

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 5th December 2016

At The Bay Horse, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present: - **Councillors:** D. Carrington (Vice Chair), P. Bilton, A. Harding & P. Saunders **Clerk:** K. Traill

- 1) Apologies for absence: - Cllrs G. Scott, C. Currie & Cllr C. Hamilton
- 2) Declarations of interest: - Cllr P. Saunders in respect of the Parish Hall Committee. Cllr A. Harding in respect of the Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society & Cllr D. Carrington in respect of the Ridsdale Juniors & Seniors.
- 3) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: None
- 4) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th of November 2016: 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 18 below; - KT, DC & PB had matters to discuss.
- 8) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - None although KT informed all that some documents were due for review & that the clerk was making her way through these.
- 9) Action point list: - 28. Jubilee Stones – Nothing further to report. Cllr D. Carrington suggested that this action be taken off the action list. CPC have chased this action as far as possible. Unless the quarry gets back in touch there is nothing further CPC can do. All Cllrs are in agreement.
80. Armstrong St & Whitearce - Armstrong Street was resurfaced on the 13th of November. KT to look up the history of the action for Whitearce. 86. Community Asset Transfer, The Green, West Woodburn – KT explained that she had received a breakdown of costs from the solicitor who suggested that CPC could seek £160 + VAT from NCC. Cllrs instructed KT to contact NCC with regards to this claim. 90. Traffic Calming Measures, West Woodburn – KT explained that she had emailed NS again asking for an update & had not yet had a reply. KT to keep trying NS & also to use our new NCC contact should NS remain unresponsive.
- 10) Parish Hall: - Cllr P. Saunders updated all with regards to the Parish Hall. Cllr P. Saunders informed all that with help from CAN, the Parish Hall Committee were looking at funding from The Community Chest Foundation with the Green Rigg Windfarm as a backup application.
- 11) Play Area – West Woodburn: - Nothing to report.
- 12) Wind Power Stations - update & compiling a list of groups & organisations that could apply for a grant. - Cllr A. Harding updated all with regards to the new windfarm. Cllr A. Harding explained that progress was slow as the group worked on a constitution. Cllr A. Harding also informed all that Vatten Fall would like local people i.e. the Steering group, to decide who to award grants to however they would prefer a separate management company to take care of the money & admin side of things. The parishes within the current awarding zone are Otterburn, Corsenside, Bavington, Kirkwhelpington, Elsdon & Birtley however there is talk of extending the zone to a 10-km radius. It is hoped that applications can be accepted by May 2017 with the first grants being awarded around June-July 2017.
- 13) Community Right to Bid: - KT informed all that the Bay Horse application had been successful & that the property would be listed in the Public Register of Assets of Community Value for 5 years. KT read out the letter from NCC.

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- 14) Stiddle Hill – Tyre Dumping: - Awaiting an update.
- 15) Planning Matters: - a) For Decisions – None for decision.
b) Decisions from NCC - None.
- 16) Other Correspondence: - i. Local Plan Core Strategy – KT explained that she had a large document available should anyone wish to read through it. ii. War Memorial – Historic England – KT read out the report from Historic England upon which they will base their recommendation to the Secretary of State & Culture as to whether Corsenside Parish War Memorial will be added to The National Heritage List for England.
- 17) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages (£110) & Expenses (£5.75).
b) Bank Balance - £11,203.12
c) Monies Received - None
d) Requests for Assistance – None
e) Precept 2017 – 2018 Precept meeting:- Cllr. C. Hamilton, Cllr. D. Carrington and K. Traill had met to discuss the precept for next year and details were passed on to councillors present. The suggested 2017-2018 budget was presented to Cllrs. All were in agreement that the precept for the following financial year should stay at £7750.
- 18) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: KT informed all that she had contacted SWARCO with regards to one of the Ridsdale signs being out of action one morning. KT read out the technical data that she had received in response. Everyone agreed to keep an eye on the signs as this malfunction appears to have been a one-off incident. KT also explained that she was aware that the hunts had received the letter/email requesting that riders give consideration to drivers on the A68, however she had not received any responses. KT also stated that she had raised the issue of poor communication with NCC & now had contact details of a lady in NCC who CPC could approach with any issues regarding this. Cllr P Bilton informed all that he had spoken with J. Alderson from NCC with the concerns of local residents regarding trees causing damage to property and vehicles (overhanging branches) in East Woodburn. JA has agreed to remove and cut back those causing problems near properties and around the old railway bridge as you drop down into East Woodburn, the work is being planned in Spring 2017. Cllr D. Carrington stated that she had read an article in the monthly NALC newsletter regarding a scheme called 'OilCAN' run by NALC. Individuals can join the scheme paying £1/month & benefit from discounted fuel. Cllr D. Carrington felt that this may be something that would interest residents. Cllr P. Saunders suggested that CPC advertise this scheme via the next Rede Valley Newsletter, all agreed.
- 19) Next Meeting: - Monday the 9th of January at The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.

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