

## HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.00PM IN HORSLEY WI HALL

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

0922.01 **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) **Grass cutting.** It was noted that the grass cutting had been missed at Horsley Wood Cottages. Cllr M D Senior to contact A Jackson.

0922.02 **APOLOGIES** None.

0922.03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, IF ANY.** Cllr M D Senior declared a personal interest in item 0922.08b as his son had benefitted from a Sports Tynedale grant.

0922.04 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 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 **18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022** be signed as an accurate record.

0922.05 **ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

- a) Play area. Minute 0722.10b refers. A contractor had been to inspect the skate ramps however we are still waiting for the quote to repair. Sovereign Play are due to inspect and repair the zip wire in the next few days.

0922.06 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.** Cllr Holly Waddell gave her verbal report on matters relating to Northumberland County Council and the local area. There is to be a sustainability fair in Wylam next month on 12 November 2022 from 10am-12.00 at the Falcon Centre. Everyone is welcome. It was noted that the bus stop sign is still missing from the Lion and Lamb and the yellow lines have not been renewed. The Councillors asked if this could be chased up with NCC.

0922.07 **CORRESPONDENCE** received since the July meeting had been circulated to all councillors by email and noted.

- Community Action Northumberland – Monthly CAN eNews
- NALC – Weekly eNews
- Northumberland County Council – Free Tree Giveaway
- Northumberland County Council – Warm Homes Resource Booklet
- Office of Guy Opperman – Northern Powergrid Resilience Funding
- Essity Community Consultation Forum – minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2022

0922.08 **FINANCE**

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr Mrs S Glover and AGREED to approve the expenditure on the list circulated.
- b) **TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO SPORT TYNE DALE.** A £50 contribution was AGREED.
- c) **TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE.** A £200 contribution as AGREED.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	GROSS AMOUNT	VAT	NET AMOUNT	PAYMENT METHOD
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	373.53		373.53	SO
H M Revenue and Customs	PAYE	93.40		93.40	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Play Area Inspections	75.00		75.00	BACS
A Archbold	Facepainting – Horsley Fete	160.00		160.00	BACS
P Slattery	Caricaturist – Horsley Fete	250.00		250.00	BACS
Wylam Parish Council – OJBC	Burial committee – 10% share	900.00		900.00	BACS
W Laws	Horsley Fete supplies	210.62		210.62	BACS
AJGIBL (Gallaghers)	Insurance renewal	1676.78		1676.78	BACS
Adrian Jackson	Grass cutting	575.00		575.00	BACS
<b>Income</b>					
HMRC VTR	VAT refund	56.98		56.98	20.06.22
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.11		0.11	09.07.22
Newcastle Building Society	Donation – Horsley Fete	100.00		100.00	01.08.22
Northumbrian Water (500009)	Donation – Horsley Fete	250.00		250.00	03.08.22
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.33		0.33	09.08.22

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Northumberland CC	Precept	5750.00	5750.00	06.09.22
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.42	0.42	09.09.22

### 0922.09 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
22/00621/FUL	The Old Post Office, Horsley	Extension of side porch, adaptation of garage to annexe, construction of flat roof link between garage and main house	GRANTED
22/03272/FUL	The Hearth, Horsley	Erection of single storey building with backward sloping flat roof, in unused corner of car park at rear of Hearth Café and Arts Centre. External dimensions will be 5m x 4.4m in an area of 140m <sup>2</sup> . Composite decking to allow easy access in and around building for people with mobility issues.	Awaiting decision

### 0922.10 VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **Reports on Village Issues and Highway Matters.** It was AGREED to request the sweeper through the village due to the amount of debris in the gutters.
- b) **To consider maintenance of planters and possible replacement with village gateways.** A request had been made to the Parish Council to consider gateways at the west end of the village. The planters are maintained by volunteers and due to the exposed nature of the planters at this end of the village, the plants are not surviving. Several suggestions were made regarding improving the planters and the pros and cons of installing gateways, which would need to be agreed with the Highway Authority. Further discussions will take place at a future meeting.
- c) **To consider the employment of a handyman to carry out village maintenance.** It was suggested that the Parish Council could employ a handyman for 2-3 hours per week or as and when required. Jobs would include maintaining planters, maintenance of bus shelters, notice boards and seats, litter picking and play area maintenance and inspection. Councillors to bring ideas to next meeting when a job specification will be drawn up.

### 0922.12 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **Ovingham Joint Burial Committee.** The annual walk about the cemetery had taken place. The committee is currently looking at options for the Cemetery Lodge.
- b) **East Tynedale Parish Council's Forum.** Philip Hunter from Northumberland County Council had attended the last meeting to talk about NCC Services. Unfortunately, Horsley were unable to send a representative. Minutes will be circulated in due course.

**0922.13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the public and accredited representatives of newspapers from the following item relevant to a subject which affects the Council's area. In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and, they are instructed to withdraw." This resolution is moved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

**0922.14 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT HORSLEY WOOD COTTAGES.** Complaints had been made regarding a councillor by two residents of Horsley Wood Cottages. It was AGREED that Northumberland County Council, Northumbria Policing Team and Karbon Homes would follow up on any actions required.

**0922.15 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.** It was noted that the current Clerk is looking to leave the employment of the Council at the Annual Meeting in May 2023. The process for a replacement will be AGREED at the November meeting together with the budget/precept process.