

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 4th September 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 **Clerk:** K. Traill **County Councillor:** J. Riddle

1) Apologies for absence: - G. Scott

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 10th of July 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: - Cllr A. Harding brought up an issue regarding the electoral roll in which all residents were automatically enrolled in the open register & would have to tick to opt out. This was different to previous years & appeared to cause confusion. Upon enquiring, if a person had accidentally opted in, it was quite a procedure to reverse this despite it being a mistake on NCC's part. County Cllr J. Riddle was unaware of this & will bring it up with G. Paul head of registrations.

County Cllr JR informed all that since the election in May the Core Strategy had been withdrawn. It had been 7 years in the making & had out-dated figures producing too many houses with regards to predicted population. County Cllr JR stated that there would be re-consulting of the draft core using the latest figures for population & planning for 2036. JR also informed all that he was now responsible for the 'Pot Hole' fund & that extra money would be spent on improving road repairs including the up-hill stretch from WW to Ridsdale.

County Cllr JR also stated that they had received an extra £5 million for forestry roads which will make a difference within various communities where forestry traffic impacts the road quality.

JR informed all that Arch, the stand-alone development company for NCC, had had £300 million knocked off their spending plan already. Interest owed is already at £65,000/ year for every million borrowed, NCC are keen to cut this as much as possible. Since May the plan to build the new Council buildings in Ashington has been overturned in favour of improving the current Morpeth building. There is a consultation process in place for the people of Ashington to have a say on what they would like the land to be used for instead.

Other NCC news included land being sought for more parking within Hexham. County Cllr JR also stated that secondary education standards throughout Northumberland were poor compared to other areas in the UK & that NCC would be looking at ways to improve this. In a bid to save money all departments within NCC would be under review including local first schools. KT discussed the difficulties that she was having contacting G. Barlow regarding the new street lighting. JR explained that there had been issues with staffing & contractors.

7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 21 below; - Cllr C. Currie, Cllr P. Saunders, Cllr P. Bilton & KT had matters to discuss.

8) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - KT informed all that she was making her way through updating the risk assessments.

9) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whitearce - Nothing further to report. Cllr D. Carrington pointed out

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that works had not previously been completed due to the risk of frost. We are now heading back towards the time of year where frost will be an issue again. KT to chase this up. 91. Traffic Calming measures in West Woodburn – KT discussed information received from a parishioner about the potential to hire a data logger to record the speeds of vehicles over a selected period. Cllrs discussed this however felt that the data logger would not provide them with any information they did not already know. NCC conducted a speed survey some 3-4 years ago when the average speed was recorded at 56mph. KT explained that Cllr C. Hamilton had sent an email to NS of NCC after our last meeting stressing our annoyance at the lack of contact & progress. NS stated that he hoped to have a design to send us before his A/L on the 11th of August. CPC received no design. KT emailed NS reminding him of this. NS contacted KT & a meeting was arranged to be held on Thursday the 7th of September. County Councillor J. Riddle will contact G. Sanders (NCC Portfolio Holder) again to see what can be done to progress this further. JR stated that Area West pay into the mobile speed camera scheme however rarely get any camera, why are we paying all that money. JR explained that the mobile camera van was not an option as an assessment had shown no safe location in which to park the van. JR stated that several years back West Woodburn was next in line to receive a fixed camera however policies change & we just missed out. KT queried whether we could still get a fixed camera even perhaps raising the funds via grants. JR explained that the issue was also that there were no funds for police departments to analyse the data & issue the funds.

10) Parish Hall: - Nothing further to report.

11) Play Area – West Woodburn: - Cllr C. Hamilton stated that an inspection was last carried out at the end of July & all was ok. Cllr C. Hamilton will inspect it again soon. Cllr P. Bilton will adjust the new sign using different fixings. KT will continue to chase C. Mowatt regarding correcting the trip hazard around the small swings.

12) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding stated that funding was still not open for applications, the issues lay with Vatten Fall. There is a Committee Meeting to be held on the 13th of September therefore Cllr A. Harding hoped to have more to report at our October meeting.

13) Local Transport Plan Programme 2018-2019:- Cllrs discussed what 3 priorities to submit this year & decided on the following 3. i. Shaw Lonnen parking layby's, ii. Resurfacing & correction of the junction between Armstrong St & the A68 &, iii. Raise surface of the road to Bellingham just beyond the bottle bins to prevent flooding.

14) Getabout Transport: - KT explained that all questionnaires had gone out in 2 batches. As far as she was aware all residents had received one. KT will inform all when results are in. KT explained that information regarding the new Friday taxi service is on all noticeboards.

15) Revitalising Redesdale – update: Cllr P. Saunders informed all that the bid had gone in however he had heard nothing since.

16) Merchant Navy Day Update: - Thanks were given to Cllr P. Bilton for putting the flag up. Cllr D. Carrington had previously put information leaflets up on all noticeboards to inform residents of Merchant Navy Day. The flag will fly each year on the designated day.

17) Planning Matters: Planning Matters - a) For decision – i. Planning Ref: 17/02595/OUT Outline Application for 10 executive or self-build dwellings with matters reserved, land to the north of W. Woodburn waste disposal site. County Councillor J. Riddle announced that he would leave before discussions around planning began however did state that he had called for this planning application to go to committee on the grounds of highway safety issues. Cllrs looked through plans & assessed all comments that had been submitted. Cllrs

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discussed the guidelines to which they must adhere to & came to the decision that CPC would like to object on the grounds of the road safety issues with regards to the junction of the U5020 & the A68. This application would create more traffic both during construction & upon occupancy. ii. Planning Ref: 17/02736/FUL Proposed construction of new build outbuilding - Stable cottage Townhead Farm. Cllrs discussed the application & wish to make the comment of – No Objection.

b) Decisions from NCC - i. Planning ref: 13/03547/FUL Development of 1.5 storey detached 4-bedroom cottage with attached garage land east of Shaw Lane – GRANTED. ii. Planning ref: 17/01923/RENE Battery Storage Ray Wind Farm – GRANTED.

18) Other Correspondence: – i. Bellingham Middle School – KT read out the response from Bellingham Middle School regarding the children’s behaviour at the bus stop, ii. CPRE News Letter - Made available to Cllrs

19) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages July & August £216.66 & Expenses £33.60 (flag), ii. C. Mowatt £452

b) Bank Balance - £12, 409.84

c) Monies Received – None

d) Requests for Assistance - None

e) BDO Audit update – KT informed all that she had received word from BDO stating that CPC’s audit would be qualified as the Assets Register did not match the amount stated. KT had spoken with BDO stating that she had used the same basis as she had the year before when the audit had been passed. BDO stated that their Practitioner’s Guide had been changed slightly & things that were minor enough last year to still allow a pass, this year qualified as a fail. CPC would receive points of recommendations for next year.

20) Matters for discussion at the Chairman’s discretion: Cllr C. Currie queried what had been done with regards to the weeds running down the path from the War Memorial down to The Bay Horse. KT stated that this was not on C. Mowatt’s contract. KT to contact CM & ask for a price to weed kill this stretch & also enquire with NCC as to whose responsibility this is. Cllr C. Currie also stated that she had been informed that 2 cars had been dented as a result of children playing football on the village green. Cllrs discussed the possibility of moving the goal posts however felt that the current position was suitable & that if cars were dented this was more likely due to children kicking the ball about outside of the designated area. Cllr P. Saunders informed all that he would be moving out of the area in the next month or so & would be handing in his resignation. KT showed all pictures of proposed bins for the bus stop in WW & a seat to go on the village green. Cllrs agreed on the price & style of seat. KT to look to see if there are any others before ordering. All agreed for KT to order the bin & seat style (under £250 for seat).

21) Next Meeting: - Monday the 2nd of October 2017, 7.30pm, Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn.

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