

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 10th of July 2017

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

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

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: L. Meikle stated that it had now been around a year since he approached CPC regarding speeding traffic on the A68 through West Woodburn. L. Meikle enquired about the progress made & stated that he would like NCC to provide such things as chevrons, double white lines, signs, rumble strips etc. L. Meikle also brought up the issue of vehicles speeding through Whiteacre. Cllr C. Hamilton informed LM that NCC are in the process of drawing up a scheme for a 20mph school zone for around Whiteacres & on the A68 in front of the school. To address LM's comments Cllr C. Hamilton suggested that CPC use this point to discuss action point 91 (due to be discussed under point 9), all agreed. Cllr C. Hamilton talked through our dealings with NCC regarding the traffic calming measures over the last year which included 2 on-site meetings & promises of speed enforcement & traffic calming scheme's being drawn up. Cllr C. Hamilton expressed our utter frustration at the lack of response & the progression of schemes from NCC. Cllr CH stated that CPC had also now asked County Cllr J. Riddle to consider this issue to see if things can progress at a faster rate. Cllr C. Hamilton reassured LM that CPC had been, & would continue to press NCC until this issue is resolved.

LM also brought up his concerns regarding the middle school children crossing the road in front of & behind the bus during drop off. KT explained that a letter had just been sent to the head of Bellingham Middle School informing them of the behaviour experienced from the children whilst standing at the bus stop & of the dangerous way the children cross the road.

4) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th of June 2017: Minutes were 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 21 below; - Cllr C. Currie, Cllr G. Scott & KT had matters to discuss.

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

9) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whiteacre - Cllr C. Hamilton explained that work had been carried out to repair the pot holes however NCC had used a new experimental filler. This was applied too thickly & therefore did not set. This has now been rectified & seems to be ok at present. White lines on Armstrong St are still missing. Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that the whole top junction of Armstrong Street has just failed an assessment due to the subsidence. This subsidence will be repaired & white lines drawn on then. A full survey on all footpaths in Ridsdale is also due to be carried out. 91. Traffic Calming measures in West Woodburn – Please refer to point 3.

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- 10) Parish Hall: - Cllr P. Saunders informed all that the committee was still working on phase 2 & were discussing possible funding with L. Currie from CAN. Cllr P. Saunders stated that it could be months before funding was available from the new Ray Wind Farm.
- 11) Play Area – West Woodburn: - Cllr C. Hamilton stated that the ROSPA inspection had been carried out in June & that a few minor issues had been raised. KT has asked C. Mowatt to address these. CPC to organise repainting of the play area benches & applying wood preserve to base of play area equipment. Cllr C. Hamilton explained that he had once again corrected the small subsidence under the small swing safety matting. CH has also filled in a divot that had developed in the middle of the village green.
- 12) Wind Power Stations - Cllr P. Saunders updated all on the Ray Windfarm open day. KT handed out an information sheet provided by T. Pender which explained the progress of the Steering Group & how the funding would work, thanks to T. Pender for this.
- 13) Getabout Transport: - KT explained that she had passed all comments regarding the questionnaire onto Julia. They will take on board all comments from all parishes & adjust the questionnaire accordingly. KT awaiting further information.
- 14) Dog Fouling: - KT informed all that she had spoken with the dog warden regarding dog fouling in West Woodburn. The warden stated that it is always best for residents to contact NCC individually (by either reporting this via the web-site or calling the general enquiries number), as they can generally give more information regarding the offenders & therefore they are more likely to be able to issue fines. The dog warden also said that he could come out with stickers or a stencil & spray paint, however he would only use this when given permission from residents as some people do not like the permanent stencils outside their property. KT asked the Cllrs if they were happy for her to instruct the dog warden to come out & put some stencils around more public areas, all Cllrs were happy for KT to do this.
- 15) Revitalising Redesdale – update: Cllr G. Scott informed all that she had not heard anything lately & was not aware of any organisations visiting Smoutel Ford. Cllr P. Saunders apologised that he had been unable to attend the latest Revitalising Redesdale meeting as something important had come up at the very last minute. Cllrs discussed the paperwork that the Revitalising Redesdale group had asked CPC to sign. Cllr P. Saunders reassured all that it was not a contract just a memorandum to state that CPC did support the bid. Cllr P. Saunders explained that with regards to future fundraising CPC will just direct the Revitalising Redesdale appointed fundraiser as to what CPC felt was appropriate.
- 16) Adam Telfer Memorial: - KT explained that she had emailed County Cllr J. Riddle regarding a small schemes grant to create a large path around the memorial therefore eliminating the need for grass cutting. J. Riddle had stated that at present he was not committing to fund improvements at the memorial but would be very happy to come to a meeting and discuss it. Cllrs discussed this matter & felt that at present the area looked tidy enough & the grass was kindly currently being cut by the residents located there. Cllrs felt that a path around the memorial would make cutting of the grass more difficult. Cllrs will discuss this matter further if the area becomes untidy.
- 17) Merchant Navy Day: - Cllr D. Carrington explained that Merchant Navy Day was to commemorate all those who gave their lives during the World Wars & since to provide our nation with food. All agreed that this was a cause worth supporting. KT to purchase a Red Ensign Flag. Cllr P. Bilton to attach to the A68 side of West Woodburn First School in time for the 3rd of September Merchant Navy Day.
- 18) Planning Matters: - a) For decision – None.

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b) Decisions from NCC - None

19) Other Correspondence: – Bulletin – War Memorials Trust – Made available to Cllrs

20) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages & Expenses, Clerks annual review. Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that he had carried out KT's annual appraisal. Cllr C. Hamilton explained that by following the NALC recommended pay scale, KT would progress to £10.36/hour - all agreed. Cllr C. Hamilton also explained that with the national cost of living KT should have had a 10p/hour increase in her wages from the beginning of April up until the 1st July. ii. C. Mowatt £751 iii. ROSPA £88.20 (to be paid via BACS), vi. WEL Medical new defib pads £104.94(BACS paid 29th June), iv. Top Signs £80 + VAT (BACS paid 5th July), v. Bank Service Charge £18 (30th June).

b) Bank Balance - £13,391.54

c) Monies Received – None

d) Requests for Assistance - None

e) BDO Audit update – KT stated that she had received no word from BDO therefore assumed all was well.

21) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: Cllr C. Currie informed all that the weeds were bad all the way down from the War Memorial to The Bay Horse. Cllr C. Currie also stated that there were a lot of over-hanging trees on the river side on the road to Yellow House Farm, KT to inform NCC.

Cllr G. Scott explained that she had received a call from a farm worker stating that tractors were having difficulty pulling out of the junction opposite The Bay Horse due to the road signs blocking their views, KT to inform NCC. KT asked if it was ok to go ahead & purchase a bin to be attached to the school next to the bus stop to help eliminate the litter problem there. All were happy for KT to purchase one of the less expensive bins. KT also asked how Cllrs would feel about CPC purchasing a bench to put on the village green as currently there is nowhere to sit. Cllrs were happy for KT to look at prices for benches & to make a purchase if a suitable one could be purchased for under £200.

22) Next Meeting: - Monday the 4th September 2017, 7.30pm, Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn.

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