

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 2nd October 2017

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

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

1) Apologies for absence: - None

2) Declarations of interest: - Cllr P. Saunders in respect of the Parish Hall Committee, Cllr D. Carrington in respect of the Ridsdale Juniors & Seniors, Cllrs A. Harding & C. Currie in respect of The Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society & Cllr P. Bilton in respect of West Woodburn First School.

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

4) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2017: Cllr A. Harding stated that under point 6 it should have read "open" register rather than "electoral" register. KT also stated that she had re-written the paragraph under point 6 regarding education & rural schools being under threat to make it clearer that West Woodburn First School was not under threat due to poor education & that most NCC departments would be under review including all first schools. Cllr P. Saunders also pointed out that "higher" education should read "secondary" education.

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 21 below; - Cllr P. Bilton, Cllr P. Saunders, & KT had matters to discuss.

8) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - KT informed all that she had finished updating all risk assessments & would write up a new one regarding the village green.

9) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whiteacre - KT explained that according to N. Snowden this issue was down to be corrected before the end of the current financial year. NS suggested that CPC keep this on the list for Local Transport Priorities just in case. KT has also emailed K. Westerby to confirm that this works is scheduled in & to state that CPC were concerned frost conditions would once again stop works. KT has not yet heard back from KW. 91. Traffic Calming measures in West Woodburn – Cllr C. Hamilton discussed the information given to him & KT during the 2-meeting held with N. Snowden. Cllr CH explained that at the first meeting NS had brought a long a design which was discussed in detail. Cllr CH & KT suggested a few changes which NS promised to incorporate. A further meeting was then held to confirm these changes. Cllr CH explained that unfortunately NS had been unable to bring the new design however promised that the design team would be working on it & that all changes discussed would be included. NS hoped that the traffic calming measures would be in place by the end of this calendar year but if not definitely before the end of the financial year. Cllr CH informed all that the traffic calming measures included the following: - 40mph limits & markers at either end of the village as a count-down to the 30mph zones. The 30mph zone at the north end of the village would be extended to incorporate the right of way across the field. 30mph markings & countdowns would be included as well as new gateway signs, KT to inform NS which signs Cllrs decided upon. There would also be a pinch point narrowing the road at the north end of the village & one again between the bridge & the East Woodburn turning in the hope that this would slow down traffic coming from both the South & North & reduce over-taking at these points. There would also be an advisory 20mph time activated flashing sign on the A68 located outside the school & Whiteacre would become a permanent 20mph zone. NS will arrange

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another meeting when he has the new plans for CPC to agree. KT informed NS that currently the 30mph signs were not very visible.

KT also stated that they had once again mentioned the trees & sign height at the A68/ Bellingham road junction & that NS said that this would also be looked at. The 30mph speed limit in Ridsdale was also discussed as the criteria may have changed enough to qualify Ridsdale as a 30mph village. NS suggested that CPC add this onto the Local Transport Priorities.

10) Parish Hall: - Cllr P. Saunders stated that works on the village hall had progressed to phase 2 which included insulation, kitchen, toilets & disabled access.

11) Play Area – West Woodburn: - Cllr C. Hamilton stated that inspections continued & that a few screw caps needed replacing which he would see to. KT to ask C. Mowatt again to deal with the trip hazard around the small swings.

12) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding stated that there was very little to report as funding was still not open for applications & that the issues lay with Vatten Fall. Cllr A. Harding explained that VF wanted the committee to have further financial info etc & a clerk in place however this could not really happen until funding was released & the CIC was up & running. The CIC model is one that VF has used before therefore it is unclear as to what the hold-up is. The next Committee Meeting will be held on the 12th of October & Cllr A. Harding hoped to have more to report after that.

13) Local Transport Plan Programme 2018-2019: - KT explained that she & Cllr C. Hamilton had discussed with N. Snowden the points system involved in deciding what LTP's were successful. For the benefit of those Cllrs without email KT explained that based on NS advice CPC had slightly changed the LTP's agreed at the previous meeting. New priorities submitted were: - i. The continuation of the 30mph speed limit in Ridsdale to incorporate the A68 throughout Ridsdale or if this is not possible to provide further traffic calming measures within the 40mph, ii. To raise the road surface to avoid flooding on the road from West Woodburn to Bellingham between the bottle bins & Little Ridsdale, iii. To make good the road at the junction of Armstrong Street & the A68, however if this work is already scheduled in for this financial year, to replace it with creating 2 parking laybys' in East Woodburn.

Cllr D. Carrington queried whether NCC could install "Soft Verges" signs along the road to Bellingham. This road is used by heavy vehicles & the road is very narrow. There are various points along the road where vehicles are getting stuck in the verges or worse toppling over. KT to enquire.

14) Getabout Transport: - KT explained that she had received no further information regarding the results however Cllrs reported that a note had been placed in The Courant stating that responses had been few.

15) Revitalising Redesdale – update: Cllr G. Scott stated that she had heard from T. Derbyshire & that they will not know until the end of November as to whether the bid has been successful. If the bid is successful then nothing would happen with Smoutle Ford until after March 2018.

16. Dog Fouling: - KT explained that she had sent a map to the dog warden showing him the areas in Corsenside where CPC would like the no dog fouling spray painted markings. These would hopefully be done when it was dry & he was next in the area.

17) Planning Matters: Planning Matters - None

b) Decisions from NCC - i. Planning ref: 17/02736/FUL Proposed construction of new build outbuilding - Stable cottage Townhead Farm - GRANTED

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18) Other Correspondence: – i. Joint Town, Parish & Community Councils October 2017 – KT informed Cllrs of the meeting.

19) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Poppy Appeal RBL £25, ii. C.Mowatt £212, iii. Clerks wages July, August & September (problem with previous chq)- £361.70, iv. BDO £120 - BACs

b) Bank Balance - £15781.24

c) Monies Received – £3875

d) Requests for Assistance - None

e) BDO Audit update – KT informed all that she had received the audit results & that it had been qualified due to the fixed assets register not matching the figure stated on the audit. It was therefore not in compliance with proper practices. KT stated that she had recorded the assets in the same way as the previous year, recording any item which was grant funded as a value of £1, the audit passed last year. However according to BDO, guidelines were stricter this year & The Practitioners' Guide states that only items donated should receive a value of £1. When items have been purchased using grant money which has been paid into our account, then items should be recorded at cost value. KT has corrected the Asset Register & will follow the guidelines in future.

20) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: - Cllr P. Bilton enquired as to whether CPC could approach the 2 quarry companies requesting that they fund 2 passing spaces up Shaw Lonnen. This single-track road is used by both quarry & forest heavy vehicles. Years ago, the previous quarry company had agreed to pay for 2 passing spaces however the company closed before this could happen. KT to write to both quarry companies enquiring as to whether they could provide passing spaces. KT explained that the new seat for the village green had arrived. Cllr P. Bilton will assemble & install. KT informed all that the £49.99 bin for West Woodburn bus stop would cost £35 to be delivered. Cllr P. Bilton will first look to see if he can relocate the bin that is positioned before the turn off to Whiteacre.

Cllr P. Saunders stated that due to his impending move away from the area, he would be resigning & that this would be his last meeting. Cllr P. Saunders also pointed out that a new representative would have to be appointed for the Parish Hall committee. Thanks were given to Cllr P. Saunders for over 10 years of service & CPC wish him well in his new home. KT to formally inform NCC of a vacant Councillor position.

21) Next Meeting: - Monday the 6th November 2017, 7.30pm, Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn.

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