

Corsenside Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th of May 2019

At Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.00pm

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

Clerk: K. Traill

Members of the Public: J. Clyde – Corsenside Parish Hall Chair & T. Henderson – Head Teacher West Woodburn First School

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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: - Cllr C. Hawman, J. Famelton – Secretary/Treasurer -The Ridsdale Village Hall Fund, The Ladies Fellowship, P. Scott – The Mission Hall Trust, A. – Ridsdale Junior & Seniors, D. Findler – The Corsenside Parish Show, H. Remnant – Parochial Church Council

2) Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of May 2018: - 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: - T. Henderson informed all that from April of this year West Woodburn First School has been federated with Otterburn First School. TH explained this meant joining the Governing bodies in order to create a new joint body. TH did however stress that they were short of WWFS governors and that they needed a parent governor and a community governor. TH asked that people mention this to anyone they think may be interested.

TH stated that there were currently 8 children attending the school and at present one child due to start in September. Obviously numbers are low however it is hoped that in the near future numbers will increase once again.

TH went on to explain that as a result of the federation, the children of WWFS had shared education with OFS. The children travel to Otterburn on a Wednesday where they have P.E, some English, lunch and a full afternoon of Forest School. The Otterburn site also allows WWFS teachers to become trained in Forest School teaching. TH stated that WWFS children were enjoying being able to use a larger site for Forest School, making use of the tree area at OFS.

TH informed all that the children had also travelled to OFS that morning to take part in a River Rede and Tyne Water visit which would include a follow up visit to the River Rede.

TH explained that to the best of her knowledge Northumberland County Council had no intentions to close WWFS. TH felt that the school was not particularly well supported within the community and that it really needed local support and for the community to get behind it. There were plans for a new toddler group and they had offered the group 'Little Movers' use of the school. TH was keen to spread the word that any community groups wanting to make use of the school to please get in touch. WWFS wanted the school to

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become a bigger part of the community. Further plans included more coffee mornings or afternoon tea in order to give the community a chance to see the school and welcome the community in.

Cllr C. Hamilton thanked T. Henderson for her report and for the work she was doing to keep the school open. The floor was opened to questions.

6) Corsenside Parish Hall Committee: - J. Clyde read out the Corsenside Parish Hall report. The floor was opened to questions. Cllr C. Hamilton gave his thanks on behalf of CPC to all Parish Hall Committee members for the work they have carried out and for the improvements that had been made to date.

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 Parish Show: - Cllr C. Currie read out the report on behalf of the Corsenside Parish. The floor was opened to questions.

10) Ladies Fellowship: - KT read out the report on behalf of The Ladies Fellowship which sadly discussed the finalisation of the group after 42 years.

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: - KT read out the PCC report on behalf of H. Remnant.

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 2018-2019. KT discussed the budget explaining that within the financial year 2018-2019 it appeared that CPC went over budget however this was due to the fact CPC had to initially pay for the repair work to the damaged Ridsdale speed sign. This was then reimbursed by the insurance company and was shown under 'Income, other'. 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: - Cllr C. Hamilton, on behalf of Corsenside Parish Council, would like to thank all who attended and submitted reports.

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