

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 6th November 2017

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

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

- 1) Apologies for absence: - None
- 2) Declarations of interest: - 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 2nd October 2017: Signed as a true & accurate record.
- 5) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: - None.
- 6) Councillor Vacancy:- KT will contact NCC after the deadline of the 7th of November to enquire as to whether there has been any public response to the vacancy. If less than 10 members of the public want an election then CPC are free to co-opt a new Councillor.
- 7) County Councillors Report: - None
- 8) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 20 below; - Cllr P. Bilton & KT had matters to discuss.
- 9) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - KT informed all that she had completed a risk assessment for the village green.
- 10) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whitearce - Nothing further to report. 91. Traffic Calming measures in West Woodburn – Cllr C. Hamilton discussed communications that he & KT had had with N. Snowden regarding the design for the traffic calming measures. Cllr CH explained how the plans which were supposed to have been with us about a week after our last meeting had still not been received by the middle of last week and so he contacted NS directly by telephone. NS stated that the design was in the hands of the design & autocad teams. Cllr CH had assured NS that he understood the pressure that he was under however CPC was also under pressure to report back to Parishioners. Cllr CH had asked NS to do whatever was in his power to make sure KT had the design in time for this meeting so that Cllrs could agree on it & progress could be made. NS had e-mailed the plans approximately 4 hours before this meeting. Cllrs were shown the design that NS had sent through. The design included all that had previously been discussed however one of the pinch points had been drawn in the wrong location & needed to be moved to the previously agreed location between the bridge & the East Woodburn road. Cllr CH will report back to NS informing him of this & also confirm which gateway sign was chosen.
- 11) Parish Hall: - Nothing to report. Cllrs discussed the need for a Cllr to represent the Parish Council on the Parish Hall Committee now that P. Saunders had resigned.
- 12) Play Area – West Woodburn: - Cllr C. Hamilton stated that an inspection had been carried out today & all was well. Cllr CH had replaced some screw caps. The seats are still to be sanded & repainted however this will be carried out in the Spring time. KT informed all that she was still waiting on the landscaper correcting the slight trip hazard around the small swings.
- 13) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding stated that once again there was very little to report as funding was

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still not open for applications & that the issues still lay with Vatten Fall. Cllr A. Harding explained that the Steering Group or the Community Interest Group, had been very forceful in highlighting their frustration at the last meeting. The CIC have all forms signed & everything in place ready to go, however without the funds they cannot technically exist as a group. VF state that they are happy with any business model however when presented with one they disagree with it & put obstacles in the way. Cllr AH stated that currently the annual funding would be £272,000. For the first 3 years £100,000 of that would go to the Community Foundation annually who would process applications ranging from £500-£10,000. Cllr AH explained however that once the £100,000 was given to the Community Foundation then it would have to be dished out within the year whether applications had reached that total or not. This meant that some of the money could end up going to fund projects outside of the area. For this reason the CIC have created a business model in which they can control the funds to make sure that they always benefit this area, the people affected by the windmills. Cllr AH stated that the CIC could not understand why VF had not at least released the £100,000 to the Community Foundation to start the process rolling as this was an outside organisation already established. Cllr AH hoped to be able to report more at the December meeting as the next Windfarm meeting was to be held on Wednesday the 15th of November.

14) Getabout Transport: - KT explained that she had emailed J. Plinton & received an email back which included a breakdown of responses & statistical data. JP would forward on the final report. Cllrs discussed the overall poor response from all areas regarding the completion of the questionnaire.

15) Revitalising Redesdale – update: Cllr G. Scott stated that there was nothing to report. The decision was due to be made at the end of November.

16. Dog Fouling: - KT explained that the dog warden had been out & spray-painted signs on the ground throughout the Parish.

17) Weeds:- KT explained that she had taken photos of the weeds on the path up the hill from the BT substation to the War Memorial & sent these to K. Westerby. KW had stated that yes this was NCC's responsibility. KT had asked KW if NCC could therefore remove the weeds & accumulation of earth. KW stated that they would be removed W/C 30th of October. Cllr C. Currie stated that a small portion of weeds had been removed however the rest had not. KT to report back to KW.

17) Planning Matters: a) For decision – Planning ref: 17/03505/FUL Construction of a 3-bedroom bungalow land west of Armadale, Armstrong Street. Cllrs looked at the plans & discussed the application. CPC wish to submit the comment of – No Objection.

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

18) Other Correspondence: – Information made available to Cllrs.

19) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages £145.04 & expenses £35.99 (ink cartridges), ii. C. Mowatt £212, iii. Parish Hall rent -£35, iv. Street Furniture payment via BACs for £198.

b) Bank Balance - £ 15,087.54

c) Internal audit – KT explained that Cllr D. Carrington had carried out a quarterly internal audit & all was okay.

d) Monies Received – None

e) Requests for Assistance – GNAA & Tynedale Hospice. Cllr discussed & agreed that a donation of £50 should be sent to each.

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- f) Precept 2018 – 2019 – Cllrs C. Hamilton & D. Carrington to get together with KT before Decembers meeting to discuss the budget for 2018-2019 & report the suggested precept back to all Cllrs at the next meeting.
- 20) Matters for discussion at the Chairman’s discretion: - Cllr P. Bilton informed all that the landscaped soil that had replaced the bridge supports up Shaw Lonnen had been washed away by heavy rain & was now blocking up gullies & spread across the road. KT to inform K. Westerby. Cllr P. Bilton also stated that he was struggling to remove the cut branches from the trees on Whiteacre. Cllr C. Currie will assist with this. KT informed all that she had contacted both quarries regarding the funding of passing spaces on Shaw Lonnen & as of yet had received no reply. KT also stated that she had been having a lot of problems regarding CPC’s laptop. It was agreed that KT would contact Dell support. Cllr C. Currie informed KT that 2 lamps on Brandy Bank were out. KT to report.
- 21) Next Meeting: - Monday the 4th of December, The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.

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