

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 12th of January 2016

At The Bay Horse, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present: - **Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Carrington (Vice Chair), P. Saunders, G. Scott & A. Harding.

Clerk: K. Traill, **Members of the Public:** G. Dent

- 1) Apologies for absence: - Cllrs C. Currie, P. Bilton & J. Riddle OBE
- 2) Declarations of interest: - C. Hamilton in respect of West Woodburn First School, P. Saunders in respect of the Parish Hall & A. Harding in respect of the Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society.
- 3) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: - G. Dent asked for CPC to request that the overhanging trees along the East Woodburn Rd be cut, Mr Dent has complained about this before. Mr Dent also requested that CPC chase up the long standing issue regarding the overflowing drains & gullies in East Woodburn. KT explained that work had been carried out, however the earth removed was left on the side which resulted in further problems. KT explained that Cllr P. Bilton had sent the clerk some photos of the problem & that the clerk would forward these on to the relevant departments at NCC. G. Dent also stated that he would not like to see the Parish Hall close & hoped that funds could be raised to repair the hall.
- 4) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th of December 2015 :- 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. Cllrs would like to offer their congratulations to County Councillor J. Riddle on his recent O.B.E honour.
- 7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 21 below :- Cllr C. D. Carrington 1 & KT 2.
- 8) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments –Annual assets check, annual RA's review: - KT informed all that she had carried out annual reviews of risk assessments & assets. KT asked the Councillors what they wanted to do with the seat a long Braeside as there is no wood, just a frame. KT to ask Cllr P. Bilton if he would be happy to try & fix this. KT also explained that one of the perspex windows of the Ridsdale bus shelter needs replacing. CH to look at repairing this.
- 9) Action point list: - 28. Jubilee Stones –Cllr D. Carrington explained that due to the weather conditions & closure over the Christmas holidays that there had been no progress regarding the stones. Cllr D. Carrington had spoken with Gilbert the engraver to inform him that we still required his services & would let him know when the stones were ready. CPC are still looking for somewhere indoors that is large enough to house the stones so that Gilbert can carry out the engraving inside. If nowhere can be found, engraving can be put off until spring time.
74. Sharp bend at Sarelaw – Nothing further to report.
78. Overflowing Drain at East Woodburn – KT explained that she had received photos highlighting the issue & would forward these on to K. Westerby of NCC.
80. Armstrong St & Whitearce - Nothing further to report.
86. Community Asset Transfer, The Green, West Woodburn – Cllr C. Hamilton explained where we were with regards to the transfer. The solicitor had received word that NCC were happy to agree that the play area access stay where it is while the school operated as a educational property. The gate would subject to

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renegotiation in the future if the building was ever sold. Cllr C. Hamilton explained that the solicitor now estimated his bill to be around £750, due to the extra work, an increase of 50%. KT had queried the large increase & was informed that extra work obviously meant extra money. KT informed all that during the bad weather one of the small trees around the village green came down & that some of the other smaller ones did not look that healthy. KT to try & get someone from NCC to assess the trees as soon as possible.

88. Ridsdale Speed Signs – KT explained the difficulty that she had had in trying to get N. Snowdon to advise CPC on the best location of the North end speed sign. Councillors decided that they would therefore make the decision that the North end speed sign would be placed on the left side, (heading south), after Low House, Ridsdale & after the bend. KT to inform D. Williamson of SWARCO & to ask him to proceed as necessary. KT to check our position regarding Local Scheme Funding.

89 Children Playing signs, East Woodburn – KT explained that Cllr P. Bilton had received a complaint regarding the distance that the posts for the pedestrian signs were being located outside of the main village. The posts appear to be positioned 100's of yards from the centre of East Woodburn. KT contacted K. Westerby who stated that he would look into this however it may be for legal reasons or to avoid other utilities. KT to chase this up as well as a new Monkridge sign.

10) Parish Hall :- KT explained that A. Pender had stated that if CPC wanted to hold a panto for Christmas 2016, that she would need to put a booking in now. A. Pender pointed out that the panto had been operating at a loss to CPC over recent years. She believed that the Parish Hall would still be available to use should CPC book the panto. Cllrs discussed the panto & felt that despite the loss incurred by CPC, that it was still a worthy cause to support & offered a service to the community. Cllr P. Saunders informed all that he intended to advertise a Parish Hall meeting, open to all, explaining the issues surrounding the PH. Cllr P. Saunders will advertise the meeting using the next edition of The Rede Valley News. Cllr P. Saunders proposed the evening of Monday the 21st of March 2016. All agreed.

11) Play Area – West Woodburn :- Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that he was due to carry out a play area inspection. KT explained that C. Mowatt had not yet carried out a jet wash & that she would ask him again in the spring time.

12) Wind Power Stations :- The latest Wind Farm minutes were made available to all.

13) Defibrillator Update: - Cllr D. Carrington explained that the Ridsdale defibrillator was up on the wall & almost ready to go live. Damien (a local first responder), must first hold a training session, scheduled for Sunday the 17th of January at The Gunn Inn. Cllr D. Carrington informed all that flyers had gone through the doors of all local residents & that KT had stuck posters up in the shop & on the Woodburn's notice boards. After the training session Damien will contact the ambulance service & the defibrillator will go live. Two guardians who will be responsible for fortnightly checks are to be confirmed.

14) Reed Family Commemoration :- KT informed all Cllrs that the estimated cost for the plaque would be £110 +VAT, all Cllrs happy with this. Cllr D. Carrington will take the crest down to the sign makers to see if they are able to copy it.

15) Devolution – A Summary : KT gave a brief description & made info available to Cllrs.

16) Revitalising Redesdale : KT read out the e-mail that she had received regarding the Revitalising Redesdale project. KT explained that she had requested more info on the subject which she had not yet received. KT will chase this up & report back at the next meeting.

17) Flooding in the Parish : Cllr C. Hamilton explained the issue regarding the flooding on the bend at Low House, Ridsdale. This bend had flooded a few times over the past month making it dangerous for drivers &

potentially flooding the property there. There was a large amount of water cascading down the grass verge which was spilling over onto and flooding down the road creating dangerous driving conditions with large amounts of spray. Cllr C. Hamilton felt that a ditch in the wide grass verge along the side of the road would help eliminate this. KT to e-mail pictures to NCC & ask them what can be done. KT mentioned the flooding in West & East Woodburn & asked the Cllrs to consider a basic emergency plan such as somewhere to store sand bags, people who would be willing to help vulnerable residents etc. All to think about what could be put in a basic emergency plan for next meeting.

18) Planning Matters:- a) For Decisions – . Planning Ref: 15/04265/FUL Proposed 2 storey dwelling with detached garage – land west of 63 Armstrong ST. Cllr D. Carrington withdrew from the decision. Councillors discussed the application & would like to make the comment of ‘No Objection’. ii . Planning ref: 15/04188/FUL Change of roof material from stone slab to Welsh slates- All Saints Church. – Cllrs discussed the application & would like to submit the comment ‘ CPC support the application to preserve the future of the church’. b) Decisions from NCC – Planning Ref:15/03729/LBC Retrospective app for installation of biomass – Bay Horse & planning ref: 15/03281/FUL Retention of biomass boiler – Bay Horse - GRANTED

19) Other Correspondence :-

- a) Animal Boarding Establishment Policy Consultation – KT informed the Cllrs of the consultation.
- b) NCC Guidance on what to do if your home is affected by flooding – Made available to Cllrs, info given to some residents.
- c) Rede Valley News – Deadline 25th Jan, edition Feb-May. Cllr P. Saunders to give M. Chilvers info on Parish Hall meeting. KT to ask M. Chilvers to include the parish’s AGM’s in May & also to include a note reminding local residents to regularly check the noticeboards & our web-site.

20) Finances :-

- a) Invoices for Payment -i. Clerks wages - £229.20, Expenses - £6.28 ii. Redeswood Farm £511.20 (village green cuts, paid)
- b) Bank Balance - £10850.76
- c) Monies Received - £222.50 (panto sales), £3.17 (bank interest)
- d) Requests for Assistance - None

21) Matters for discussion at the Chairman’s discretion:- KT explained the situation regarding the erecting of the bins & that she hoped they would be fitted before the next meeting, weather permitting. KT also explained that she would now start to chase up the quarry regarding the broken post in East Woodburn. Cllr D Carrington informed all that the latest Tuesday & Friday bus had not turned up. Both times it had apparently broken down with no replacement sent, & that there had not been a Friday bus since the 4th of December. Cllr D Carrington had contacted K. Francis of NCC. K. Francis informed Cllr D Carrington that they had received various complaints which would be looked into. K. Francis gave Cllr. D Carrington the name & contact details of the NCC person to whom complaints should be made. KT to write a letter of complaint.

20) Next Meeting:- Monday the 8th of February , 7.30pm at The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.