

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 8th January 2018

At The Bay Horse, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

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

- 1) Apologies for absence: - Cllr P. Bilton
- 2) C. Hawman signing of official Councillor Acceptance into Office forms: C. Hawman signed the Councillor Acceptance into Office form & K. Traill signed as witness. KT to send in C. Hawman's Declaration of Interests.
- 3) Declarations of interest: - Cllrs D. Carrington & C. Hawman in respect of the Ridsdale Juniors & Seniors, Cllrs A. Harding & C. Currie in respect of The Corsenside Leek & Vegetable Society.
- 4) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: None raised.
- 5) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2017: Signed as a true & accurate record.
- 6) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: - None.
- 7) County Councillors Report: - None
- 8) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 19 below; - Cllrs C. Currie & C. Hawman had matters to discuss.
- 9) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - KT informed all that she had almost completed her annual checks. There were various benches that needed sanding when the weather improves. KT explained that the adult pads on the West Woodburn defibrillator were due for renewal in March. Cllrs all agreed that KT should order 2 new sets. Cllr D. Carrington stated that the Ridsdale defibrillator would also be due new pads soon. Cllr D. Carrington to let KT know which pads to order. The cost of pads for the Ridsdale defibrillator will come out of the grant money awarded by the Ridsdale Village Hall Trust. KT stated that the flashing speed sign at the South end of West Woodburn had been intermittent lately which may be down to lack of sun to recharge the battery. KT to look up when the battery was last replaced & to keep an eye on it.
KT asked all Cllrs to read & sign a form stating if they were happy for their contact details to appear on noticeboards & on NCC web-site, (the later is a condition of appointment).
- 10) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whitearce - KT informed all that she had received a response from A. Olive of NCC stating that the defect at the top of Armstrong Street & the white markings were supposed to have been completed when work was carried out on the A68 however the weather made this impossible. A. Olive stated that this would now be completed when the weather improved but before the end of March & that the defect was under monthly checks to assess its safety. Cllrs asked KT to thank A. Olive for his response however CPC hoped that work would be completed before the end of March as this had previously been promised back in March 2017. 91. West Woodburn Traffic Calming Measures – KT informed all that she had tried emailing & calling N. Snowdon for an update however had been unable to get any response before tonight's meeting. KT to chase this up.
- 11) Parish Hall: - Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that he had approached a local parishioner regarding the CPC representative position on the Parish Hall Committee & was awaiting their response. Cllrs discussed the position & another potential candidate was also suggested.

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12) Play Area – West Woodburn: - Cllr C. Hamilton stated that his lay inspections continued but were being carried out on a less regular basis as he was no longer there every week day. Currently the play area was frozen but otherwise in good condition. We will continue to have a formal inspection of all equipment etc by RoSPA in May/June. Cllr C. Hawman suggested a sign with a contact number for users of the play area to report any maintenance matters they encounter - all agreed and K T will investigate suppliers and prices. Cllr C. Hawman asked if users of the play area found a defect in between inspections, would they know who to report this to. Cllrs discussed this & KT to look at the cost of a A4 sized sign informing people of who to contact.

13) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding explained that there should have been a meeting held in December however this had been postponed until Monday the 15th of January. Progress was still very slow with a model yet to be agreed upon between the Steering group & Vatten Fall. The Steering group remain very frustrated. Cllr A. Harding stated that although the project was 6 months behind the money was not lost & was in fact being held until the scheme was up & running. Cllr A. Harding explained that ideas from the community on what they would like the money to be spent on would be essential. This would both show community involvement as well as giving potential ideas. KT to liaise with T. Pender to get some information regarding where to direct ideas to & then to put this information on CPC web-site & the new Clarion Corsenside Facebook page.

14) Revitalising Redesdale – update: Cllr C. Hamilton explained that the launch of Revitalising Redesdale was to be held on the 9th of January at the Iron works in Ridsdale followed by refreshments at the Gunn Inn. Professor Ian Roberts would be giving a talk regarding the history of the Ironworks & Lydia from Natural England would be there to discuss Revitalising Redesdale. Recruitment had already begun with interviews being held in January.

15) Panto: Thursday 11th of January at Corsenside Parish Hall. Cllrs to discuss at the February meeting whether CPC will fund the panto for the following year.

16) Planning Matters: a) For decision – Planning ref: 17/03903/FUL Conversion of existing attached barn to provide additional living accommodation for the farm house, with demolition of existing redundant farm buildings. Stiddle Hill C195 Ridsdale junction to district boundary – WITHDRAWN at the applicant's request.
b) Decisions from NCC – None at time of print.

17) Other correspondence – i. EDF- Green Rigg Wind Farm Application Deadline – 23rd Jan, ii. Tynedale Hospice at Home Thank you letter. li. Northumberland Air Ambulance Thank You letter.

18) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages £145.04, ii. ICO renewal £35, iii. Panto £474 (to be paid by BAC's after the performance).

b) Bank Balance - £13,925.48

c) Monies Received - £25 donation for Parish Hall hire - panto

d) Requests for Assistance - None

e) New banking signatory forms – Cllrs discussed the removal of Cllr P. Saunders after his resignation & all were happy for Cllr C. Hawman to be added to the list of signatories. Banking forms were signed for these changes to be made, KT to send the forms to Unity Trust Bank.

f) New audit regulations for the financial year 2017-2018 – KT informed all that she had received word regarding the new appointed auditors for the Northumberland area. CPC had previously opted in to the County

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CPC would usually fall below the £25,000 threshold & was therefore seeking advice from NALC as to what that meant with regards to the auditing process. KT to report back at the February meeting.

19) Matters for discussion at the Chairman’s discretion: Cllr C. Currie stated that the wicket on the public footpath across the old railway line, up by the old landfill site was broken meaning that the gate stayed open. The land owner is therefore unable to put livestock in this field. KT to find out who is responsible for this. Cllr C Currie informed all that nothing had yet been done with regards to the landslide on Shaw Lonnen which was previously reported by CPC. Cllr C. Currie also stated that the fencing which had been erected on one side of the old bridge was unsuitable for the livestock in that field. KT to chase this matter up. Cllr C. Hawman explained that there was a lot of litter in the layby on the left at the North end of Ridsdale & that people were also throwing litter into the farmers field. Litter in laybys seems to be an issue throughout Corsenside. KT to pass this information onto NCC.

20) Next Meeting: - Monday the 5th February 7.30pm, The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.

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