

Corsenside Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 8th May 2017

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

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

- 1) Apologies for absence: - None
- 2) Declaration of Acceptance of Office :- All Cllrs read through, completed & signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office after the local Parish Council elections.
- 3) Election of Chair & Vice Chair :- Cllr P. Bilton proposed Cllr C. Hamilton for position of Chair & Cllr A. Harding seconded the proposal. Cllr C. Hamilton accepted the position of Chair & completed a Declaration of Acceptance as Chair. Cllr C. Currie proposed Cllr D. Carrington for position of Vice Chair & Cllr G. Scott seconded the proposal. Cllr D. Carrington accepted the position as Vice Chair.
- 4) 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 A. Harding in respect of the Ray Wind Farm Steering Group & Cllr D. Carrington in respect of the Ridsdale Juniors & Seniors & the Green Rig Wind Farm Steering Group.
- 5) New Declarations of Interest: - All Parish Councillors completed new Declaration of Interests forms as requested by NCC. KT to send them to NCC for uploading onto their web-site.
- 6) Election – Declaration of Expenses: - All Cllrs recorded a 'Nil' cost. KT to send all forms into the Elections Team, County Hall.
- 7) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: None
- 8) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd of April 2017:- Signed as a true & accurate record.
- 9) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: - None.
- 10) County Councillors Report: - None
- 11) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 22 below; - KT, GS & PB had matters to discuss.
- 12) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - None
- 13) Action point list: - 90. Traffic Calming Measures, West Woodburn – KT explained that she had tried several times to contact N. Snowdon for an update after his meeting on the 7th of March however had been unsuccessful. KT & CH to continue to chase this up. Cllrs wished to inform parishioners that CPC has brought this issue to the attention of NCC over many years, that they have continually pursued NCC, & will continue to do so, until NCC help resolve the issue with traffic calming measures.
- 14) Parish Hall: - Cllr P. Saunders felt that all had been covered during the earlier Annual Parish Meeting & could add nothing further.
- 15) Play Area – West Woodburn: - Cllr C. Hamilton stated that checks were continuing & that the play area in general was in a good condition. Cllr CH informed all that he maintained a full inspection record. Cllr CH explained to all that a nut & bolt appeared to be missing from the base of one of the fencing panels which caused a slight sharp edging. Cllr P. Bilton to look at repairing this. Cllr CH also explained that the play area

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signage now had missing letters & was generally in need of replacing. All agreed that KT should look into replacing this sign. CH also noted that weed killer was not to be used within the play area for health & safety purposes, KT to check that C. Mowatt is aware of this & also chase up the jet washing of the safety surface. Cllr C. Currie commented on the quality of the play area, it has fared well, appearing to be in better condition than other newer local play areas.

16) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding informed all that unfortunately he had been unable to attend the last few meetings due to work commitments. Cllr AH stated that the steering group were still in the process of making decisions on the legacy of the funding. Cllr AH explained that Vattenfall would be holding information sessions for all the parishes within the Ray Wind Estate's remit. Cllr AH stated that application forms did not ask which fund the applicant should apply to, this was dealt with when the Community Fund processed the application. Cllrs thought it would be more beneficial for applicants to state which fund they were applying to i.e. The Ray Wind Estate. Cllr CH informed all that T. Pender had kindly offered to come to the meeting to update all on the progress of the Steering Group, however CH felt that it would be of more benefit if TP could attend a meeting when Cllrs had less paperwork to complete & therefore offer more time.

17) Stiddle Hill – Tyre Dumping: - KT explained that she had received word from P. Turnbull that the land owner was currently seeking other quotes for the removal of the tyres. P. Turnbull informed KT that they had apologised for the delay in resolving this matter.

18) Revitalising Redesdale – update: Cllr P. Saunders informed all that the next meeting would be Thursday the 11th of May & that the final bid would be submitted in July. Cllr PS will liaise with Katherine the fund-raising advisor to see what, if anything, Corsenside Parish could apply for that would work in line with the Revitalising Redesdale bid & further enhance the parish.

19) Planning Matters: - a) For decision – None at time of print. b) Decisions from NCC - None at time of print.

20) Other Correspondence: - i. Getabout leaflet & info. KT made info available to Cllrs. Posters displayed on noticeboards. ii. Letter from S. Mason of NCC regarding the publication of planning applications dated 31st March – KT read out to Cllrs.

20) Finances: - a) Invoices Payment – i. Clerks wages £135 ii. Clerks expenses £6.50, iii. NALC subs - £110.97 (to be paid via BACS), iv. BACS payment of £59.99 made to KT, reimbursement for Microsoft Office payment.

b) Bank Balance - £ 14,599.22

c) Monies Received - £3875 Precept & £1244.55 VAT refund.

d) Requests for Assistance – None

e) BDO Audit - i. Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement, KT read out each question & Cllrs all agreed with each answer. Cllr CH & KT both signed section 1, ii. Section 2 Accounting Statements. KT read out the figures recorded. All Cllrs agreed with the figures. Cllr CH & KT both signed section 2.

21) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: Cllr G. Scott enquired as to whether there had been any word from NCC regarding the resurfacing of the road down to St Cuthbert's Church. KT explained that she had emailed K. Westerby several times however had still not heard back. KT to continue to pursue this. Cllr G. Scott also commented on the continued speeding within the parish. CPC are, as ever, continually chasing this up with NCC. Cllr P. Bilton enquired as to whether CPC were aware of permission granted for some laybys within East Woodburn. KT believes that NCC were not prepared to foot the bill for this. It had previously been

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hoped that the quarry would pay for these.

KT informed all that the Monkridge sign had eventually been replaced in East Woodburn. KT explained that she had been chasing up the enquiry regarding speed limit changes within villages however had still not received a reply. KT asked Cllrs if they were happy for her to purchase new paediatric pads for the Ridsdale defibrillator using the grant from The Ridsdale Village Hall Trust to replace the current ones which are coming up to the use by date. KT informed all that she had received various complaints regarding the middle school children. Some children appear to be purposely running across the road in front of cars, dropping litter around the bus stop, attempting to unlock the defibrillator & shouting & screaming while waiting for the bus. Also, the bus did not appear to collect the children from the shelter area, now stopping outside a resident's house further up the street. It is also noted that where the bus drops the children off causes concern regarding the safety of the children crossing the road. KT to write a formal letter to the head of the middle school raising all concerns.

22) Next Meeting: - Monday the 11th June 2017, 7.30pm, Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn.

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