

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 4th of July 2016

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present: - **Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Carrington (Vice Chair), C. Currie, P. Bilton, G. Scott & A. Harding
Clerk: K. Traill

- 1) Apologies for absence: - None
- 2) Declarations of interest: - Cllr A. Harding in respect of the Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society.
- 3) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: None
- 4) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th of June 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: - County Cllr J. Riddle explained that he had recently attended an Agency Problem Solving meeting in which they discussed the large back log of problems. These back logs appear to occur due to multi agency involvement. Another recent issue has been the increase in hate crimes since Brexit therefore Cllrs have been asked to report any form of hate crime including graffiti. County Cllr J. Riddle also informed all that there had been a big spike in rural crime recently however police are working well to combat this. County Cllr J. Riddle informed all that the new County Hall would cost £50 million, it had had the go ahead & work would commence in 2017. There will be a lot of job losses in Morpeth as a result. NCC have borrowed huge amounts of money for capital gains with the interest alone costing £5 million/year. County Cllr J. Riddle also stated that NCC had borrowed from the Public Works Loan Board borrowing funding for pot holing, therefore technically we should see a pot hole free area. County Cllr J. Riddle advised KT that he had received her email with regards to the Community Asset Transfer & to keep him informed. All Cllrs thanked County Cllr J. Riddle for his help towards funding half the total for the Ridsdale Speed signs.
- 7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 19 below; - KT, DC & CH.
- 8) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - KT read out the new Ridsdale defibrillator Risk Assessment which was then signed by the clerk & the Chair. KT also explained that a I.T & laptop usage policy was recommended & read out the proposed policy, all agreed & the policy was signed & dated.
- 9) Action point list: - 28. Jubilee Stones – Cllr D. Carrington explained that the quarry was once again open & that she was hopeful that arrangements could be made to remove the stones from the quarry & start the engraving.
74. Sharp bend at Sarelaw – Action complete.
78. Overflowing Drain at East Woodburn – Action complete.
80. Armstrong St & Whitearce - Cllr C. Hamilton explained that there had been no further activity with regards to Armstrong Street, KT & Cllr C. Hamilton to contact K. Westerby of NCC for an update.
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88. Ridsdale Speed Signs – KT informed all that the signs were now in & that residents had made positive comments as to their effectiveness. CPC wishes to thank County Cllr J. Riddle for his help & funding which covered half the total cost. Cllrs also wish to thank EDF funding for their grant of £4342 - Action complete.

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16) Planning Matters: - a) For Decisions – None

b) Decisions from NCC – Wildlife & Countryside Act Definitive Map Modification Order No 21 – Byway open to all traffic No 50 – The order is confirmed. Cllrs informed of the decision & paperwork made available.

17) Other Correspondence: -

a) Proposed Major Modifications to Local Plan Core Strategy – Info made available to Cllrs.

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b) Bank Balance – Statement £17,042.69, £75 cheque to Stephen Carey Fund & £108.27 NALC still to be cashed.
c) Monies Received – i. £382.49 Transparency Fund for laptop & printer awarded, not yet received.
d) Requests for Assistance – Corsenside PCC – Grass cutting grant £300.
e) Clerks annual appraisal – Cllr C. Hamilton explained to all the pay rise advice received from NALC & how that would be implemented. Cllr C. Hamilton also discussed the annual appraisal held between himself & the clerk & the results of that appraisal. All Cllrs agreed to the pay increase.

19) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: - KT informed all that she had completed the EDF monitoring form for the 3 litter bins & that the bins were being used. KT also explained that Ridsdale Speed signs had been added to CPC insurance policy. KT informed all that she had spoken with C. Mowatt asking for a price to cut the section of grass where the Old Hemp memorial stood. C. Mowatt had quoted £15/cut. Cllrs felt that this would cost too much over the year & have asked the clerk to price some manual, push along lawnmowers instead. KT read out all the info sent from A. Mansley regarding Revitalising Redesdale & the proposals for the grass verges & other areas. Cllrs were happy with all of AM's suggestions. Cllr P. Bilton offered another suggestion for East Woodburn, KT to inform AM. Cllr D. Carrington asked all if perhaps the original wording for the Jubilee stones should be changed given that it was now 4 years after the event. All Cllrs agreed on alternative wording which celebrated the whole reign of The Queen rather than just the Diamond Jubilee. Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that he had received a phone call from a parishioner whom was pleased to have read the article in The Rede Valley News written by Cllr C. Hamilton regarding the speeding issues within West Woodburn. The parishioner felt something more should be done however they were happy to wait to see what extra traffic calming measures NCC will implement and hoped their effectiveness would be monitored and further action taken if necessary.

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