

## Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

At The Bay Horse, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present: - **Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Carrington (Vice Chair), C. Currie, A. Harding, C. Hawman & R. Robson **Clerk:** K. Traill **Members of the Public:** None

1) Apologies for absence: - Cllr G.Scott

2) Declarations of interest: - Cllrs D. Carrington in respect of the Ridsdale Juniors & Seniors & the Green Rig Wind Farm Steering Group, C. Currie in respect of The Corsenside Parish Show, Cllr A. Harding in respect of the Ray Wind CIC & Cllr C. Hawman in respect of the Ridsdale Juniors & Seniors and Revitalising Redesdale Steering Group & funding.

3) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: None raised.

4) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Signed as a true & accurate account.

5) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: - KT informed all that she had been in touch with NCC regarding the remaining old street lighting. NCC had stated that they would contact the contractor & let KT know. KT spoke to NCC 3 weeks later asking if they had heard back from the contractor. NCC had not heard back however would once again contact the contractor.

Cllr C. Currie stated that the Silent Soldiers which were displayed in Wark had been purchased from the Royal British Legion. Cllrs felt that it was a shame that CPC had not been sent information from the R.B.L on possible items to purchase. This is something CPC can investigate for future years. Many of the poppies on display in Wark had been knitted by Wark residents.

6) County Councillors Report: - None

7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 22 below; - Cllrs C. Currie & C. Hawman had matters to discuss.

8) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - KT informed all that there was nothing new to report however she hoped to carry out asset checks over the next month.

09) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whiteacre – KT informed all that she had spoken with the Chair of Birtley PC who stated that they would add it to their December agenda for discussion.

91. West Woodburn Traffic Calming Measures – Cllrs discussed the current traffic calming measures which all now appear to be in place except the flashing school 20mph lights. The general public feedback is that the measures have made very little impact. KT to contact N. Snowden to request a new speed survey now that the measures were in place. Once the results of this survey were available it would provide the evidence needed to request more measures. Cllrs discussed the Community Speedwatch scheme & the lack of interest it appeared to have in our area.

92. West Woodburn First School – discussions have taken place with regards to federation with Otterburn First School. KT stated that talks had currently been postponed until it was clearer as to what NCC's intentions were with regards to transport.

93. Shaw Lonnen Mud-slide – Nothing further to report.

94. Shaw Lonnen Passing spaces – KT explained that she had eventually heard back from NCC with regards to

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whether the quarries could undertake this work themselves. KT stated that NCC had said that the quarries could do the work however a site meeting to agree the construction & placing would be needed before works commenced. KT informed all that she had e-mailed both quarries informing them of NCC's response. Cllr R. Robson stated that she would be happy to attend any planned on-site meeting as a local with insight into the best location. Cllr R. Robson to also discuss this with another East Woodburn local.

10) Play Area – West Woodburn: Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that he had carried out a recent check & had replaced some screw caps. Cllr C. Hamilton explained that upon inspecting the 2 seats within the play area, that he believed both seats would need replacing rather than sanding & repainting as the wood in parts was beginning to rot. Councillors believed the seats to be over 13 years old & all agreed that they should be replaced. KT to look at suitable seats & prices. Cllr C. Hamilton stated that the edging around the safety matting would have to be carried out in spring/summer 2019.

11) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding informed all that the web-site would be on-line by the 20<sup>th</sup> of December at the latest & that information advertising the web-site would be sent to all households within the 6 parishes. Cllr A. Harding stated that applications could therefore either be completed on-line or in hard copy & that the web-site would be also be able to show a record of how grants had been distributed. Cllr A. Harding informed all that the second tranche of funding would be going out on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

12) Parish Hall: Cllrs again discussed the need to appoint a representative. Cllrs discussed whether a current Parish Hall committee member could act as a representative. KT to look into this.

13) West Northumberland School Consultation: - Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that there was currently nothing more to report as NCC had not released any statements in response to the adjudicators decision to keep Bellingham Middle School open.

14) Revitalising Redesdale & Heritage Fund update: - KT informed all that the Redesdale Ramblers final grant application was now complete. The application needed to be submitted along with a letter of support from CPC. Cllrs discussed the application & requested that KT clarify a couple of minor points. All Cllrs were in full agreement that the application was of a high standard & that it lay a good foundation for further development. CPC would like to thank the Redesdale Ramblers for the work they have done & hope that others follow their example & help enhance the parish. Cllr C. Hawman Informed all that the next Revitalising Redesdale meeting would take place W/C 10<sup>th</sup> December.

15) Panto: - KT informed all that A. Pender & KT had been continuing to work together on 'The Little Maid who Danced to Every Mood' the performance to be held at the Parish Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. KT also stated that she had received information regarding the panto for Christmas 2019 & asked Cllrs if they were happy to once again book for the following year. All agreed that it was something enjoyed each year by all ages & that KT should book for the Christmas period 2019, preferably in the January which is usually less busy for people.

16) Ladies Fellowship: - KT stated that Cllr G. Scott had informed her that the Ladies Fellowship had decided to fold due to dwindling numbers. The members had kindly decided to split what funds were left between various organisations within the parish. They had enquired as to whether they could purchase a bench for somewhere within the parish. Cllrs discussed this & thought it to be a kind gesture. Cllrs discussed suitable places & believed that either the village green or the play area would be a good location. KT to pass this onto Cllr G. Scott.

17) Community Spending: KT informed all that the new seat & bin for Armstrong Street had just arrived. Cllr C. Hawman will look at the most suitable location & liaise with local land owners to make sure the position does not impact on their access. KT will contact a local builder & request that they fit the bin & seat.

KT informed all that she had contacted another contractor several times requesting a price for installing 2 dropped kerbs however had not heard back. All agreed that KT should contact NCC to request that they carry out the work at the price previously quoted.

18) War Memorial Maintenance: KT informed all that she had received word that the war memorial needed some minor repairs carried out. KT stated that the war memorial had been listed with Historic England & that she would contact them to see who was responsible for such repairs.

19) Planning Matters: a) For decision – None.

b) Decisions from NCC - None

20) Other correspondence: - – i. War Memorial Bulletin. Correspondence was made available to Councillors.

21) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages -£202.58 & expenses £59.05 ii. Broxap bin £94.80 (to be paid via Bac's), iii. SFD seat £222 (to be paid via Bac's), iv. Annual church grass cutting grant £300

b) Bank Balance - £15, 238.90

c) Monies Received - None

d) Requests for Assistance - i. Annual church grass cutting (see a above), ii. Barnado's North East, iii. Tynedale Hospice – All to be reviewed in April.

e) Precept – Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that himself, Cllr D. Carrington & KT had met to discuss the precept for 2019-2020 as agreed at November's meeting. Cllrs looked at the prepared budget for 2019-2020 while Cllr C. Hamilton explained the reasons for each amount given. Cllrs discussed the proposed budget & all agreed that they were happy that CPC submit a precept of £7750 again for 2019-2020.

Cllr C. Hamilton explained that there was still an amount of money within the account which needed to be spent on things within the community. Cllrs discussed ideas & agreed to investigate these ideas further within the coming months.

22 Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: - Cllr C. Currie explained to all that a vehicle had skidded on the icy road on Sarelaw bank & had crashed into her living room window. Cllr C. Currie stated that they believe it was a possibility that surplus water running off the fields which had frozen. Cllr C. Currie informed all that they were not permitted to install any bollards. Cllrs discussed this section of road which has been highlighted in the past as hazardous & is a notorious bend. Cllrs discussed the possibility of drainage, grit bins & special tarmac. KT to contact NCC to request that something be done. KT to also ask that a section of the road on Armstrong Street, just passed The Gun carpark, which was highlighted by NCC as a 'unsatisfactory' repair be looked at.

KT explained that she had been in contact with a local tree surgeon & CPC's insurance company with regards to CPC's responsibility regarding trees on any PC owned land. Cllrs discussed the quote received & all agreed that KT should request that the survey be carried out. KT to also contact M. Rowe for an update on tree cutting. Cllr C. Hawman discussed the local newsletter Redesdale & Three Kirks which is a newsletter created locally to include all local news. The author has requested that this newsletter is not uploaded on-line. Cllrs discussed how people would therefore find out about the newsletter. KT to contact the author & ask if details of the newsletter & who to contact should people want to receive the newsletter, could be put on-line.

23) Next Meeting: - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm, The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.