

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 8th of February 2016

At The Bay Horse, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present: -**Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Carrington (Vice Chair), C. Currie, P. Bilton, A. Harding, J. Riddle

Clerk: K. Traill, **Members of the Public:** None

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

2) Declarations of interest: - C. Hamilton in respect of West Woodburn First School, & A. Harding in respect of the Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society.

3) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues:- None raised

4) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th of January 2016:- Cllr C. Hamilton pointed out a minor change in wording under point 10 Parish Hall. Cllr C. Currie pointed out that under point 8 the bench in question is located on Mill Moor Street, not Braeside.

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

6) County Councillors Report:- Cllr J. Riddle OBE discussed the issue regarding the recent bad weather & an increase in pot holes. Cllr J. Riddle informed all that the best way to report these & other issues was via the on-line reporting system on the NCC web-site. A reference is given which allows you to check up on the progress. The clerk asked if any flooding measures had been included when the C201 road to Bellingham had been resurfaced. Cllr J. Riddle stated that there had not been. He informed all that he had recently queried why Catcleugh reservoir could not be run down a little more as a preventative measure to reduce the flooding of the river Rede in various locations. Cllrs discussed the issues facing those that lived on a flood plain. Cllr J. Riddle stated that the Environment Agency needed to update its planning and maps as areas that are highlighted as flood plains do not appear accurate. Cllr J. Riddle informed all that county budget was coming up soon & it was expected that the county would have to make savings again. He stated that the new County Hall in Ashington is costing £45 million which many people were not in agreement with. He said that County Councillors had requested a proper structural survey be carried out on the old Morpeth County Hall first to see if this could continue to be used as the regions County Hall. Cllr J. Riddle informed all that the new planning application structure was not going too well. The applications Cllrs are asked to look at are in areas they are unfamiliar with & therefore lack local knowledge of. The clerk asked about extra funding for drainage within the area, Cllr J. Riddle stated that NCC will be getting some however he was not sure when. Cllr C. Hamilton asked if local transport priorities would be put on hold with money & efforts being put towards flooding issues. Cllr J. Riddle responded stating that this should not be the case. Extra funding would cover any flooding issues. Cllr J. Riddle receives a list of what priorities will be completed first. He stated that Highways budget should be decided upon soon & then they will have a better idea as to what, on the list, will be done. Cllrs discussed the Haydon Bridge fire station closure. Cllr J. Riddle stated that they had not taken into account the extra housing & new National Park Visitors Centre planned in the area. All of these will affect the demand for a fire station. The final decision will be made soon at the budget meeting. The clerk asked about the issues regarding the new bus service. Cllr J. Riddle said that the operator was doing their best to make changes. A new bus had been purchased & another one was on order. The operator faces penalties if the service does not improve. Cllr C. Hamilton asked about the potential of a mobile text alert for passengers from the bus

company should there be any issues regarding the bus service. The clerk to contact M. Cusack of NCC to enquire.

7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 19 below ; -Cllrs A. Harding & C. Currie & K. Traill have matters to discuss.

8) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments –Parish Emergency Plan – flooding in the Parish. Cllrs discussed what practical measures the Parish Council could put in place to help those affected by flooding. Cllrs discussed the issue & it was decided that bullet point information would be put on the web-site & notice boards. Information would include NCC contact numbers, grants available, links to advice on flood resilience measures & how NCC could help after a flood. The clerk to contact local B&B's to ask if their number could be given out to residents needing emergency accommodation at short notice. The clerk also to enquire about free sandbags that could be handed out to those residents that are often affected.

9) Action point list:- 28. Jubilee Stones –Cllr D. Carrington explained that A. Currie's Telehandler was currently in for servicing. Other local residents had offered to help transport the stones however the type of vehicle has been inappropriate. Cllr C. Currie also informed all that she was concerned that they would have difficulty getting the stones up to High Leam as the road was in need of repair. Cllr C. Currie also queried what methods could be used to transport the stones without damaging them. Cllr D. Carrington also explained that she had received a call from the quarry manager to say that the quarry was closing down the next day. Cllr D. Carrington will update all when she knows more.

74. Sharp bend at Sarelaw –Cllr P. Bilton stated that some white lines and triangle had been now been put on the road

78. Overflowing Drain at East Woodburn – KT explained that she had emailed photos of Shaw Lonnen showing both water & ice & explaining the previous & current issues with the drains/gullies. K. Westerby had responded stating that he would add East Woodburn to the list of areas worst affected when they apply for extra funding. He will let us know when someone can attend. K. Westerby also pointed out that in some cases adjacent landowners do sometimes have responsibility for clearing ditches.

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

86. Community Asset Transfer, The Green, West Woodburn – KT explained that she had contacted NCC regarding the need for the trees on the green to be assessed for safety. J. Alderson of NCC responded stating that he would add them to his list & let us know if anything needed doing. KT also informed all that she had asked the solicitors for an update & had just received word that they were awaiting documents from NCC & that they would chase these up.

88. Ridsdale Speed Sign, KT explained that N. Snowdon was happy with the 2 locations. KT informed all that CPC had received payment for one sign from the Small Schemes Fund & were still awaiting payment from the Wind Farm for the other sign which should be paid later in the week. Once this had been received KT to put the order in. Cllrs once again confirmed the signs they wanted were those quoted V3.

89 Children Playing signs, East Woodburn – KT explained that Cllr P. Bilton would be meeting A. Fisher of NCC on the 9th to discuss the location of the pedestrian signs, the erection of a 'Dead End' sign a long Parkside regarding the Byway & also a new Monkridge sign.

10) Parish Hall :- Cllr P. Saunders had stated that there was little to report & that word had gone out regarding the meeting on the 21st of March.

11) Play Area – West Woodburn :- Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that he had just carried out an inspection & all was fine.

12) Wind Power Stations :-Cllr P. Bilton stated that there would be a meeting on the 9th of February which he

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hoped to attend. Cllrs D. Carrington & C. Hamilton informed all that they had received a questionnaire regarding the new wind farm.

13) Defibrillator Update: - Cllr D. Carrington explained that the Ridsdale defibrillator had now been commissioned. There had been an issue with the casing & opening of the case however this had now been resolved. The 2 guardians will be Cllr C. Hamilton & S. Carrington. The training event held at The Gun Inn had been reasonably attended. The Ridsdale defibrillator had not included paediatric pads or starter kit. Cllr C. Hamilton suggested that CPC pay for these ordering them via the Stephen Carey Foundation, all Cllrs in agreement.

14) Reed Family Commemoration :-Cllr D. Carrington informed all that she had called into Top Signs & handed them the Rede Family Crest. They would create a proof & email it to the clerk. This has not yet been received. KT to chase this up. Cllr D. Carrington stated that the plaque size was the exact same width as the back of the bench. CPC to ask if they will be able to bevel the edges so as to avoid any sharp/catching edges.

15) Revitalising Redesdale :KT explained that she had received some information back explaining the type of things the project would look at. KT will forward this on.

16) Planning Matters:-a) For Decisions –. Planning Ref: 15/04222/RENE – Erection of a 73m temporary anemometry mast, up to 6 months – Ray Wind Farm, Kirkwhelpington. Cllrs discussed the application & would like to object on the basis that there has already been a monitoring mast at the beginning of the project & that the scheme was now well underway. b) Decisions from NCC – Planning ref: 15/03881/FUL – The Filters, West Woodburn, installation of 2 windows, fireplace & external chimney – GRANTED. c)Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 Section 53 – Definitive Map Modification Order (No 21) 2014. Byway open to all traffic No 50 (Parish of Corsenside) – Notice of Order.

17) Other Correspondence :-

- a) Flood Resilience grant info – Cllrs made aware of the grants available to those affected by flooding.
- b) NCC letter of response regarding the bus services 885 & 815. KT did not have a copy of the letter for the meeting. Cllrs were informed of the contents of the letter.
- c) Northumberland LED Street Lighting Project – Cllrs informed that CPC is scheduled in for July-Sept 2017.

18)Finances :-

- a) Invoices for Payment -i.Clerks wages - £238.75,ii ICO registration (payment already issued, Cllrs notified of this), iii) £216 payment to Tenter House Developments & Landscaping- payment for erection of 3 small bins.
- b) Bank Balance - £15,157.76
- c) Monies Received - £4342 (Small Scheme's Funding for one speed sign).
- d) Requests for Assistance – Northumberland Community & Voluntary Action. The Children's Foundation.
- e) Internal quarterly audit – KT informed all that Cllr D. Carrington had carried out an internal audit. Cllr D. Carrington's recommendation was to change 'Panto Profit' to 'Panto ticket sales'.

19) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion:-Cllr A. Harding informed all that one of the street lights along the road to East Woodburn was still not working. KT has previously reported this & will report the issue once again. KT informed all that the clerk's laptop had stopped working & would no longer load up. Cllr C. Hamilton confirmed that he had looked at the laptop & believed there was nothing that could be done to correct the issue. Due to regular saving of data to a memory stick very little work has been lost. KT believed

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that CPC may be able to purchase a new laptop & claim some of the money back from the Transparency Fund. KT to find out more details via NALC. Cllr C. Hamilton will look at suitable new laptops & an external hard drive. KT also informed all that the 3 bins purchased with the wind farm grant, were all now in place. KT stated that J Alderson of NCC would look at the overhanging trees along the East Woodburn road & inform CPC if any work was needed. KT also explained that the quarry had now fixed the post in East Woodburn which had been damaged by a quarry vehicle early in 2015. Cllr C. Currie stated that the road to High Leam was in a terrible condition with potholes. KT to find out if this road belongs to NCC & if so report the poor condition the road is in.

20) Next Meeting:- Monday the 7th of March, 7.30pm at the Parish Hall West Woodburn.

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