

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 3rd of April 2017

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present: - **Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Carrington (Vice Chair), A. Harding, C. Currie, & P. Saunders **Clerk:** K. Traill **Guest from CAN:** Julia Plinston

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

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 A. Harding in respect of the Ray Wind Farm Steering Group & Cllr D. Carrington in respect of the Ridsdale Juniors & Seniors.

3) Julia from Getabout :- Julia explained that 'Getabout' had been commissioned by Northumberland County Council to provide a service to help people to access transport & to see what need is out there. NCC have enlisted CAN & Adapt to run the scheme & conduct the research needed. Adapt manage a phone helpline operating during normal working hours which is aimed at answering any transport questions people have. They will assess an individual's needs & search for the best service available. Julia explained that some services are backed up by volunteer drivers for those who really need transport where no other option is suitable. CAN's role is to help recruit volunteers, work with communities to see what services are available & what major transport needs there are within an area. Julia presented Cllrs with an audit she had carried out containing the transport objects available to residents of Corsenside Parish. CAN will carry out a detailed audit & community consultation to see what the communities' needs are. Cllrs discussed the best way to consult with the community, how to get the information out there & how best to collect the results in. Cllrs also discussed what methods of advertisement were available locally. Julia will take back the information discussed at tonight's meeting & send out a sample survey for Cllrs to look at.

4) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: None

5) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th of March 2017: Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that a sentence had been added under point 23. All Cllrs were happy with the addition. Minutes were therefore signed as a true & accurate record.

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

7) County Councillors Report: - None

8) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 21 below; - KT & CH had matters to discuss.

9) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - None

10) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whitearce - Cllr C. Hamilton explained that he had reported the large chunks of tarmac that had been taken up by a road sweeper on Armstrong Street. Cllr CH had requested that NCC deal with this matter asap since total resurfacing had recently been carried out. Cllr CH informed all that NCC had responded stating that these repairs would be carried out once the threat of frost had passed.
90. Traffic Calming Measures, West Woodburn – KT explained that she had tried contacting N. Snowdon several times for an update after his meeting on the 7th of March however had been unsuccessful. KT to continue to chase this up.

11) Parish Hall: - KT explained that she had received word from R. Virden stating that it was once again time for CPC to appoint a trustee to represent them on the Parish Hall Committee. Cllr C. Hamilton nominated Cllr P.

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Saunders & Cllr D. Carrington seconded the nominated. Cllr P. Saunders accepted the nomination. KT to inform R. Virden. Cllr P. Saunders informed all that work had been carried out to repair the hall floor & that there were 3 funding applications which covered work to the floor & windows. More funding would be applied for to cover replacement doors & kitchen. The Parish Hall Committee had discussed replacing the large gas cooker with a smaller electric one as this eliminated the need for costly gas checks. Julia from CAN advised that her colleague L. Currie could offer advice on Parish Halls & kitchen regulations.

12) Play Area – West Woodburn: - Cllr C. Hamilton stated that checks were continuing & proposed that it was time for a jet wash of the play area safety surfaces. KT to ask C. Mowatt to carry out a jet wash.

13) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding informed all that Vattenfall had agreed to The Community Fund having responsibility for a minimum of £100,000 per year with the Steering Group setting up a Charitable Organisation to invest the remaining as a 25-year legacy project. Vattenfall are holding information sessions within each of the parishes. Applicants can apply now, sending their applications to the Community Fund who find the most suitable funding for them.

14) Stiddle Hill – Tyre Dumping: - KT explained that she had asked P. Turnbull for an update however had not yet heard back. KT was confident that P. Turnbull would respond before May's meeting.

15) Revitalising Redesdale – update: Cllr P. Saunders informed all that he had attended the last meeting which involved the finalisation of the bid that is due to be submitted later this month. Money has been received for repair to the Ironworks in Ridsdale however if the Parish want additional features such as information boards then CPC will need to apply to other organisations for funding with the help of Katherine. Cllr PS is happy to liaise with Katherine on this matter.

16) Elections Update: - KT explained that the process of handing the forms in appeared to have gone smoothly. All Cllrs had received a letter of acknowledgement.

17) Village Green Grass Cut: - KT informed all that she had written to the previous contractors stating that CPC no longer required their services. KT explained that C. Mowatt had submitted a price & would now take over the cutting of the village green.

18) Planning Matters: - a) For decision – i. Planning ref: 17/00652/FUL. Kitchen ext, East Cottage, East Woodburn. Cllrs looked through the plans & discussed the application – All agreed a comment of 'No Objection' should be submitted. ii. Planning ref: 17/00938/OUT Construction of dwelling, street record Corsenside Tynedale District Footpath 014. Cllrs looked through the plans & discussed the application – All agreed a comment of 'No Objection' should be submitted.

b) Decisions from NCC - None at time of print.

19) Other Correspondence: - i. Kielder parking passes – KT explained that she had received notification that residents of Corsenside Parish were eligible for free parking at all Kielder sites. To obtain a pass residents must take proof of address such as a utility bill to the office at Leaplish, ii. Vehicle Activated Signs – KT explained that she had received a letter from NCC stating that due to new regulations CPC had to register our electronic speed signs with them. KT to complete the paperwork.

20) Finances: - a) Invoices Payment – i. Clerks wages £165 ii. Clerks expenses £26

b) Bank Balance - £ 9,880.66

c) Monies Received - None

d) Requests for Assistance – NTC, Air Ambulance & The Children's Foundation. Cllrs discussed end of year donations & decided to give £50 to the GNAAS, £50 to The Stephen Carey Fund & a

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second donation of £50 to the GNAAS on behalf of The Bay Horse at their request as payment for room hire.

e) End of Year finances – KT handed out spreadsheets showing all financial spends over the last year.

f) BDO – KT explained that she had received the end of year financial audit paperwork & would start working on this.

21) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: KT explained to all that she had received word from C. Chater regarding the Old Hemp plaque. CG has been in contact with the manufacturers & has stated that she expects they come & re-fix the plaque. Cllrs discussed the issue & felt that as the memorial had been kindly gifted to our Parish & as CPC paid the insurance that CPC should take full responsibility for it including maintenance issues. KT informed all that she had spoken to NCC regarding the new street lighting & NCC had confirmed that the street lighting was being carried out in random stages & that Rendle Terrace was definitely on the list. KT stated that she had contacted NCC regarding the road to St Cuthbert's Church & the layby litter issues however had still not received any reply. KT to continue to chase these matters up. KT explained that she had sent letters to both the Chief Executive of NCC & the Leader of the Council regarding the decision to remove the advertisement of planning applications from the Hexham Courant however had not yet received a response. Cllr C. Hamilton reminded all that our May meeting would be the AGM, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting, KT to issue invites to all local groups.

22) Next Meeting: - Monday the 8th of May 2017, 7.30pm, Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn.

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