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## **Corsenside Annual Parish Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th of May 2018

At The Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.00pm

Present: - **Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Carrington (Vice Chair), G. Scott, C. Currie, A. Harding

**Clerk:** K. Traill

**Members of the Public:** J. Clyde – Corsenside Parish Hall Chair, R. Virden- Representing The Church & L. Meikle – West Woodburn First School Governor

All reports received will be uploaded onto Corsenside Parish Council web-site or are available in hardcopy upon request to the clerk.

Councillor Hamilton opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

K. Traill asked if all present were happy to be recorded in the minutes, all agreed that this was ok.

1) Apologies for absence: - J. Famelton – Secretary/Treasurer -The Ridsdale Village Hall Fund, D. Staszewski – Ladies Fellowship, P. Scott – The Mission Hall Trust, C. Hawman – Ridsdale Junior & Seniors, R. Payne – Corsenside Leek Show

2) Minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2017: - Signed as a true and accurate record.

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

4) CPC's Chairman's Report :- Cllr C. Hamilton read out Corsenside Parish Council's Chairman's Report. The floor was opened to questions.

5) West Woodburn First School Report: - L. Meikle read out the West Woodburn First School report. The floor was opened to questions. Cllr C. Hamilton pointed out that under the Consultation section of WWFS report the word 'proposal' in the follow sentence should be replaced with 'consultation' – 'In May 2018, and a cabinet committee met and approved this model and a statutory *proposal* is now going ahead'. L. Meikle gave his thanks to CPC for the letter they sent to all involved parties, regarding the West of Northumberland School Consultation. L. Meikle also gave thanks to Mrs Rutherford, Acting Head Teacher of WWFS for doing a fantastic job in difficult circumstances.

6) Parish Hall Trust: - J. Clyde read out the Corsenside Parish Hall report. The floor was opened to questions. KT enquired as to the repositioning of the Hall & Supper room doors. J. Clyde stated that this would be more of a widening to accommodate wheelchair access rather than repositioning. The inclusion of an accessible toilet was still in the planning stages. A question was asked regarding renewable energy provision. R. Virden (also on the PHC), informed all that an energy audit would be facilitated by Warm Hub & that solar panels may be a viable means of power however the orientation of the building & the location of neighbouring buildings may make solar power unsuitable. Other power sources would also be looked at. Cllr C. Hamilton gave his thanks on behalf of CPC to all Parish Hall Committee members for the hard work they have carried out in order to keep the Parish Hall open.

7) Ridsdale Village Hall Fund: - KT read out the Ridsdale Village Hall Fund report on behalf of J. Famelton.

8) Mission Hall Trust :- KT read out the Mission Hall Trust report on behalf of P. Scott.

9) Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society: - Cllr C. Currie read out the report on behalf of the Corsenside Parish

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Show (formally Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society). The floor was open to questions.

10) Ladies Fellowship: - KT read out the report on behalf of The Ladies Fellowship.

11) Ridsdale Junior & Senior Citizens Fund: - Cllr D. Carrington read out the report on behalf of the Ridsdale Junior & Seniors Fund. The floor was opened to questions.

12) Parochial Church Council: - Reverend R. Virden gave an update on the latest position of the Church of England within the parish. RV informed all that unfortunately congregation numbers were low. An open meeting was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April to discuss the issue of whether both parish churches could continue to be funded. The meeting was attended by 22 people who expressed an interest in the continuation of a church within the parish. RV explained that congregation numbers needed to increase as funds were needed to maintain the churches, grounds & cover insurance costs. RV informed all that a steering group had been set up to put some proposals forward. One proposal had been to close one of the two churches within the parish. RV explained that there was a 50:50 split between which church people felt should be saved. There were good arguments for the continuation of both. RV stated that the group were looking for new members should anyone like to volunteer. The floor was opened to questions.

13) Corsenside Parish Council Finance: - K. Traill stated that all financial information regarding CPC was available upon request to the clerk or to view via the Corsenside Parish Council website. KT handed out copies of CPC's budget as well as income and expenditure for 2017-2018. KT discussed the budget explaining that within the financial year 2017-2018 CPC had managed to come in under budget. KT stated that if anyone had any further questions relating to the finances after the meeting then to please get in touch.

14) Any Other Business: - L. Meikle pointed out that in the event of an emergency which required the use of the defibrillator a person needed access to a phone in order to gain the code. It was therefore unfortunate that the current phone box would potentially be removed.

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