

## Corsenside Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2015

At The Bay Horse, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: C. Hamilton (Chair), A. Pender (Vice Chair), G. Scott, C. Currie, P. Saunders, D. Carrington  
Clerk: K. Traill  
Public: Mr R. Payne

1) Apologies for absence:- M. Parr

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

3) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues:- Mr R Payne, raised the issue of Planning Application 14/04056/FUL, a change of use from a domestic garden to an area of hard standing for use as a parking and storage compound for company vehicles and plant equipment. Mr Payne spoke of the health and safety issues caused by the parking of the industrial vehicles, especially the limited view they cause when trying to join the A68. He informed the Councillors of the trouble the refuse lorry has trying to get down Woodburn Park passed the numerous parked lorries. Mr Payne discussed how the owner of the vehicles had never applied for planning permission until recently, despite the fact that the land had already been changed and is currently being used as vehicle storage. Mr Payne asked that the Councillors make a recommendation to oppose the application. C. Hamilton explained to Mr Payne the role of the Parish Council with regards to their involvement with planning applications and that the Councillors would discuss the issue in full as it was already an agenda item under point 14 Planning.

4) Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2014:- K. Traill requested that 'M. Robson' under point 9, be changed to 'M. Robinson'.

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

6) County Councillor's Report:- Nothing reported.

7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the Chairman's discretion, under item 17 below:- D. Carrington, A. Pender and C. Hamilton had matters they wanted included.

8) Action point list:-

12. Ridsdale Speed Signs and Roundels Nothing further to report.

28. Jubilee Stones – K. Traill explained that she had not had any response from S. Boam therefore we could assume he no longer worked there. K. Traill wrote a letter to Marshall Stancliffe's head office, explaining the situation and to see if their original offer still stood, posted 18/12/14, as of yet no response.

53. Defects on Road at Little Ridsdale – Resurfacing has taken place in the areas that were badly affected. This action is to now be removed from the action list.

60. Speed Signs at The Brandy Bank is obscured by trees – K. Traill explained that the speed sign approaching the village from the South had previously stopped working and that now it only worked when the sun was out. The company that make the signs had quoted a £180/call out fee, plus £54/battery needed (usually 2). D. Carrington suggested that we ask a local electrician first to see if they can fix the problem at a much lesser cost.

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74. Sharp bend at Sarelaw – K. Traill had e-mailed M. Robinson explaining the situation and the health and safety risk and requesting her help with this matter. M. Robinson once again explained the process of the LTP priority list. K. Traill had e-mailed back stating that it had not been one of the CPC's top 3 priorities as we believed it was something that was already being looked into. K. Traill asked if the Councillors could swap it with one of the already submitted priorities if they so wished, such as the resurfacing of the C201 Bellingham road which was currently being done. M. Robinson said that yes it was possible. The Councillors agreed to this, K. Traill to inform M. Robinson.

76. Leawell – Nothing to report. The Councillors have asked K. Traill to contact M. Thew for an update.

78. Overflowing Drain at East Woodburn – K. Traill, A. Pender and G. Dent met with R. Wealleans on 11/12/14 to discuss and show him the locations of the overflowing drains. R. Wealleans was also given details of an issue with blocked drains on Armstrong Street and water issues on the A68. 05/01/15 R. Wealleans had e-mailed K. Traill stating that his inspector had just been out and he would update us when he knew more.

80. Armstrong St & Whitearce – Nothing further to report on Armstrong St other that the work is scheduled for the near future.

81. Missing Stones at East Woodburn Bridge – Nothing further to report, work will be carried out in the future.

84. Dark Skies Initiative, energy efficient street lighting – Nothing further to report, K. Traill has had no response to the e-mail or letter sent to G. Barlow. The Councillors ask that K. Traill contact Richard Powell (Liaison Officer) informing him of our lack of responses.

85. Map of Grass Cutting area/ Weed killing – tender 2015 – C. Hamilton is currently in the process of completing.

86. Community Asset Transfer, The Green, West Woodburn – K. Traill explained that she had received an e-mail from N. Easton attaching the area proposed for transfer, excluding the area used by the school as this was an operational educational site. Estate Services intended to visit the site week commencing the 12<sup>th</sup> of January to check the boundaries. A. Pender asked if K. Traill could contact N. Easton to enquire why the land to be transferred to the CPC excluded the land used by the school, particularly as the Parish Council had declared in its application for the transfer, that it would not alter the right of the school to use that part of the Green for its recreation. K. Traill asked if the transfer of land would increase the Precept, the Councillors did not believe so, K. Traill to contact our insurance company to confirm if we would need to include it on the insurance.

9) Parish Hall :- K. Traill explained that having contacted D. Francis, she thought that although the Parish Hall came under the care of the CPC, that it was still ran as a separate charitable organisation. The Councillors all feel that yes, it would be a separate organisation operating alongside the CPC rather than part of it. It was suggested that K. Traill speak to D. Francis to get information on a Parish Council that had also had the Parish Hall come under its control. P.Saunders will contact M. Parr with regards to finishing the handover of paperwork needed to go forward.

10) Play Area – West Woodburn :- C. Hamilton has fitted the T-bar for the fireman's pole and will fit the swings at a later date, weekly checks are still being carried out. K. Traill still to look at the price of having the safety matting jet washed.

11) Wind Power Stations :- K. Traill informed the Councillors of the e-mail received from the Planning Department on where to find out information on the Ray Wind Farm. D. Carrington discussed some of the

conditions that were attached to the original application and how some of those, if not all, must have now been met. D. Carrington will look into the Ray Wind Farm and enquiry in more depth and report back.

12) Risk Assessments: - All agreed by Councillors and signed by C. Hamilton and K. Traill.

13) Parish Council Web-Site: - All Councillors agreed that only their name and address should be on the web-site. P. Saunders to look into the issue with uploading information. P. Saunders mentioned that the County Council had created a site for local councils called Northumberland Life, K. Traill to look into this further.

14) Planning Matters

- a. For Decision i. Part planning for change of use from domestic garden area to area of hard standing for use as parking and storage – Land North of Autumn House 14/04056/FUL. The Councillors discussed this planning application and were opposed to the development on the grounds of health and safety issues as well as considering it an inappropriate use of this land and out of keeping with the local vernacular. Full Comments can be viewed via the NCC Planning Department web-site.
- ii. Construction of farm worker's cottage, land west of Armadale Armstrong Street – 14/04098/FUL. After viewing the planning application and details the Councillors comments were 'no objection'.
- b. Decisions from Northumberland County Council – Demolition of an existing shed and construction of a new one, Fourlaws Farm 14/03030/FUL - GRANTED

15) Other Correspondence :-

- a. Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy: Full Draft Plan Consultation – information available for Councillors to read. Various drop-in events are to be held throughout the region.
- b. CAN News magazine – available for Councillors to read.
- c. SLCC Membership – K. Traill read out the benefits of becoming a member of the Society of Local Councils Clerks. Councillors believed this membership would only benefit the CPC and will fund the £77 membership fee.
- d. Northumberland National Park Authority – Changes to Development Management Protocols – Information available for Councillors to read.

16) Finances :-

- a. Invoices for payment
  - Clerks wages/expenses £259 .00
  - Clerks one off lump sum payment as agreed by NALC - £16.09
  - Northumberland Theatre Company (Rumpelstiltskin) - £474
- b. Bank Balance – £10, 824.69
- c. Monies Received –£3.03 (interest)
- d. Requests for Assistance – None
- e. Precept – K. Traill asked the Councillors if they were happy with the previously agreed precept of £7500 or whether they felt the potential transfer of the village green and the merging of the Parish Hall would affect the amount. All Councillors agreed that precept should stay at £7500.

17) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion:- D. Carrington had been approached by a parishioner regarding the issue of speeding in the Ridsdale area. The parishioner believed that the electronic speed sign in West Woodburn was something that would be shared with Ridsdale. P. Saunders stated that we could not purchase a sign that would change from 30mph to 40mph. The parishioner will be advised to contact PC Helen Spencer. D. Carrington also informed the Councillors that she had been approached about the issue of dog fouling on Armstrong Street. K. Traill to contact the dog warden and request that they visit the area and put up new stickers. C. Hamilton explained to the Councillors that over the Christmas period a delivery truck had

reversed into the dog bin on Armstrong St and knocked it down. C. Hamilton had made contact with a manager of the company, a D. Gammage, who agreed to reimburse the CPC for the cost of re-installing the bin. Mr B Findler has given a price, K. Traill to contact D. Gammage with invoice and banking details. D. Carrington suggested that the dog bin be moved a little so that it was not affected by the maintenance due on the nearby culvert, K. Traill to contact B. Findler with this request. A. Pender read out a thank you/goodbye letter from M. Rogerson. A Pender also mentioned the book of photographs which has been produced by the committee who had organised the Redesdale parishes' Drumhead Ceremony at the training trenches on the Otterburn Ranges to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. If we can be sent digital copies of the photographs P Saunders will look into the feasibility of getting them onto the CPC web-site. Currently the booklet is held by R Cross , however it is suggested that Corsenside Church would be a good location for the booklet. A. Pender informed the Councillors of the progress with regards to the Rumpelstiltskin performance.

18) Next Meeting:- Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2015, 7.30pm at The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.

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