

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM IN THE WI/VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council

1233. RESIDENTS. present raised a number of matters and where relevant they are listed together with the actions that will be taken, if required. In due course, if necessary, reports will be made back to the Council.

- a) **WATER WORKS.** It was noted that there had been several issues concerning the Water Works upgrade. Heavy vehicle had been heard travelling down Mill Way at 4am, weekend working is most weekends, the road surface down Mill Way is deteriorating and the spoil heap at the south of the site has increased again. NWL had experienced snags and the end date of the upgrade will be delayed. If cold weather testing cannot take place till after March or April, it will be delayed for a further year in which case the end date will be into 2021. If cold weather testing can take place then the work could be completed by November 2020. With regards to the road surface down Mill Way, NWL will approach NCC to see if they could authorise NWL to carry out the resurfacing of the road.
- b) **TREE PLANTING.** A successful tree planting day had taken place at The Hearth. Tom Martin is to provide a cost for tree maintenance at the east end of the village.
- c) **DOG FOULING.** It was noted that the dog bin on the post at the west end of the village had fallen over. This had been reported to NCC at the beginning of December however it had still not been replaced. Unfortunately, dog walkers had been placing dog poo bags on the verge beside the bin. These had been removed from Maurice and he was thanked for doing this. Signs were requested for the farm gate on Water Lane. This will be arranged.

1234. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr R D Lillie

1235. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

1236. 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 November 2019 be signed as an accurate record.

1237. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

- a) **PLAY AREA SIGN.** Minute 1201b refers. The sign is to be relocated by NCC at a cost to the Parish Council. This is still to be done.
- b) **GRIT HEAPS.** Minute refers. The grit heaps had been replenished on Mill Way but only to NWL. NCC will be contacted to replenish the grit all the way down Mill Way.

1238. 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.

1239. PUBLIC LIBRARIES CONSULTATION. Northumberland County Council is currently consulting on the library service and mobile libraries. This will run until 18th March 2020.

1240. INFORMATION ITEMS.

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

- NALC – weekly eNews
- Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2020 Issue 127
- Northumberland County Council – Litter Campaign Winter 2019

1241. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- a) **PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS.** Details of planning decisions and applications as circulated were **AGREED** by all Councillors and are listed below. An objection had been sent for planning application 19/04648/FUL.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
19/03428/FUL	The Hearth, The Manse, Horsley	Construction of new storage shed/administrator office	GRANTED
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
19/04535/FUL	Northside Farm, Oatens Bank, Horsley	Proposed erection of manager's house (restricted occupancy)	Decision awaited
19/04648/FUL	Land North East of Hopside Farm, Horsley	Development of 16no affordable houses, including access road, gardens, car parking and other ancillary works	Decision awaited

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1242. 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	350.18		350.18	SO
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	87.40		87.40	000995
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	150.00		150.00	SO
Horsley Village Hall	Hall rental	20.00		20.00	000996
Income					
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.31		0.31	10.12.19

- b) **TO RECEIVE, APPROVE AND SIGN BANK RECONCILIATION.** It was AGREED to accept and approve the bank reconciliation which shows the balances as at 31 December 2019 as £9,798.50.
- c) **TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE FOR GRANT AID.** It was AGREED to donate £100 to Great North Air Ambulance.
- d) **TO CONSIDER REQUESTION FROM COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHUMBERLAND FOR GRANT AID.** It was AGREED to donate £50 to Community Action Northumberland.

1243. VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **TO CONSIDER TENDER SUBMISSIONS FOR GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT.** Two tenders had been received however the closing date is 19 January 2020. It was AGREED to accept the tender from Adrian Jackson subject to any further tenders being received.
- b) **TO ARRANGE SPRING LITTER PICK.** It was noted that plastic was blowing from the NWL site. They will be contacted to advise. Several residents pick litter on a regular basis, however a spring litter pick will be arranged for March/April.
- c) **TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS REPORTS ON ANY VILLAGE ISSUES/HIGHWAYS MATTERS.**
Nothing to report.

1244. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** It was noted cemetery prices are being brought into line with other cemeteries in the area.
- b) **EAST TYNE DALE PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS FORUM.** The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

1245. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA. Northumbrian Water will be invited to the next meeting.

1246. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 30th March 2020 at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Signed as an accurate record