

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st April 2019

At Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

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

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

4) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019: Signed as a true & accurate record.

5) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: - KT explained to all that she had contacted Parkend Electricals requesting that they look at the southern Ridsdale speed sign to see if they could replace some light bulbs. Parkend will investigate this.

KT informed all that PC Joe Carroll's memorial plaque had now been repainted.

KT explained that she was still looking into having Blackburn Bridge added to the list of registered bridges however it would be a longer process than expected as various evidence first needed to be collected.

KT stated that she had contacted NCC regarding the continuing issue of over-hanging branches on the road to East Woodburn. KT was awaiting an answer.

6) County Councillors Report: - None

7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 19 below: - DC, C. Hamilton & KT had one matter to discuss.

8) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - None

09) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whiteacre – KT informed all that work to install one dropped kerb was now complete. KT stated that a resident had asked KT to offer her thanks to CPC for organising this. KT also explained however that due to the repair work NCC also carried out at the same location, some residents were concerned that the road repair could lead to flooding of Chapel Close. KT has contacted NCC and asked them to investigate this.

91. West Woodburn Traffic Calming Measures – KT explained that she had received word from a D. Laux Head of Technical Services at NCC regarding the complaint she had submitted about the poor service Corsenside Parish had received throughout the whole traffic calming process. DL apologised on behalf of NCC in relation to the timelines and delivery of the project. With regards to the 20mph road scheme on the A68 which should be in force due to the location of the school, DL admitted that the progress had been below what they would normally expect and admitted that communication from NCC could have been improved. DL stated that fixed signs were now in place, the vehicle activated 20mph signs have been ordered, some sign illumination work still needed to be carried out and that they would re-investigate the potential provision of a hardstanding area for camera van enforcement. KT explained that she had responded to DL's email stating that CPC had expected a traffic calming design drawn up back in 2016 and that this was in addition to the 20mph school scheme. KT

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also enquired as to whether the gateway signs had now been relocated, when the redundant sign posts would be removed, when the 'SLOW' markers would be painted on the road, when the branches would be removed from the grass verges and whether we could have any additional repeater roundels. D. Laux responded stating that as the 30mph stretch was lit then regulations did not allow repeater roundels however they would look at further 'SLOW' markers and other work to the centre lines. KT replied again asking about the relocation of the gateway signs and the redundant signposts. DL responded stating that he believed all was complete other than any signposts with electrical connections. DL stated that A. Olive would now be dealing with the enquiry. A. Olive emailed informing KT that he had received confirmation that there would be new 40mph roundels, new 'SLOW' markings, new centre line studs and changes to the signs. Cllrs discussed the traffic calming issue further and the responses received from NCC. Cllrs wished KT to thank all for their response to CPC's complaint however Cllrs felt it was too little too late. Cllrs would like to know what would be done to monitor the situation as evidence so far suggested that a significant number of vehicles were still speeding. Cllrs felt the only measure that would help reduce speeding would be the built-out features which were removed from the design at the last minute. Cllrs felt that CPC have been made to look ineffectual throughout the whole process due to the incompetence of NCC.

92. West Woodburn First School – Action complete

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

94. Shaw Lonnen Passing spaces – KT had contacted Border Quarries and was informed the owner would call her with information, as of yet KT has not heard back. KT to continue to chase this up.

10) Play Area – West Woodburn: KT informed all that she had spoken with C. Mowatt regarding the use of weed killer within the play area around the base of the play equipment. Given the damage caused to the equipment by the blades of the strimmer, Cllrs agreed that the use of weed killer may now be the better option. KT reported that CM had all relevant safety paperwork in place. Cllrs were therefore happy that the process would be carried out safely. KT to give CM the go ahead to use weed killer.

KT also informed all that she had received further reports of broken alcohol bottles within the play area. Cllrs were very disappointed to hear this and will monitor the situation. A sign displaying the clerks contact email address is still located in the play area asking people to report any issues. Cllr C. Hamilton will carry out an inspection this coming Friday. KT informed all that the Ladies Fellowship had now purchased a new seat to replace one of the old seats within the play area. They have organised the installation themselves. Cllrs viewed an image of the seat the Ladies Fellowship had purchased, and all agreed that CPC should buy the same seat to replace the other original seat. KT to order this. KT stated that although the original seats needed a sanding and repaint, that in fact they were still very sturdy and could perhaps be used elsewhere in the parish. Cllrs discussed this and thought that one could be moved to the village green and one to the layby at the northern end of West Woodburn.

11) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding informed all that everything was progressing well, and that the CIC had so far received 32 applications. Cllr A. Harding stated that the application period for the Community Foundation was also once again open. Cllr A. Harding urged any interested parties to approach the CIC web-site for all information.

12) B4NTR – Broadband for North Tyne & Redesdale: - KT read out information that she had received from our Local Broadband Group representative. The information stated that the local broadband group had been in contact with B4RN (Broadband for Rural North), a not for profit organisation who provide the fastest broadband speeds in the UK. The local group is now at the stage where they need to assess the interest for this project throughout the 6 parishes. B4RN will only progress further if there is a 50% (of households) expression of interest within a parish. By expressing an interest this does not mean that a household must take up the service. If Corsenside Parish failed to meet the 50% interest, then the project would go ahead in the surrounding parishes where 50% interest had been achieved. The local Broadband group is therefore very keen to get this message out there and urge households to express an interest in the service by logging onto <http://www.B4NTR.com> . B4RN will be holding various roadshows within the area with one being held at Corsenside Parish Hall on the 9th of May at 7pm. Cllr A Harding stated that B4NTR would benefit all 6 parishes as well as small parts of neighbouring parishes which fell on the boundary of the 6 parishes.

If the project goes ahead every property within the parish, no matter how isolated that property may be, would have the necessary broadband cables taken right up to the front gate. Residents would therefore then decide whether to take up the service. The possibility of super-fast broadband would be set up for present or future residents. Cllrs discussed the positives of the project which included provision for local businesses, residents working from home and the benefit this would have when selling property. Cllr A. Harding stated that the group had organised a mail drop to enable the message to get out.

13) Parish Hall: KT stated that she had been informed by the Parish Hall Chair that the period for nominations was now open. KT to consult with the Parish Hall Chair to further understand how CPC nominate a candidate on their behalf.

14) Revitalising Redesdale & Heritage Fund update: - Revitalising Redesdale has recently released a newsletter giving information on up and coming events. All information can be found on the Revitalising Redesdale web-site.

15) Anti-Social Behaviour: - KT informed all that she had emailed the other 5 parishes within the Ray Wind Farm boundary. KT had explained that CPC were proposing that the PC's jointly apply to the Ray Wind Farm grants requesting funds to employ an organisation to carry out a feasibility study within the parishes. The study would focus on what was already available for local youths, what prevented them from accessing this, what could be provided and how to involve the youth population. KT stated that she had heard back from Bavington and Kirkwhelpington who would discuss this at their next meeting. Otterburn PC contacted KT to state that one of their councillors had already recently taken something similar on-board. The clerk from Otterburn PC suggested that a meeting could be arranged involving the local youth group leaders. Cllrs discussed this matter and felt that Cllr C. Hawman may be better equipped, given her professional role, to represent CPC. KT to contact Cllr C. Hawman for her input in this matter before organising any meetings.

16) Planning Matters: - a) For decision – None

b) Decisions from NCC – None

17) Other correspondence: - i. Kielder Parking Permit – KT explained that she had received a letter stating that the 2019 Kielder parking permits for residents were now available at Leaplish reception. Corsenside residents who wish to receive a parking permit which allows them to park free of charge at any Kielder carpark, must

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take proof of address with them. ii, GNAA thank you letter – KT read out the letter of thanks from the GNAA for the donation of £50 CPC had sent on behalf of The Bay Horse. iii, Barnardo's Believe in Children – KT read out the letter she had received which was advertising for recruit hosts who could provide a safe place within their home for a young person to stay until they were able to move on. KT to display the posters.

18) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages -£164.25. ii. Robin Watson Sign & Design for the refurbishment of Joe Carroll's memorial plaque - £270 BAC's payment.

b) Bank Balance - £11,661.32

c) Monies Received - None

d) Requests for Assistance – End of year grant giving. Request received from Northumberland Theatre Company (NTC) & Tynedale Hospice at Home. Cllrs discussed both requests. Cllrs felt that CPC already supported NTC by holding the annual Christmas performance. Cllrs discussed the vital work Tynedale Hospice carried out within the area and felt that it was an organisation residents were familiar with and would wish to support. Cllrs agreed to donate £100 to Tynedale Hospice at Home. Cllrs also discussed once again supporting The Great North Air Ambulance (GNAA) as they felt the service the GNAA provided within our rural location was vital & worthy of our continued support.

e) All Cllrs had been issued with 'End of Year Accounts' spreadsheets which show all Expenditure and Income throughout the year. All Cllrs were happy that the spreadsheets were correct. Internal quarterly financial checks were up-to-date. KT would now prepare the accounts for the annual audit and ask a local professional accountant to check them over before submission.

f) Community Spending – Cllrs discussed the proposed items on the 'Community Spending List'. Cllrs viewed the items and discussed the benefits and the costs involved. All agreed on the purchase of the following items: - 1 new noticeboard for Ridsdale to replace the current noticeboard which was now no longer fully waterproof. 4 new red dog waste bins to be located in various problem areas within the parish. 1 new seat for the play area which matches the new one purchased by the Ladies Fellowship. Cllrs discussed the purchase of a Boccia set for the Parish Hall. All agreed that if the Parish Hall Committee were in favour of the purchase then CPC would purchase a Boccia set with case and wheelchair ramp. Cllrs requested that KT source a plastic, wheelchair accessible picnic table for the next meeting.

19 Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: Cllr D. Carrington informed all that she had been approached by residents on Armstrong Street requesting CPC's help with regards to a blocked drain and flooding to their property. KT to investigate this and contact the relevant people.

KT explained that she had been informed that the speed sign at the north end of West Woodburn was no longer working. Cllrs gave KT the okay to ask Parkend to look at this sign also.

KT informed all that while she had submitted her 'End of Year' salary a message had popped up stating that Payroo pay role was no longer a free service and that employers would be charged per employee. KT stated that there was still several free pay roll web-sites out there. Cllrs were happy for KT to investigate this further. Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that there was a large pot hole at the top end of Armstrong Street opposite the entrance to the Gun In garden. KT to report this to NCC.

Cllr C. Hamilton asked KT if she had heard when the road heightening works would now take place on the road to Bellingham by Little Ridsdale. KT had not received any word. KT to contact County Councillor J. Riddle to ask for an update.

20) Next Meeting: - Annual Parish Meeting Monday 13th May 7.00pm followed by CPC Annual General Meeting - Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn.