**Corsenside Parish Council Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 7th of November 2016

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

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

1) Apologies for absence: - Cllr G. Scott & Cllr P. Saunders

2) Declarations of interest: - Cllr P. Saunders in respect of the Parish Hall Committee. Cllrs A. Harding & C. Currie 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 3rd of October 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 & CH 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 would look at these before Decembers meeting.

9) Action point list: - 28. Jubilee Stones – Nothing further to report.

80. Armstrong St & Whitearce - KT explained that she had emailed KW asking for an update as in his last communication he had stated that they hoped to have completed 1200m sq by the end of Oct 2016. KW responded stating that a team would be on-site W/C 07/11/16.

86. Community Asset Transfer, The Green, West Woodburn – KT explained that Liam Henry of NCC had been in touch at the beginning of October to state that he could confirm that there would appear to have been something of an oversight on the part of their Estate Management team in relation to this matter & that he could confirm that the documentation was all agreed and Legal Services simply needed to be formally instructed by Estate Management to effect the transfer of the land to the Parish Council. On the 19th of October KT received word to say that our solicitor had received the final paperwork from NCC. KT then emailed LH stating that the transfer had gone through & asking how CPC could claim back some of the costs which had doubled, much of this due to NCC. LH replied stating ‘Having made enquiries with my colleagues when you first contacted me through Councillor Riddle about the costs issue, I was advised that it was not immediately apparent why the delay in itself should add to your costs and certainly not to the extent that it appears to have done. There was certainly not a frequency of contact from your solicitors that might have first appeared to have been the case to you or to Councillor Riddle with the last contact from your solicitor before this latest contact having been on the 20th June 2016 which was simply an email enquiring after progress following a letter of the 28th April 2016 enclosing the Transfer and Surrender signed by the Parish Council. As you appear to refer to, there was the need for further work in relation to the grant of an easement but this arose from a request from the Parish Council as I understand it. I am not unsympathetic to the increase of costs which the Parish Council appears to have incurred but without a clear rationale as to how those costs were incurred and why it is considered that the Council were in some way responsible for them I cannot agree to any contribution from this authority. I trust you understand’. KT to ask our solicitor for a full break down of our costs.

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90. Traffic Calming Measures, West Woodburn – KT explained that she had emailed NS asking for an update & also raised the concerns of residents regarding the middle school bus drop off location. Cllr C. Hamilton explained that he had also tried contacting NS however NS was currently on leave. Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that he had instead spoken with a D. Fraser of NCC who had promised to look into the issue & get back in touch before CPC’s meeting. D. Fraser did not get back in touch & despite Cllr C. Hamilton calling the same number again, he was unable to speak to DF.

10) Parish Hall: - KT explained that a request had been made for her to look through the historic accounts to see if CPC had ever paid rent as well as an annual grant to the Parish Hall. Within the records KT viewed, it appeared that CPC either made an annual grant or paid rent but not both. KT to look into the matter some more & enquire to the cost of future rent.

11) Play Area – West Woodburn: - Cllr C. Hamilton stated that checks were continuing & all was fine.

12) Wind Power Stations - update & compiling a list of groups & organisations that could apply for a grant. - T. Pender, a member of the steering group, had asked CPC to compile a list of organisations & bodies they believed would be eligible to apply for grants when the service became available so that the steering group were aware to notify these groups when things were up & running. Cllrs drew up a list to be forwarded onto TP.

13) Community Right to Bid: - KT informed all that the Bay Horse application had now also been sent in & received by NCC.

14) Stiddle Hill – Tyre Dumping :- KT informed Cllrs that she had heard back from Paul Turnbull of NCC regarding the tyres at Stiddle Hill. Mr Turnbull had stated that after a bit of chasing around and getting passed from one contact to another he was finally given details of a contact at Savill's Estate agents in Corbridge. PT had spoken with a James Reynolds who took on board all concerns regarding the tyres. He explained that they have a meeting planned for the end of November with the land owner and his representatives and would bring up the situation regarding the tyres. PT will let the clerk know when he has heard back from JR.

15) Planning Matters: - a) For Decisions – None for decision.

b) Decisions from NCC - None.

16) Other Correspondence: - i. Vera Baird Police Commissioner – Letter read out to Cllrs.

 ii,Training – Planning Development – Cllrs informed of training available.

iii. War Memorial – Historic England – KT read out the email that she had received from Historic England which stated that Historic England would be conducting an assessment of the War Memorial in West Woodburn to see whether or not it could be added to the list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

17) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Gibson & Co Solicitors £946 (BACS). ii, Clerks wages (£155) &

Expenses (£14.28). iii, C. Mowatt £160

b) Bank Balance - £11532.40

c) Monies Received - None

 d) Requests for Assistance – Great North Air Ambulance - to review in April.

 e) Precept 2017 – 2018 KT & Cllrs CH & DC to get together to look at a budget for 2017-2018.

18) Matters for discussion at the Chairman’s discretion: KT handed out panto flyers for Cllrs to distribute locally. KT informed all that the parish no longer had a local community police officer however the clerk had

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the contact names of a PC from Hexham & one from Ponteland who would be our first port of call. Cllr A. Harding brought up the issue that white line markings on most local roads were very poor, they appear to have lost the reflective ability. KT to contact K. Westerby with relation to this. Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that he had been contacted by T. Pender with regards to the payment of rent to the Parish Hall on behalf of the windfarm steering group. At present the group does not have any money. All other parishes have waived the cost of rent when a meeting has been held. All Cllrs agreed that if the steering group were to be presented with a bill covering the cost of 2 meetings, that CPC would pay this rather than TP paying out of his own funds.

19) Next Meeting: - Monday the 5th of December at The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.

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