

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20 MARCH 2023 AT 7.00PM IN HORSLEY WI HALL

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

0323.01 **APOLOGIES** Cllrs R D Lillie.

0323.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, IF ANY.** None

0323.03 **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) **Village Issues.** Various issues were reported including litter, dog fouling, blocked gullies and a loose kerb stone. Several residents carry out regular litter picks however litter has increased. All dog fouling incidents should be reported to Northumberland County Council, either on the website or by telephone. The blocked gullies and loose kerb stone will be reported to Northumberland County Council.
- b) **Footpath Issues.** A list of faults on the various footpaths around the parish had been given to County Councillor Holly Waddell to follow up. No action had been taken as yet and the County Councillor was asked to chase this up. The main area of concern is the missing gate at the top of Lead Lane as this path leads straight onto the A69.
- c) **Village Notes.** Unfortunately, there are no village notes in the Courant due to the Courant often missing out Horsley or cutting sections of the notes.
- d) **The Hearth Community Hub.** It was noted the new hub will be completed at The Hearth in the next two weeks. This will be used as office space and for small groups.

0323.04 **LEGENDS ON THE WALL FESTIVAL.** The organisers of the Legends on the Wall Festival attended the meeting to address the concerns of the Parish Council and residents regarding the Festival which is to be held on 7th-8th July at the Pitch on the Wall campsite just outside the Parish. A licence for the event has been granted by Northumberland County Council. The Parish Council had received two emails from residents of Heddon on the Wall expressing various concerns which included: traffic, security, environmental issues i.e. litter, noise, vermin; public safety and effect on livestock. The organisers are creating a family focussed event, affordable to families with ticket sales limited to 450. There will be drop off/pick up areas for taxis and disabled parking on site. The organisers gave reassurances that they are working with professionals to ensure the event is organised in safely with the minimum amount of disruption. They are working with professionals and have paid for a noise management plan, signage to direct traffic to the event and are working on a traffic management plan. They are also working with the Northumberland Safety Advisory Group, Northumbria Police and Licensing Dept. All neighbouring properties will be contacted before the event and given contact numbers for any issues during the event.

0323.05 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2023.** It was proposed by Cllr M D Senior, seconded by Cllr S Lynch and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on **23 JANUARY 2023** be signed as an accurate record.

0323.06 **ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2023**

- a) **Handyman.** Minute 0123.04 refers. No expressions of interest received for the Handyman position. A few suggestions were made and will be followed up.
- b) **Moles.** Minute 0123.10a refers. The mole man had visited Horsley and laid traps at the east and west end of the village. The situation will be monitored and he will be asked to revisit if necessary.

0323.07 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.** Cllr Holly Waddell gave her verbal report on matters relating to Northumberland County Council and the local parish area.

- a) **Budget** – Northumberland County Council agreed their budget which included a £9m cut to adult social care and a 4.9% increase in council tax. Northumberland County Council also appointed a permanent S151 officer (Chief Financial Officer).
- b) **Member Small Schemes Allowance.** The Parish Council requested funding for a new Vehicle Activated Sign at the west end of the village. A quote for a new sign will be

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forwarded to Councillor Holly Waddell for consideration. The Parish Council is to fund the 2nd sign which will be located at the east end of the village.

0323.08 **CORRESPONDENCE** received since the January meeting had been circulated to all councillors by email, as and when received, and noted.

- Community Action Northumberland – Monthly CAN eNews.
- NALC – Weekly eNews
- Northumberland County Council – Notice of Revocation of Tree Preservation Order – Stoneycroft, Horsley.
- The Pension Regulator – Re-enrolment and re-declaration – October 2023.
- Northumberland County Council – Wheels for All Accessible Cycling Workshops.
- Household Waste Recovery Centre, Prudhoe. With effect from 15th May 2023, Prudhoe Household Waste Recovery Centre will open Friday – Monday instead of 7 days per week. Opening times remain the same.
- Whittle Wood Woodland Management Plan was circulated to all councillors and noted.

0323.09 **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.

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	GROSS AMOUNT	VAT	NET AMOUNT	PAYMENT METHOD
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	404.83		404.83	SO
H M Revenue and Customs	PAYE	101.00		101.00	BACS
Mrs A Senior	Play Area Inspections	75.00		75.00	BACS
Horsley Village Hall	Hall rental	20.00		20.00	BACS
Amazon (Mrs A Senior)	Fireproof Document Box	36.54	6.09	30.45	BACS
East Tynedale Community Forum	PC contribution to funding	20.00		20.00	BACS
Dell Refurbished	Laptop for new clerk	325.00	54.17	270.83	BACS
Viking-Direct (Mrs A Senior)	Stationery	56.18	9.36	46.82	BACS
Adrian Jackson	Grass cutting	525.00		525.00	BACS
Viking-Direct	Printer for new clerk	112.19	18.70	93.49	BACS
Income					
Lloyds Bank Plc	Interest	5.36		5.36	09.02.23
Lloyds Bank Plc	Interest	4.55		4.55	09.03.23

0323.10 **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
23/00389/FUL	Horsley House, Horsley	Conversion of existing garage/barn to domestic activity spaces. Provision of new windows, floor and roofing. Connecting to main house by door to conservatory.	Decision awaited
22/01250/FUL	Land North and East of Horsley Banks Farm	Retrospective: Construction of a stable building	GRANTED

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0323.11 VILLAGE ISSUES

- a) **Notice board at Horsley Wood Cottages.** The posts of the notice board at Horsley Wood Cottages need to be reset as the board is leaning. Cllr M D Senior had contacted a local contractor to carry out the work.

0323.12 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

- a) **Ovingham Joint Burial Committee.** Next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 22nd March. A report will be given at the May meeting.
- b) **East Tynedale Parish Council's Forum.** Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were noted.

0323.13 **TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF CLERK.** It was RESOLVED to confirm the appointment of Alan Turnbull as Clerk to the Council with effect from 1st April 2023. There will be a one-month handover period and Mandy Senior will officially leave the Council on 30th April 2023.

0323.14 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15TH May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. It was AGREED to invite representatives from Northumbrian Water to the next meeting for an update on the works and to discuss various issues including excessive lighting around the site.

Signed as an accurate record _____