

## Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2015

At The Bay Horse, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present:- **Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Carrington (Vice Chair), P. Saunders, G. Scott, C. Currie & P. Bilton **Clerk:** K. Traill, **Members of the Public:** T. Pender & A. Pender

- 1) Apologies for absence: - None
- 2) Declarations of interest: - C. Hamilton in respect of West Woodburn First School & P. Saunders in respect of the Parish Hall.
- 3) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues :- None.
- 4) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 :- Cllr C. Hamilton made Cllrs aware of a minor alteration. All minutes signed as a true & accurate record.
- 5) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda:- None
- 6) County Councillors Report:- None
- 7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 19 below :- Cllr C. Currie 2, Cllr D. Carrington 1 & KT 1.
- 8) Parish Hall :- Cllr P. Saunders gave information regarding the meeting that had been held with NALC about the future of the PH & the process involved in handing the care of the hall over to CPC . Cllr P. Saunders explained his beliefs on the ownership & running of the PH and how upon further investigation & help from T. Pender, it would appear the process is not as straightforward as first thought. T. Pender explained that decisions involving the future of the parish hall would actually need to be made by the Parish Hall Committee (PHC), who would then look to CPC for support with their decision. T. Pender explained the PH's lack of use & poor condition & how the usage does not justify the cost of improvements. There are other similar facilities nearby that are better used & in much better condition. T. Pender pointed out options to consider: - Continue running the hall at a cost, look to improve the hall with funding however this is difficult to obtain without proof that the hall is being used, or sell the hall & set up a community fund which benefits the community. In 1906 the PH & land were gifted to the community. In 1992 amendments were made that stated if the PH was no longer needed the land could be sold and the proceeds to benefit the community. The PHC will seek to hold a public meeting to explain the issues the PH faces and to consult on the possible ways forward. If there is sufficient support and interest, 3 new committee members with a desire to turn the PH around will be elected. If 3 new members are not found then the current PHC can make the decision to sell and use the funds to benefit the community. (T & A Pender left the meeting).
- 9) Update on adopting & signing of new policies & regulations :- KT explained the 3 new risk assessments proposed, ie. WW speed signs, Old Hemp memorial & WW defibrillator. All Cllr's agreed to adopt. KT explained the information she had gathered regarding the ICO & registration, KT to register. KT also discussed the proposed Data Protection Policy & Model Disciplinary & Grievance, Cllrs agreed to adopt both. KT asked the Cllrs to consider an Emergency Parish Plan especially after recent power cuts & floods, to be looked at in January. KT also asked Cllrs to give authorisation to publish contact details on noticeboards & web-sites.
- 10) Action point list including play area access issue & speed sign quotations :- 28. Jubilee Stones –Cllr D. Carrington explained that stones are now at Darney Quarry and will be moved & stored by A. Currie, CPC would like to offer their thanks to A. Currie. Cllr D. Carrington will enquire locally if there is somewhere large

enough for the engraving work to be carried out indoors.

74. Sharp bend at Sarelaw – K. Traill explained that she had spoken with A. Walker from NCC who was able to find out that the scheme had been issued to a workforce on the 16th of Oct, therefore it was going ahead. R. Powell of NCC said that he would chase it up. K. Westerby contacted KT stating that he would look into this and get a team onto it however the white markings may have to wait until the weather improves. Some works have been carried out & K. Westerby confirmed that all works agreed with N. Snowden would go ahead.

78. Overflowing Drain at East Woodburn Nothing further to report. KT to contact K. Westerby.

80. Armstrong St & Whitearce - Nothing further to report.

86. Community Asset Transfer, The Green, West Woodburn – Cllr C. Hamilton explained the trouble KT has had getting a response from NCC with regards to someone coming out to look at the issues of relocating the play area gate. The transfer cannot go ahead until access to the play area is resolved. KT asked R. Powell to look into this. J. Marshall, NCC senior engineer, came out for a site visit and after discussions was able to see CPC's concerns over health & safety if NCC required we move the gate to an area off the highway. It was decided that JM would go away and recommend that the gate stay in its present location until a time in the distant future if the school were to ever close. Another location was suggested however this will just be looked at as a last resort. JM to contact KT within the next 2 weeks.

88. Ridsdale Speed Signs – Cllrs discussed the 3 quotations they had received & the speed sign locations. All Cllrs agreed on SWARCO to supply the signs. Cllrs were happy with the sign location at the south end of the village however were unsure of the proposed sign location at the north end. KT to seek advice from N. Snowden & to start the process of purchasing the signs.

89 Children Playing signs, East Woodburn – KT spoke to A. Walker from NCC who stated that they were currently awaiting sign prices and that this was a good sign as it meant that the scheme must have passed through various other loops first, the fact that it was at that stage meant it must be going ahead. K. Westerby also said that he would look into this.

90 Gullies on Lonnen – KT explained that she had e-mailed various people at NCC photos of the Lonnen when it was flooded. A JCB was sent out and has cleared and deepened the ditch the full length of the Lonnon. Action complete.

11) Feedback from local meetings :- KT & Cllr D. Carrington gave information to all regarding the Town & Parish Cluster meeting they had attended in which they explained to R. Powell & G. Gavin the issues around lack of communication. Working with other local parish councils was also discussed. Cllr D. Carrington explained about the open day she attended about the Local Core Strategy Plan. Cllr D. Carrington explained that currently greenbelt planning applications were disregarded whereas under the new strategy they would be considered. Cllr D. Carrington did not feel that points were explained very clearly.

12) Play Area – West Woodburn :- Cllr C. Hamilton stated that he was still carrying out regular play area inspections. KT explained that C. Mowatt had corrected the trip hazard however had not yet carried out the jet washing.

13) Wind Power Stations :- K. Traill informed all that the Community Foundation were asking for more volunteers to sit on the committee for grant applications.

14) Defibrillator Update: - K. Traill informed all that Corsenside's defibrillator was now on-line, that it had been included on our insurance & that 3 guardians would check it on a fortnightly basis. Cllrs D. Carrington & C. Hamilton will seek advice from the ambulance service with regards to the Ridsdale defibrillator.

15) Reed Family Commemoration :- Cllr D. Carrington read out the wording suggested by the Reed family

which will be put on a plaque & attached to the original, newly refurbished, bench on the Jubilee Triangle. KT to enquire about plaques & get some quotations.

16) Planning Matters:- a) For Decisions – i.Planning Ref: 15/03729/LBC & 15/03281/FUL – Listed building consent, application & retention of installation of a biomass boiler in adjacent out building Bay Horse – Cllrs discussed the application & were happy to support the application on environmental grounds, ii. Planning Ref: 15/03881/FUL, Installation of 2 windows, fireplace & external chimney – The Filters – Cllrs discussed the application and a comment of ‘No objection’ to be submitted.

b) Decisions from NCC – Planning Ref: 15/03137/FUL Demolition of stone barn & construction of 1 two storey dwelling, land south of Dereside - GRANTED

17) Other Correspondence :-

a) Citizens Advice Bureau – Info made available to Cllrs

b) Book Banks – Info read out regarding location of book banks i.e. Corbridge carpark & the Wentworth carpark.

c) Community Foundation – As discussed in point 13.

18) Finances :-

a) Invoices for Payment -i. Clerks wages - £348.58 ii. C. Mowatt £500, iii. NTC – Panto £474, iv. Broxap £196.80

b) Bank Balance - £12891.15

c) Monies Received - £300 – EDF grant for 3 x's bins.

d) Requests for Assistance – i.Air Ambulance – CPC have already given grants to the Air Ambulance this year. ii. Citizens Advice Bureau, to be considered in April. iii. NTC – to be considered in April.

e) Budget for 2016-2017 & precept – Cllr C. Hamilton explained the 2016-2017 budget that had been looked at by KT & Cllrs C. Hamilton & D. Carrington. It was discussed and decided that the precept for 2016-2017 would be £7750, an increase of £250. All Cllrs agreed. KT to send off paperwork.

f) New Signatory – Cllrs were made aware that Cllr A. Harding was now a signatory.

19) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion:- Cllr C. Currie requested that we ask NCC to erect a 'Dead End' sign at Park Head as yet another delivery van had been directed down this byway and had gotten stuck. The byway is rough tracked & only suitable for off road vehicles. KT to contact NCC. Cllr C. Currie also informed the Cllrs of an incident during the flooding when a resident obstructed the road to East Woodburn. Cllr D. Carrington informed all about the new devolution plans where the Government will be passing more responsibility onto local & parish councils. There is more info on NCC web-site, KT to look at the link. KT explained that the 3 bins had arrived & that B. Fidler would be in touch soon to arrange fixing them.

20) Next Meeting:- Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2015, 7.30pm at The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.

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