at Cherry Tree Gardens to hopefully assist in keeping the rain off people waiting for the bus.
- g) **KISSING GATE.** The kissing gate at the bottom of Croft Lane is in need of repair. NWL will be contacted to see if they will repair/replace.

1180. MINUTES. It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2019 be signed as an accurate record.

1181. MATTERS ARISING

- a) **TRAFFIC/PARKING.** Minute 1165e refers. It was noted that the Community Speed Watch volunteers had been out monitoring the traffic recently. This information is passed to the police. Cllr M D Senior is to arrange a site visit with NCC officers from the Highways Dept to see what options would be available in Horsley to improve the speeding/parking problems.
- b) **HORSLEY WOODS FOOTPATH.** The landowner had been contacted to request a permissive path through the woods.

1182. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT. County Councillor Karen Quinn gave a verbal update on matters relating to NCC and Horsley area. The sign at the west end of the village had been reported and NCC advised that they are to clear the gulleys from Horsley to Close House. The Village Hall windows, and heating had been replaced with funds from Karen's members funding. Thanks were expressed to Karen for her help with this. No update had been received on the planning applications relating to Horsley Banks Farm and one of the applications had been removed from the planning portal. Karen AGREED to obtain an update on behalf of the Parish Council.

1183. CORRESPONDENCE. All correspondence and information items received since the July meeting had been listed on the agenda and most of this correspondence had been circulated by email.

1184. CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND. The AGM of CPRE had been held on Wednesday 28th August 2019 in Ponteland. An invitation had been sent to all councillors.

1185. NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL PLAN. The Northumberland Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 29 May 2019. As part of the examination, the first phase of public hearing sessions will be held in October at Morpeth Town Hall. Further details of the examination, including the programme for the hearing sessions, is available on the Local Plan Examination website at <https://northumberland-consult.objective.co.uk/protal/planning/localplan/lp-exam>.

1186. SPORT TYNEDALE. A request by Sport Tynedale for grant aid had been received. It was AGREED to grant £50.

1187. CHANGES TO WATER RESOURCES ABSTRACTION LICENCES FOR PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT ACTIVITIES. Changes to abstraction licences came into effect on 1 January 2018. If more than 20

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cubic metres (20 litres) of water per day for any of the previously exempt activities is abstracted they now need to apply to the Environment Agency for a water resources abstraction licence. Additional information and applying for a licence can be found at <http://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/removing-previously-exempt-abstraction-activities/>. To apply for a licence, applicants can go to www.gov.uk.

1188. TOUR OF WEST SLEEKBURN RECYCLING FACILITY. Further tours of the West Sleekburn Recycling Facility have been arranged for November and December.

1189. 6TH ANNUAL TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE. The 6th Annual Town and Parish Council Conference will take place on Thursday 3rd October at County Hall. There will be a Marketplace with refreshments available in the Restaurant from 2pm. There will be a single conference session beginning at 4pm and concluding at approximately 6pm.

1190. INFORMATION ITEMS.

Copies of all information items are available from the Clerk on request.

- NALC – weekly eNews
- Clerks and Councils Direct – September 2019 Issue 125
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – Countryside Voice
- LCR – Summer 2019
- Community Action Northumberland – CAN News – Summer 2019 July 2019 issue
- Northumberland County Council – Waste leaflets and stickers

1191. 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
19/02017/FELTPO	Stoneycroft, Horsley	Tree Preservation Order Application – felling three Canadian Sycamores at the rear of the property; 20 foot crown reduction and shape to the two Canadian Sycamores in the front garden	GRANTED
19/02217/FUL	Nafferton Farm, Stocksfield	Proposed 7000m ³ earth banked slurry store, required to increase capacity of farms existing slurry system to accommodate number of cattle present on farm	Decision awaited

1192. 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	87.40		87.40	000984
T Bell	Grass cutting	500.00		500.00	000985
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	000986
Horsley Village Hall	Hall rental	20.00		20.00	000987
Northumbria Pest Control	Wasps Nest – Bus shelter	84.00	14.00	70.00	BP
Kompan Scotland	Play area equipment	8178.40	1635.68	9814.08	BP
Kompan Scotland	Play area turf/topsoil	393.00	78.60	471.60	BP
Amazon	Brush cutter	137.33	27.47	164.80	BP
Homebase	Paint for bus shelters	57.00	9.50	47.50	BP
Came and Company	Insurance	1114.43		1114.43	BP
Norton	Antivirus software	24.99	4.17	20.82	BP
MechCad	Accounts software	33.88		33.88	BP
Income					
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.39		0.39	10.07.19
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.37		0.37	10.08.19
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.21		0.21	09.09.19
Northumberland CC	Precept payment	5250.00		5250.00	11.09.19

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1193. VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **VILLAGE TIDY UP.** Thanks were expressed to Craig Turnbull for cutting back the hedge from the seat in the play area and planting up the small planter; Daniel Senior for painting and clearing out the bus stops; David Goldwater for tidying up the footpath by the Business Park and Maurice Holliday for cutting back the undergrowth around the various footpaths and stiles.
- b) **GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2020-2023.** The schedule of works for the grass cutting has been updated to include cutting of the hedges in the play areas, weed spraying and tidying up the verges. The notice will be displayed from mid-October with tenders to be received by 15 November.

1193. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME 2020-2021.

NCC is asking Parish Councils to submit their top three highways and transport priority issues so they can be considered for inclusion in the LTP Programme for 2020/21. It was agreed to put forward the following priorities:

- a) Resurfacing of Mill Way
- b) Resurfacing west end of the village between WI and rumble strips
- c) Improvements to pavements on north side of the road.

Feedback had been received on the priorities put forward for the 2019/20 LTP. The results are below:

Priority	Included	Comments
Resurfacing of pavements throughout the village	No	The maintenance issue has been recorded and will be considered when developing future planned maintenance programmes. In the meantime Area Maintenance Teams will continue to monitor and carry out any minor works required to maintain in a safe condition.
Speed limit markings painted on the road at either end of the village adjacent to the rumble strips	Yes	To be investigated and markings introduced if required.
20mph speed limit through the village	No	No - Would cause further road safety problems. Rumble strips at entry to village are now full width.

1194. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** The burial fees for the cemetery are being reviewed with fees being separated for residents and non-residents. NCC is to carry out topple testing on the headstones in the cemetery. The groundworks contract is coming up for tender.
- b) **EAST TYNEDALE PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS FORUM.** A letter box with a larger opening was requested for Horsley by tenants of the Business Park. This will be looked into.

1195. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th November 2019 at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Signed as an accurate record