

HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM IN THE WI/VILLAGE HALL (Draft Minutes Subject to Council Approval)

1196. PRESENT: Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with C Roe, C Turnbull, S Lynch, R D Lillie and Mrs S Glover.

In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
Karen Quinn, County Councillor

1197. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

1198. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

1199. RESIDENTS.

- a) **TREES/PLANTERS.** The gardening club had planted 5 more trees had been planted at the west end of the village. The Hearth is to have a tree planting day on Sunday 24th November. Northumbrian Water had donated seats.
- b) **FOOTPATH REPORT.** Maurice Holliday gave an update on the state of the footpaths around the parish. Most paths are in a bad state due to the weather however the stiles are in good condition. Maurice had painted the metal road sign by Moorcroft. The Parish Council thanked him for doing this. Maurice had cleared the footpath at Spital between Whittle Dene and Spital. He had contacted Tim Fish, NCC who will come out over the winter and install 2 new finger posts. The path through the copse from Harlow Hill to Dunslaw had also been cleared.
- c) **GULLEYS.** Most of the gulleys along the main road in the village are blocked. These have been reported however this will be chased up again.
- d) **PARKING.** Once again parking was brought up following the recent Hearth Open Studios weekend. A meeting is still to be arranged with Highways to discuss options.
- e) **REMEMBRANCE DAY.** It was noted that the Remembrance Day service had been well attended and was a very good event. Thanks were expressed to Rossi from The Old Post Office who had arranged for the tree to be cut back from the memorial.
- f) **HEDGES.** The hedges in the play area and football field need to be cut back. Cllr C Turnbull to speak to a local contractor.
- g) **GRIT HEAPS.** The grit heaps down Mill Way need to be replenished. NCC will be contacted.
- h) **RATS.** It was noted that during the recent works at the Water Works a lot more rats had been seen in gardens.
- i) **SEWAGE LEAK.** There is a sewage leak near to Horsley Wood Cottages. This had been reported to Northumbrian Water on 2 separate occasions.
- j) **MILL WAY.** A request for a mirror to be installed on the dog leg bend up Mill Way was received. This would need the permission of the Highways Authority.
- k) **ROAD SURFACE.** The road surface at the west end of the village by Horsley Fell is full of pot holes. This will be reported to NCC.

1200. MINUTES. It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on **18 September 2019** be signed as an accurate record.

1201. MATTERS ARISING

- a) **SEAT.** Minute 1179c refers. The seat at the west end of the village had been repaired. The seats will be cleaned and treated in the spring.
- b) **PLAY AREA SIGN.** Minute 1179b refers. The sign is to be relocated by NCC at a cost to the Parish Council. This is still to be done.

1202. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT. County Councillor Karen Quinn gave a verbal update on matters relating to NCC and Horsley area. Unfortunately, no update was available on the planning applications relating to Horsley Banks Farm. These applications have now been removed from the planning portal. It was noted that the Harlow Hill road resurfacing will be completed in the next LTP year.

1203. CORRESPONDENCE. All correspondence and information items received since the September meeting had been listed on the agenda and most of this correspondence had been circulated by email.

1204. NORTHUMBRIAN WATER UPDATE. Northumbrian Water is to refurbish the Ovingham pumping station in order to maintain its operational performance and comply with new environmental regulations. They are to carry out on-site borehole investigations throughout September - November. A site compound is to be situated on Ovingham Road next to the existing works.

1205. COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND – INVITATION TO AGM. Invitation received to AGM to be held on 4 November 2019 at 2pm in Blanchland Village Hall.

1206. NORTHUMBRIAN CITIZENS ADVICE. Invitation received to AGM to celebrate 80 years of this service. It is to be held on Wednesday 20th November 2019 in Stannington Village Hall at 1pm.

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- 1207. NORTHUMBERLAND TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CHARTER.** Northumberland County Council had circulated the revised charter which has been developed in partnership with all Northumberland Town and Parish Councils and represents a mutual agreement between the two tiers of local government. The document has been circulated to all Parish Councillors.
- 1208. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSAL TO MAKE A PSPO FOR THE CONTROL OF DOGS.** The Council made a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control under section 59 of The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 in 2017. The Council is now making a new PSPO to replace the same to take account of some alterations which do not fall within the scope of variations permitted under section 61 of the Act (principally the arrangements and definitions of “assistance dogs”) but otherwise the new PSPO will be of substantially the same effect as that currently in force.
- 1209. NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL PLAN – NOTIFICATION OF EXAMINATION HEARINGS.** Public hearings for Chapter 13 of the Northumberland Local Plan will be held at Morpeth Town Hall on 5th and 6th February 2020.
- 1210. LION AND LAMB FIREWORKS DISPLAY.** A complaint had been received over the noise of the fireworks display at the Lion and Lamb on 3rd November 2019. After discussion, it was agreed to contact the Lion and Lamb and ask them to advise residents of any future fireworks displays. Notices could be placed in the notice boards.
- 1211. CHERRY TREE GARDENS.** A complaint had been received via NCC of problems with parking in Cherrytree Gardens. NCC had placed a request for parking improvement onto the Local Transport Plan list for 2020/2021.
- 1212. INFORMATION ITEMS.**
Copies of all information items are available from the Clerk on request.
- NALC – weekly eNews
 - Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2019 Issue 126
 - Campaign to Protect Rural England – North East Newsletter Autumn 2019
 - War Memorials Trust – Number 83 November 2019
- 1213. 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
19/03883/FUL	Vallum Farm, East Wallhouses	Retrospective application for two biomass boiler flues	GRANTED
19/03428/FUL	The Hearth, The Manse, Horsley	Construction of new storage shed/administrator office	Decision awaited
19/03358/FUL	Outbuildings, East of March Barn, Welton	Demolition of outbuildings to improve access to site: proposed 4 x units (2 x residential and 2 x holiday let)	Decision awaited

1214. 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	000988
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	000989
Horsley Village Hall	Hall rental	20.00		20.00	000990
Sport Tynedale	Grant Aid	50.00		50.00	000991
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath	35.00		35.00	000992
T Bell	Grass cutting	500.00		500.00	000993
Northumberland Estates	Play area rent	250.00		250.00	000994
Amazon	Stationery	15.89	2.65	13.24	BP
Amazon	Play area repair kit	44.84	7.47	37.37	BP
Income					
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.35		0.35	10.10.19
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.37		0.37	10.11.19

- b) **DRAFT BUDGET 2020-2021.** After discussion, it was AGREED to levy a precept of £10,500 on NCC. This remains unchanged since 2015. The clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

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1215. VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **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. This will be advertised in the Hexham Courant with tenders being invited by 31 December 2019.

1216. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** The next meeting of the Joint Burial Committee is to be held on 26 November 2019.
- b) **EAST TYNEDALE PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS FORUM.** The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. Horsley Parish Council had been unable to send a representative.

- 1217. CHILDRENS CAROL SERVICE.** The Village Hall are to hold a Children's Carol Service on 16th December 2019 at 6 pm. There will be mulled wine and mince pies for the adults and a tombola and a visit from Santa for the children.

- 1218. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Signed as an accurate record