

Corsenside Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th of May 2016

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.00pm

Present:- Councillors: C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Carrington (Vice Chair) also representing Ridsdale Junior & Senior Citizens Fund, G. Scott, C. Currie, P. Saunders (also representing the Parish Hall), P. Bilton, A. Harding (also representing Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society) Clerk: K. Traill

Public: P. Stobie – Ridsdale Village Hall Fund (Treasurer/Secretary), R. Virden – West Woodburn First School (Chair Governor), P. Scott – Mission Hall Trust, A. Pender & L. Meikle

Councillor Hamilton opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

1) Apologies for absence:- None

2) Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of May 2015:- Signed as a true and accurate record.

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

4) CPC's Chairman's Report :- Cllr C. Hamilton read out the Corsenside Parish Council's Chairman's Report

5) School Governor's Report:- R. Virden read out the West Woodburn First School Governor's report.

6) Parish Hall Trust:- Cllr P. Saunders read out the Corsenside Parish Hall report. After the report was read R. Virden queried whether there were any conditions attached to the freehold of the land? PS replied stating that the land & building were passed over to the care of CPC. CPC then handed over the management of both to Corsenside Parish Hall Committee. CPC can therefore do what they see fit with the building & land. RV stated that he would attend the Parish Hall AGM on the 23rd of May & would like to put another suggestion forward. RV feels that the disposal of the PH & land would cause great loss to the parish. CH explained that in December 2015 CPC looked into taking over custodial responsibility of the hall however when looking through old legal paperwork it was discovered that this was not possible. CH also stated that the Parish Hall Committee had worked hard over the years to try & increase the usage of the hall however events had not been well supported. RV asked whether there was a minimum amount of trustees needed in order to keep the committee going? PS will look into this however it is believed that the minimum number of committee members would be 3. L. Meikle queried whether any legal advice had been taken with regards to what would happen to the land? As of yet no legal advice had been sought. LM also queried why some groups did not chose to hold meetings within the PH. The response was that charitable organisations did not have it within their funds or guidelines to justify paying for room hire when there were other free options available.

7) Ridsdale Village Hall Fund:- P. Stobie read out the Ridsdale Village Hall Fund report.

8) Mission Hall Trust :- P. Scott read out the Mission Hall Trust report.

9) Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society:- Cllr A. Harding reported on how the Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society were doing & their hopes for the September show. AH will forward on to the clerk a more detailed report.

10) Ladies Fellowship:- Not present.

11) Ridsdale Junior & Senior Citizens Fund :- Cllr D. Carrington read out the Ridsdale Junior & Senior Citizens Fund report. P. Stobie pointed out the great work that was carried out by the Fund.

12) Corsenside Parish Council Finance:- K. Traill stated that all financial information regarding CPC was available upon request to the clerk or to view via the Corsenside Parish Council website. KT made copies of CPC budget for 2015-2016 available to all. KT informed everyone that the yearly audit to BDO would be sent off within the week & documents would be available to view in June-July. LM queried whether grass cuttings

on the village green could be collected. Cllr C. Currie stated that this could double the cost off a cut. RV asked the percentage each household pays to CPC & whether this could be increased to accommodate grass cutting collections. RV was informed that the amount each household paid is stated on Council Tax bills & that CPC chose to increase the precept a little over the last 2 years rather than needing to increase it by a significantly larger amount in the space of one year.

13) Any Other Business: - None

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