

## Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2017

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

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

- 1) Apologies for absence: - None
- 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) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: None
- 4) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2017: 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
- 7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 23 below: - KT, GS PB & CH had matters to discuss.
- 8) Election Nomination Forms: KT handed out all relevant paperwork to Councillors. It was agreed that Councillors would complete the paperwork & return to KT by the 20<sup>th</sup> of March for submission.
- 9) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - None
- 10) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whitearce - KT explained that she had contacted K. Westerby to report the poor condition of the road at the Armstrong St & A68 junction & also to complain about the blocked drains/gullies. KW responded stating that both the give way and the road defect were programmed in for works. The road defect would be completed before the road marking. KW pointed out that salt has a detrimental effect on the road marking material & therefore the give way lines would be completed after the winter weather. KW stated that the A68 is inspected on a monthly basis and all actionable defects are repaired. The criteria in a road surface is a depth of 40mm and a width of 300mm in any direction. 86. Community Asset Transfer, The Green, West Woodburn – KT informed all that she was in possession of the Land Registry paperwork & the village green is now officially under the care of CPC. 90. Traffic Calming Measures, West Woodburn – KT explained that there was nothing further to report as N. Snowdon's meeting was not until the 7<sup>th</sup> of March.
- 11) Parish Hall: - Cllr P. Saunders informed all that the Parish Hall Committee had successfully secured some funding. Work had already started on the floor. Future work would include window replacement.
- 12) Play Area – West Woodburn: - Cllr C. Hamilton stated that checks were continuing & that he had replaced some of the plastic screw caps. CH explained that he had been approached by West Woodburn First School with regards to them using the play area during school hours. The school had a provisional Risk Assessment in place & CH had instructed KT to contact our insurance just to make sure what CPC responsibilities were. Councillors were happy for the school to be making use of the play area.
- 13) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding informed all that Vattenfall hoped to be in a position to start paying grants out by June/July. Vattenfall intended to be present at local social events to advertise the funding & how

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to apply. Cllr A. Harding explained that the Community Foundation would initially be responsible for a minimum of £100,000. The Steering Group would be responsible for the remaining funds. Applications would initially go to the Community Foundation who would then consult the Steering Group.

14) Stiddle Hill – Tyre Dumping :- KT informed Cllrs that she had heard back from Paul Turnbull of NCC regarding the tyres at Stiddle Hill. Mr Turnbull had stated that the land owner had received a quote to remove the tyres however the land owner had asked the company to look at moving the tyres to another location. They have another meeting planned for 7th of March and the issue with the tyres is to be brought up. P. Turnbull of NCC has asked them to keep him updated. KT to enquire as to whether simply just moving the tyres was acceptable.

15) Revitalising Redesdale – update & additional funding: - KT made update material available to Cllrs. KT also read out the email received from L. Speakman regarding additional funding which can only be applied for via Parish Councils. KT to contact L. Speakman to clarify if the funding would be spent within our parish & whether the funding would be used to employ outside companies or used simply to support local volunteers.

16) Transport needs in Corsenside – Adapt & Getabout service – KT explained that she had still been unable to get a response from NCC. KT to continue to chase this up.

17) Fourlaws Forest Plans – KT informed all that she had received confirmation that the Community Trails will be maintained.

18) Panto – A. Pender had informed KT that the panto (The Princess & the Goblin), was booked for 11th January 2018.

19) Village Green – Grass cut contractors 2017. KT explained that the school had cancelled their contract with their previous grass cutter. Historically this contract also included the village green. Councillors discussed the issue & instructed KT to ask C. Mowatt, CPC's current contractor, for a quote for the village green. KT to formally write to the previous contractor instructing them that CPC no longer need them to cut the village green.

20) Planning Matters: - a) For Decisions – None for decision.

b) Decisions from NCC - None.

21) Other Correspondence: i. Revitalising Redesdale update, ii. CPRE Newsletter iii. Election posters vi. Residents Festival– All made available to Councillors. Election info to be displayed.

22) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages ii. Clerks expenses

b) Bank Balance - £10, 048.67

c) Monies Received - None

d) Requests for Assistance – None

e) KT to speak to The Bay Horse regarding room charge

23) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: KT explained to all that she had heard from C. Chater regarding the Old Hemp memorial. CC had informed KT that the plaque was coming away from the base & that she was in the process of discussing this issue with the manufacturer. CC also commented on the lack of grass cutting around the monument. KT had explained the issues CPC had faced regarding this. Councillors discussed getting a quote from C. Mowatt for creating a small pathway up to, & around, the monument. KT explained that she had not heard anything back regarding work on the road to St Cuthbert's, KT to chase this up. Cllr P. Bilton stated that he had received complaints regarding tree cutting along the road to East Woodburn. Cllrs discussed the need for trees etc. to be trimmed so that cyclists & pedestrians were safe as well as vehicles not getting scratched. It is the responsibility of homeowners to ensure that their hedging / trees to not overhang the road.

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Cllr C. Hamilton discussed the new dark sky lighting that had recently been installed within the Parish. Cllr CH pointed out that certain areas appeared to have been missed out. Cllr P. Bilton explained that according to one of the lighting engineers work on the lights had to be random to avoid the blocking of highways. KT to contact NCC & request that those areas, including Rendle Terrace, also have new lighting in place.

Cllr P. Saunders informed all that he had received an email from L. Speakman regarding scaffolding being erected around the Ironworks. LS had asked Cllr P. Saunders if there was anything he felt CPC could do to deter children from climbing on this scaffolding. Cllrs felt that this would not be an issue, however felt that highlighting the matter may in turn have the opposite effect.

Cllr G. Scott noted the loss that the community would rightly feel after the sad death of R. Cross, all Cllrs agreed. Cllr G. Scott also discussed the issue with dumping & litter at local laybys. KT also pointed out the increase in litter around the school bus stop & how she wondered if we could purchase a new bin to locate here. KT to contact NCC regarding the dumping around laybys & to enquire about the emptying of a new bin.

Cllr C. Hamilton discussed the issue regarding planning applications no longer being advertised within The Courant. All Cllrs agreed that simply advertising them within the one paper, The Northumberland Gazette, was not good enough & did not represent the population of the West side of Northumberland. KT to write a letter of complaint to NCC.

24) Next Meeting: - Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2017, 7.30pm, Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn.

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