

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19 JULY 2021

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

0721.01 **RESIDENTS** present raised several 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 Council.

- a) **Dog Theft.** It was noted that there are dog thieves operating in the area. Houses with dogs have been marked.
- b) **Library Bus.** The library bus operated by NCC is still operating on Wednesday fortnightly; WI Hall 3.30pm and Stonecroft 4.15pm.
- c) **Keswick Bus.** The bus to Keswick will be restarting next week. Seats must be booked in advance.
- d) **X85 Bus Service.** It was noted that the X85 service will cease from 25 July 2021. The 685 service still operates once per hour.
- e) **Fish and Chip Van.** Frosts Mobile Fish and Chip Van will be visiting Horsley on Wednesday 21st July from 4.30pm – 6.30pm. It is hoped that this will become a regular visit.
- f) **Weed spraying.** It was noted that a resident had been weed spraying at the top of Lead Lane.
- g) **Oatens Bank.** 2 new manholes had been installed recently and 1 is already broken. BT? Wires appear to be lying in the hedgerow. This will be reported.
- h) **Farm Traffic.** It was noted that farm traffic from Heddon on the Wall is travelling through Horsley going to Oatens Bank. It was suggested that they could use the Military Road as a one way system to reduce the traffic through the village.
- i) **Seat.** Residents of Horsley Woods Cottages would like to install a bench where the old phone box used to be. The Parish Council had no objection to this.
- j) **Slow Down Sign.** A resident of Horsley Woods Cottages would like to place a 'Slow Down' sign in the planter opposite number 1-2. The Parish Council had no objection to this.
- k) **Electric Vehicle Charging Points.** It was asked if there are any plans to install EV points in the village. It was noted that there are charging points in the Business Centre car park however these are private. The Parish Council has no plans to install any.

0721.02 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Lynch.

0721.03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr M D Senior declared a personal interest in item 0721.07d as his son had benefitted from a Sport Tynedale grant in the past.

0721.04 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2021.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull, and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on **17th MAY 2021** be signed as an accurate record.

0721.05 **ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH MAY 2021.**

- a) **Tree Planting.** Minute 1b APM refers. The clerk had ordered a pack of 30 trees from the Woodlands Trust. The plan was to plant them on the verge at the west end of the village. Cllr M D Senior and Cllr C Turnbull had concerns that these would block the view across the valley and questioned whether planting in this area was appropriate. Councillors had asked for suggestions of areas where tree planting would be more appropriate.
- b) **Footpath Report.** Minute 1c APM refers. Cllr M D Senior had spoken to John Bramwell regarding the clearing of the public right of way through Gallow Hill. This is likely to be carried out in the next couple of weeks. He also advised that he would erect the signs warning of cattle/calves/bulls.
- c) **Gutters/Kerbs.** Minute 1f APM refers. There are still a number of blocked gulleys through the village and the sweeper had still not visited. County Councillor Holly Waddell is to chase this up on our behalf.

0721.06 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.** Councillor Holly Waddell had been elected as County Councillor of the Bywell Ward and was welcomed to the meeting. Councillor Waddell agreed to chase up several outstanding issues that the Parish Council have with NCC including results of the speed survey carried out in January 2021; the poor road surface at the west end of the village; request for road sweeper through Horsley to clear all the gravel and weeds which had accumulated over the last year.

0721.07 **CORRESPONDENCE** received since the May meeting had been circulated to all councillors by email and noted.

- Northumberland County Council – Northumberland Local Plan Examination: Consultation on Main Modifications
- Northumberland County Council – Project Gigabit: Call for evidence
- Footpath reports
- NALC – Weekly eNews
- Northumberland County Council – Temporary Road Closure Order – Oatens Bank

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- Northumberland County Council – NCC Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter – May 2021
- Northumberland County Council – Parish Cemetery Double Charge Issue

0721.08 FINANCE

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr C Turnbull and AGREED to approve the expenditure on the list circulated.
- b) **TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE RISK ASSESSMENT.** The risk assessment circulated to Councillors was noted and the risks identified accepted.
- c) **TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM CITIZENS ADVICE NORTHUMBERLAND FOR GRANT AID.** A request for financial support was received and a £50 donation was AGREED.
- d) **TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SPORT TYNEDALE FOR GRANT AID.** A request for financial support was received and a £50 donation was AGREED.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Playsafety Ltd	Annual play area inspection	124.20	20.70	103.50	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Salary	366.07		366.07	SO
HM Revenue Customs	PAYE	91.40		91.40	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	BACS
Adrian Jackson	Grass cutting	625.00		625.00	BACS
Horsley WI	Hall rental - May	20.00		20.00	001010
Horsley WI	Hall rental - July	20.00		20.00	001011
Sport Tynedale	Grant aid	50.00		50.00	001012
Citizens Advice Nland	Grant aid	50.00		50.00	001013
Income					
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.08		0.08	10.06.2021
H M Revenue Customs	VAT refund	626.45		626.45	09.06.2021
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.08		0.08	09.07.2021

0721.09 PLANNING

- a) **PLANNING DECISIONS.** None
- b) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** None. An update on the outstanding enforcement issues at Horsley Banks Farm was requested. The clerk will continue the planning officer for an update.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
NONE			

0721.10 VILLAGE ISSUES

a) REPORTS ON VILLAGE ISSUES AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- **Water Treatment Works.** It was noted that it had been particularly quiet at the Treatment Works over the last few weeks with no construction work taking place. NWL is now erecting the perimeter fence. It was AGREED to contact Mike Foster, NWL for an update on the progress of the works.

0721.11 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **OVINGHAM JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE.** Topple testing is being carried out in the cemetery with some headstones being identified as needing attention. There will be no increase in the fees for this year. It was noted that the fence running along the west of the cemetery is a wrought iron fence with spikes which could be a health and safety issue. The implications are currently being looked into by the Clerk.
- b) **EAST TYNEDALE PARISH COUNCILS' FORUM.** A meeting is to be held on 21st July.

0721.12 **LITTER PICKING.** Thanks were expressed to all the volunteers who pick litter on a regular basis and try to keep Horsley litter free.

0721.13 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th September 2021 at 7pm in Horsley WI Hall.

Signed as an accurate record.