

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18 JULY 2022 AT 7.00PM IN HORSLEY WI HALL

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

- 0722.01 **RESIDENTS** present raised the following 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) Bus Stops. Complaints had been received from residents that the bus stop signs which had been removed over 12 months ago have not been replaced and the yellow lining on the road is barely visible. County Councillor Holly Waddell was pursuing this on behalf of the Parish Council. The clerk will contact Holly for an update.
 - b) Bus Shelters. Thanks were expressed to Maurice Holliday for the cleaning of the seats in the bus shelters.
 - c) Footpaths. Thanks were expressed to John Bramwell for clearing the path through the crops at Gallows Hill. It was noted that the finger post to Wylam alongside Horsley Banks Farm had fallen into the hedge. Maurice Holliday is to report this to Tim Fish, NCC.
 - d) Horsley Wood Cottages. An email had been received from a resident of Horsley Wood Cottages with a list of concerns.
 - Grass cutting. Complaints regarding the grass cutting contractor for Karbon Homes. The Parish Council pays for the grass to be cut regularly at Horsley Wood Cottages and Karbon Homes have been advised of this.
 - Access to the cottages via the field at the front. This is a matter between the landowner and the residents and not something the Parish Council can help with.
 - Weeds on the pavement.
 - Pothole outside number 1. This has been reported to NCC.
 - Grass verges. These have been cut however there are still sections which have not been cut. This will be reported to NCC.
 - Incident at the river in Ovingham. There had been a fatal accident in the river at Ovingham and concerns were expressed over the children playing in the river and the lack of education, policing and signage. It was noted that the Fire Brigade had visited Ovingham Middle School recently to educate the pupils of water safety.
 - e) A69 road surface. It was questioned whether the A69 could be resurfaced with a quieter surface along the Horsley section as has been done in other areas. The A69 is the responsibility of Roadlink however the Parish Council will contact them to request if this section is resurfaced at any time if it could have a quieter road surface laid.
- 0722.02 **APOLOGIES** received from Cllrs R D Lillie and C Turnbull.
- 0722.03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, IF ANY.** None
- 0722.04 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY 2022.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Glover and **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on **9TH MAY 2022** be signed as an accurate record.
- 0722.05 **ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY 2022**
- a) Jubilee Event. Minute 0522.05b refers. The Jubilee Event had taken place on 4th June and was a very successful event. Thanks were expressed to all involved.
 - b) Bus Shelter Book Swap. Minute 0522.05c. The new cupboard in the bus shelter opposite the Lion and Lamb to store the books is now up and running. Dan, NCC Mobile Library driver continues to place books in the cupboard on his fortnightly visits.
- 0722.06 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.** Cllr Holly Waddell was unable to attend the meeting however sent her written report on matters relating to Northumberland County Council. The report was noted. It included the Governance Review, Blyth Relief Road, Storm Arwen Scrutiny Review and Tynedale LAC.
- 0722.07 **CORRESPONDENCE** received since the May meeting had been circulated to all councillors by email and noted.
- Community Action Northumberland – Monthly CAN eNews
 - NALC – Weekly eNews
 - Northern Powergrid – Response to BEIS and Ofgem storm reviews
 - Northumberland County Council - LTP Programme 2023-2024
 - Northumberland County Council – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Consultation
 - Clerks and Councils Direct – Publication No 142 – July 2022

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- Northumberland Association of Local Councils – AGM 8th October 2022 at 10.15am in Felton Village Hall

0722.08 FINANCE

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr and AGREED to approve the expenditure on the list circulated.
- b) **TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE SUMMER FETE.** The Horsley Summer Fete is to be held on Saturday 13th August. Funding has been promised from Northumbrian Water and J N Bentley. It was AGREED to grant £200 should it be needed.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	GROSS AMOUNT	VAT	NET AMOUNT	PAYMENT METHOD
North East Trophies	Jubilee Medals	90.00		90.00	BACS
W Law	Plants for Village Planters	58.00		58.00	BACS
M Y Rodriguez Osorio	Face painting – Jubilee event	160.00		160.00	BACS
Amazon	Jubilee medals	15.80	2.64	13.16	BACS
Amazon	Jubilee Medals	55.30	9.22	46.08	BACS
Lion and Lamb	Jubilee event – kids food/drink/games and entertainment	340.00	56.67	283.33	BACS
Playsafety Ltd	Play area annual inspection	126.00	21.00	105.00	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	373.53		373.53	SO
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE	93.40		93.40	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	BACS
Horsley WI Hall	Hall rent	20.00		20.00	BACS
Amazon (Mrs A Senior)	Goal net clips	4.99	0.83	4.16	BACS
Adrian Jackson	Grass cutting	645.00		645.00	BACS
Income					
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.09		0.09	10.05.22
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Northumbrian Water	Donation – Jubilee Event	500.00		500.00	17.06.22
HMRC VTR	VAT refund	56.98		56.98	20.06.22
Lloyds Bank	Interest				10.07.22

0722.09 PLANNING

- a) **Planning Decisions.** Details of the planning decisions as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors and are listed below.
- b) **Planning Applications.** Details of the planning applications as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors and are listed below.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
21/04297/FUL	Orchard House, Laker Hall Farm, Newton	Single storey rear and side extension (as amended)	REFUSED
21/04618/FUL	North Side Farm, Oatens Bank, Horsley	Proposed construction of a new office building along with associated staff parking	GRANTED
21/04606/FUL	North Side Farm, Oatens Bank, Horsley	Proposed extension and renovation of existing dwelling	GRANTED
22/00383/FUL 22/0384/LBC	Slate House, Welton	Demolition and rebuild of the attached byre (boiler House), opening of original window on west elevation of outbuilding and alter internal layout. Replacement of gates and new fencing to existing western entrance to yard	PENDING
21/04329/ADE 21/04460/LBC	Lion and Lamb, Horsley	Advertisement consent for 1 x non illuminated amenity board and 1 x double sided illuminated projecting sign fixed to existing bracket. Listed building consent for installation of new signage and lighting	WITHDRAWN

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0722.10 VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **Reports on Village Issues and Highway Matters.** It was suggested that the Parish Council appoint a handyman to carry out minor repairs around the village. This will be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.
- b) **To consider action required following the Annual Play Area Inspection.** The annual safety inspection had been carried out on the play area and several areas of concern were identified. The clerk and chairman had carried out some minor repairs to the play area following the report including the replacement, tightening and shortening of some bolts on the small climbing frame and playhouse. A full maintenance inspection of the zip wire is to take place week ending 30 September by Sovereign Leisure at a cost of £299. This was accepted and AGREED. It was noted that the transition between the ground and the skate ramp exceeds 5mm and needs to be modified. Cllr S Lynch is to speak to a contractor to carry out the repairs. It was also noted that the paintwork is in poor condition on the skate park fun box, seats and zip wire structure. The paint has been purchased and the items will be painted in due course.
The area around the cow byre where the soil heap was removed is full of weeds. It was AGREED that this should be cleared and reseeded and the fencing removed. The area around the cow byre will still need to be fenced in. Cllr S Lynch to speak to a contractor to carry out the work.

0722.11 **TO CONSIDER PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE LTP PROGRAMME 2023-2024.** After discussion, the Parish Council put forward the following three priorities to be considered for inclusion in the 2023-24 LTP Programme:

- Resurfacing of the footpaths.
- A more permanent resurface of the road to the west of the village.
- Reinstatement of the rumble strips.

It was noted that speed reducing measures are to be introduced this financial year. The details are yet to be received of what this will entail.

0722.12 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **Ovingham Joint Burial Committee.** The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 19th July 2022. An update will be given at the next meeting.
- b) **East Tynedale Parish Council's Forum.** It was with sadness that Cllr M D Senior advised of the death of Tom Martin, previous chairman of the Forum and ex Wylam Parish Councillor. Our condolences to Tom's family. Nothing further to report.

0722.13 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19th September 2022 at 7pm in Horsley WI Hall.

Signed as an accurate record.