

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 6th of November 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, & R. Robson **Clerk:** K. Traill **Members of the Public:** None

- 1) Apologies for absence: - Cllr C. Hawman
 - 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 Monday 1st October 2018: KT informed all that County Councillor J. Riddle had requested that the word 'Government' under point 6 be changed to 'administration' & that 'land by Egger' be changed to 'beside'. Signed as a true & accurate account.
 - 5) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: - None.
 - 6) County Councillors Report: - None
 - 7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 21 below; - Cllr G. Scott & KT 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.
 - 09) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whitearce – Resurfacing of the road down to Hindhaugh. It has been brought to the attention of CPC that part of this road falls under Birtley PC. Cllrs discussed this & felt that total resurfacing was still worth pursuing as a large proportion of the road falls under CPC boundaries. KT to contact Birtley PC to explain the issue around the resurfacing works & to see if they could also pursue it.
 91. West Woodburn Traffic Calming Measures – Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that both himself & KT had left various messages for NS to contact them to enquire as to why works had appeared to come to a halt. KT had spoken with R. McKenzie of NCC who informed her that the team responsible for the road markings hoped to start works W/C 19th of November weather permitting.
 92. West Woodburn First School – Nothing further to report.
 93. Shaw Lonnen Mud-slide – Cllr R. Robson stated that at present all was ok however that may change now that we were heading into winter. Cllr R. Robson will monitor the situation.
- KT enquired as to whether Cllrs would like Shaw Lonnen passing spaces to be added to the action list. All Cllrs agreed to make this an action point. KT updated Cllrs stating that she had received an email from one of the quarry companies explaining the good work they had carried out since taking over & the conscious decisions they had made to be community minded. Both companies are however reluctant to pay NCC to install passing spaces. KT had responded to the quarry company stating once again the impact the quarry wagons were having on residential access. KT explained that she was trying to speak to someone in NCC who could give an answer as to whether the quarry companies could install passing spaces themselves. KT to continue to chase this up.

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10) Play Area – West Woodburn: Cllr C. Hamilton explained that he had been unable to carry out any recent checks. Cllr C. Hamilton stated that CPC had previously been praised by ROSPA for the frequency of checks carried out & that if checks now fell monthly this was still more than adequate. Cllr C. Hamilton will carry out a check before the next meeting & paint the seats in due course.

11) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding informed all that an administrator had now been appointed for the Community Interest Company (CIC). Contact details are: - admin@raywindfund.co.uk. Jane Cartridge, 07762179579. Cllr A. Harding explained that Jane is the first point of contact with the CIC volunteers adopting other roles. Cllr AH explained that the CIC had been disappointed to learn that the Community Foundation do not keep the Raywind Farm application open all year round but just during windows when applications can be submitted. This means that people are unable to find out information or apply until the opening of an application period. The CIC also want people to be able to see at any time where the money has gone however this is also only visible when an application window is open. Cllr AH explained that Vatten Fall will be releasing the second tranche of funding in December as a one-off sum to make up for the delay at the beginning.

12) Parish Hall: Cllrs again discussed the need to appoint a representative however were hopeful that Cllr C. Hawman still had a potential candidate in mind.

13) West Northumberland School Consultation: - Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that the adjudicator assigned to the Bellingham Middle School appeal had announced his decision to save BMS early to allow potential parents to make a decision before the application deadline of the 31st of October. The adjudicator had met with parents, staff, children & other stakeholders to listen to their concerns regarding the closure of BMS. The adjudicator had been quick to make his decision however the report as to why he reached that decision had not yet been released. Cllr C. Hamilton explained that at present NCC were standing by their decision to turn local first schools into primaries. Cllrs discussed the problems this caused for all schools & how the primaries & BMS would be in competition with each other. Cllr C. Hamilton however stated that until the adjudicators report was released NCC & parents could not know what the impact would be on schools or transport. Cllrs also discussed West Woodburn First School & the potential federation with Otterburn First School & the impact that could have on the children & the community.

14) Revitalising Redesdale & Heritage Fund update: - KT read out information passed onto her from the Redesdale Ramblers regarding a grant proposal to create a variety of local walks within Corsenside for both locals & visitors. Councillors viewed the draft leaflet & discussed the proposal. Councillors wished to extend their appreciation to the Redesdale Ramblers for the time & effort that had so far gone into the proposal & for the quality of their work. Councillors discussed the proposals & were happy with all suggestions put forward. Councillors suggested that perhaps the walks could include some interpretation boards where historical features were present. KT to check that all proposed walks are on public right of ways. Councillors also suggested a note could be included within the leaflet requesting that dog walkers act responsibly. Councillors discussed the issue of increased dog fouling within the area. Councillors discussed a leaflet drop however felt that persistent offenders would not necessarily be swayed by a leaflet & that perhaps the only thing that would work would be on the spot fines issued by NCC. KT has displayed some posters & will once again contact the dog warden.

15) Panto: - KT informed all that progression with the panto was continuing behind the scenes. Cllrs discussed the refunding of ticket costs to children from WWFS & decided that this would apply again this year.

16) Community Speedwatch: - KT informed Cllrs that she had been contacted by the clerk from Otterburn PC regarding the Community Speedwatch Scheme. KT explained that it was hoped that 2-3 people from each local village would be interested in joining the scheme. KT to advertise the scheme on the noticeboards & Corsenside Clarion Facebook page.

17) Tree Safety on CPC owned land: - KT informed all that she had been sent an article from NALC about a PC's responsibility regarding trees on PC owned land. Cllrs discussed this & decided that it would be best practice to instruct a tree surgeon to carry out an assessment of the trees on the play area, village green & Jubilee Triangle. KT to speak to the insurance company to confirm that CPC are covered against falling trees.

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

b) Decisions from NCC - Planning ref: 18/02527/FUL – Woodburn Hill, West Woodburn.

Alteration/incorporation of outbuildings into existing single dwelling - GRANTED

19) Other correspondence: - – i. Thank you letter GNAA, ii. Changes to refuse routes – Corsenside not affected, iii. CPRE newsletter, iv. Merchant Navy Day Certificate, v. CAN Housing Survey vi. Tynedale Hospice light up a life info, vii. Northumberland Age UK thank you letter. All correspondence was made available to Councillors.

20) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages -£213.53 & expenses £19.96 ii. C. Mowatt Landscaping £210, iii. Parish Hall rent April – October £55.

b) Bank Balance - £15,734.39

c) Monies Received - £250 payment received from insurance company (Ecclesiastical), excess for flashing speed sign.

d) Requests for Assistance - None

e) Budget update – Cllrs were given a budget update report.

f) Community spending – Cllrs discussed again what the excess money could be spent on within the community. KT provided costs for a new dog bin & seat for the bottom of Armstrong Street before the first cattle grid. All Cllrs gave KT the go ahead to order these. KT also provided Cllrs with a quotation from NCC for the installation of dropped kerbs. Cllrs discussed the accessibility issues for wheelchair users & push chairs within West Woodburn. Three potential areas for improvement have been highlighted. Cllrs discussed the benefits these would provide both now & in the future to residents & visitors. KT to obtain another quote for consideration.

g) Precept 2018-2019 – NCC have now sent out the precept requests for the next financial year. Cllrs C. Hamilton & D. Carrington to meet with KT to discuss the budget for 2018-2019 & report back to all Cllrs at the December meeting.

21 Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: - G. Scott enquired as to what was happening about the missing bin at the layby north of West Woodburn. KT explained that she had contacted NCC several times regarding a replacement. KT stated that she was not sure if the bracket had been damaged & if this was the case it was the bracket that was more expensive to replace than the actual bin. KT will continue to chase this up.

KT passed on details to all Cllrs regarding Remembrance Sunday & timings for the laying of the poppy wreath. Cllr D. Carrington stated that some villages had figures of soldiers & large poppies on display. KT to enquire as to where local PC's got these from so that CPC could investigate this for future years.

KT stated that C. Mowatt had asked whether CPC wanted some of the planting within the barrels replaced. Councillors discussed this & felt that it could wait until the Spring as anything planted now would soon be subjected to frosty conditions.

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Councillors discussed the amount of old sodium lighting that was still waiting to be replaced within the parish.
KT to contact NCC to make sure that it was still all going to be replaced by the end of November.
22) Next Meeting: - Monday 3rd December 7.30pm, The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.

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