

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd of November 2015

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present:- **Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Carrington (Vice Chair), P. Saunders, G. Scott (from 8pm onwards) **Clerk:** K. Traill, **Members of the Public:** A. Harding & A. Pender

1) Apologies for absence: - Cllrs P. Bilton & C. Currie

2) Declarations of interest: - C. Hamilton in respect of West Woodburn First School & P. Saunders in respect of the Parish Hall.

3) Councillor Vacancy :- Cllr C. Hamilton explained that CPC were free to co-opt. All Cllrs were happy to co-opt Andrew Harding who accepted the new position of Parish Councillor. Cllr A. Harding signed an Acceptance of Office and a Declaration of Interests forms. Cllr Harding declared an on-going interest with respect to any items now or in the future which involve the Corsenside Leek and Vegetable Society.

4) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues :- A. Pender confirmed the date of the panto and that posters had gone up.

5) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th of October 2015 :- All minutes signed as a true & accurate record.

6) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda:- None

7) Action point list:- (moved to point 7 to accommodate members of the public)

28. Jubilee Stones –Cllr D. Carrington explained that stones from Darney Quarry are no longer going to Livingston, therefore there is no transport to take or collect our stones. Steve Boam had informed Cllr D. Carrington that they will be starting to cut stones again at Darney and therefore suggested that either the original 2 stones may turn up or we could pick another 2. Steve Boam is very apologetic and will look into Marshall's funding the engraving.

74. Sharp bend at Sarelaw – K. Traill explained that she had managed to contact N. Snowdon who stated that the scheme had been issued and that K. Westerby may be able to give more information regarding a timescale. K. Westerby is currently on AL.

78. Overflowing Drain at East Woodburn - K. Traill explained that she had tried contacting K. Westerby various times K. Westerby responded stating that he had passed it onto the gully & grass cutting team who would respond to K. Traill directly. K. Traill asked K. Westerby for a point of contact as she had not heard back and also asked R. Powell for his help. R. Powell informed K. Traill that K. Westerby was on AL.

80. Armstrong St & Whitearce Nothing further to report.

86. Community Asset Transfer, The Green, West Woodburn – Cllr C. Hamilton informed all of the meeting he and Cllr D. Carrington had had with M. MacGregor (solicitor), and the request submitted to NCC regarding continuing access to the play area. Cllr C. Hamilton went on to explain that NCC responded stating that they were not minded to grant any further easements over land owned by NCC. The implication of this is that the access gate would need to be moved to a position on the public highway. CPC have been informed by M. Macgregor that this is a matter that CPC must sort out with NCC themselves. Councillors discussed the practical implications but of foremost concern were the health & safety issues regarding relocating the gate directly onto a public highway with no existing footpath or space to create one. K. Traill to contact NCC to ask if they could come for a site visit to see the issues around relocating the gate. Cllr P. Saunders suggested getting County Cllr J. Riddle involved also.

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88. Ridsdale Speed Signs – K. Traill updated all Cllrs on the issues regarding N. Snowdon's slow response around the flashing speed signs. K. Traill read out the quotation sent out from Swarco. K. Traill to contact a further 2 companies for quotations and ask them all to come out for a site visit to advise on the best location and sign type.

89 Children Playing signs, East Woodburn – K. Traill contacted N. Snowdon who stated that as far as he was aware the scheme was being drawn up and that he would send proposals out when he received them.

90 Gullies on Lonnen – K. Traill explained that she had contacted K. Westerby who stated that he had passed it on to the Gullies & Grass Cutting Team who would respond to K. Traill directly. K. Traill informed Cllrs that she had heard nothing and had tried contacting K. Westerby to ask for a contact name. K. Traill had heard via a resident that the drains had been unblocked. K. Traill is still waiting to hear about the gullies. K. Traill asked R. Powell for help.

8) County Councillors Report :- None

9) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the Chairman's discretion, under item 19 below :- K. Traill has 3 items, G. Scott 1 and A. Harding 1.

10) Update on adopting & signing of new policies & regulations :- K. Traill explained that she had asked the ICO for advice regarding a Data Protection policy and licence and was awaiting an answer. K. Traill also explained that under the list of NALC's documents for PC's, Data Protection was labelled as 'Best Practice' rather than mandatory. K. Traill asked the Councillors permission to update a few points on the FOI policy, all Councillor's agreed, K. Traill to enquire about the need to update the Parish Plan.

11) Parish Hall :- Cllr P. Saunders informed all that he had spoken with M. Parr and that M. Parr had sent all the latest figures to the Charity Commission as well as sending all paperwork (excluding current accounts), to Cllr P. Saunders. Cllr P. Saunders also stated that he had spoken with L. Currie & D. Francis of NALC who suggest a meeting to be held with themselves, Cllr P. Saunders, A. Pender, Cllr C. Hamilton & K. Traill. Cllr P. Saunders to arrange. Cllr G. Scott brought up the issue regarding the damp in the kitchen and the damage this had caused to the units. It is hoped that in the near future the parish hall could apply to the wind farms for funding to replace this.

12) Play Area – West Woodburn :- Cllr C. Hamilton stated that he was still carrying out play area inspections and gave K. Traill the latest paper version of checks. Cllr C. Hamilton explained that he had completed work on raising the matting under the small swings. C. Mowatt still to raise the grass level, jet wash and apply algae treatment, K. Traill to contact C. Mowatt.

13) Wind Power Stations- Ray Wind Farm feedback from meeting :- Nothing to report.

14) Defibrillator Update: - K. Traill informed all that Corsenside's training session would be on Sunday the 8th at 4pm in the parish hall. Cllr D. Carrington recalled reading an article about the PC's responsibility regarding defibrillators. Cllrs D. Carrington & C. Hamilton to talk to J. Bassett for an update on the Ridsdale defibrillator.

15) Reed Family Commemoration :- Cllr D. Carrington explained that she had spoken with the Reed family who were worried about the wording of the plaque as they were not quite sure that the family had been in these parts for quite 400 years. They would prefer wording to the effect of 'several hundred years'. They will e-mail Cllr D. Carrington the family crest.

16) Planning Matters:- a) For Decisions – Planning Ref: 15/03137/FUL – Demolition of stone barn & construction of 1 two storey dwelling with detached double garage – Land South of Dereside, West Woodburn. Cllr C. Hamilton withdrew from discussions as the applicant was a family friend. A decision of 'No Objection' was reached.

b) Decisions from Northumberland - None

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17) Other Correspondence :-

- a) Tynedale Hospice – Thank you letter – Made available to Cllr's
- b) RBL – Thank You Letter – Made available to Cllrs.
- c) CPRE News Letter – Made available to Cllrs.
- d) CAN Annual Report – Made available to Cllrs.
- e) Northumberland National Park & County Joint Local Access Forum – Read out to Cllrs. K. Traill to put info up on notice boards.
- f) Rural Parish Council Meetings – dates given to Cllrs
- g) Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy: Pre-Submission Draft Consultation information & exhibition dates – Info made available to Cllrs.
- h) 2016-2017 Precept – K. Traill informed all that a precept letter for 2016-2017 had been received. Cllr's C. Hamilton & D. Carrington to meet with K. Traill to work on a 2016-2017 budget and report back to all in January before applying for the precept.

18) Finances :-

- a) Invoices for Payment -i. Clerks wages - £152.80 & Expenses £43.61 (2p deducted for previous over payment - £43.59).
- b) Bank Balance - £12,787.54
- c) Monies Received - None
- d) Requests for Assistance - None
- e) New Signatory – Cllrs signed banking forms to add A. Harding to the account.
- f) Budget update 2015-2016 – K. Traill discussed where CPC were with regards to the 2015-2016 Budget.

19) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion:- K. Traill informed all that they had been awarded a £300 grant by the EDF Wind Farm in order to purchase 3 new bins. K. Traill asked if all were happy to accept the grant, all Cllrs were happy to accept and for CPC to provide the additional £124 if needed. K. Traill mentioned that she had logged an issue with the dog warden regarding dog fouling around the Lonnen area at the beginning of October. K. Traill had left messages for an update however had not heard back. K. Traill informed all that to upgrade the web-site to a 'Gold' package it would cost £24.95 per year. Cllrs were happy for K. Traill to do this. Cllr A. Harding informed all that there was a faulty street light on the road to East Woodburn, K. Traill to report to NCC. Cllr G. Scott explained that she had noticed the bin at the West Woodburn's Northern layby, was full. K. Traill to check and report if need be.

20) Next Meeting:- Monday the 7th of December 2015, 7.30pm at The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.

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