

## Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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 & G. Scott **County Councillor:** J. Riddle **Clerk:** K. Traill **Members of the Public:** None

1) Apologies for absence: - None

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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019: Signed as a true & accurate record.

5) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: - KT stated that during her annual checks she had noted that both seats at Jubilee Triangle needed sanding & treated. KT also informed all that the black ink on Joe Carroll's memorial had started to deteriorate. KT to contact James Dickenson's to enquire as to whether this is something they can correct.

KT explained that she had collated all the information received from Cllrs regarding the location of all old sodium lighting within the parish. KT had sent this via email highlighting all the previous deadlines CPC had been given. KT explained that she had not heard back from NCC however County Cllr J. Riddle had investigated the matter & was informed that all lighting in our parish should be completed by summer 2019. County Cllr JR had given KT the contact details of the County Cllr dealing with street lighting. KT had emailed the contact & was informed he would look into this. County Cllr JR stated that NCC have had a great number of problems with the contractors which had significantly delayed the whole project. Priority at the beginning was obviously given to the dark sky area with work being carried out in outlying rural areas as & when. All lighting would be done hopefully by the end of summer 2019.

Cllr C. Hawman enquired as to when the seat & bin in Ridsdale would be installed. KT informed Cllrs that the contactor was currently on holiday & that she would contact them on their return.

6) County Councillors Report: - County Cllr J. Riddle informed all that work to heighten the West Woodburn – Bellingham road by the glass bins to avoid flooding would start in March. JR went on to explained that NCC had managed so far to reduce the deficit from £65 million down to £36 million. NCC were looking at clearing the deficit in the next 3 years & hoped not to let this impact on frontline services.

County Cllr J. Riddle went on to discuss education within the region & the plan to invest £37 million on the Queen Elizabeth School in Hexham. Cllr C. Hamilton enquired as to why NCC were investing so much of public money into an academy which was not under Local Authority control. JR stated that County Councillor Wayne Daley would be able to answer this question as he has the portfolio for education, however JR thought it may be related to a safe guarding issue. JR went on to inform all that the plan to turn first schools within our area into primaries, (excluding WWFS) was still going ahead & that Greenhaugh & Otterburn's extension planning applications had gone through. JR stated that

Haydon Bridge High School was going from strength to strength & that new teaching staff were being appointed.

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County Cllr J. Riddle informed all that NCC were still on target to spend £100 million on roads within a 3-year period. Cllr C. Hamilton enquired as to the plan previously mentioned regarding the improvement of vital none A-roads. JR stated that work was still being carried out & that he believed works to the Military road from Two Hoots to the roundabout had been highlighted as in need of repair. JR informed all that £18 million would be spent on Local Transport Priorities (L.T.P) road repairs.

County Cllr J. Riddle stated that Social services accounted for a third of the council's budget. JR explained that NCC had managed to keep our area within rural social service charges rather than extra rural charges. JR informed all that new build council housing & the provision for extra care for the elderly in our local area was planned however he could not yet say when or where. JR explained that this would involve a few council houses within various areas rather than large estates.

County Cllr J. Riddle went on to discuss the Blyth Tyne railway line to which NCC would contribute approximately £12.7 million as it would be beneficial to the whole county, would promote Northumberland, provide employment & open up the Blyth area.

JR talked about the £10 million spending on county carparks, the slight increased charges at railway carparks & the Country Parks schemes at Druridge Bay, Plessey Woods & Carlisle.

Lastly County Cllr J. Riddle stated that the planning application for the proposed landmark to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II & the Commonwealth had now been submitted. JR was unsure as to whether it would go to the Strategic Committee or Area Committee for decision.

7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 20 below: - KT had 3 matters to discuss.

8) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - KT informed all she had reviewed the Banking Mandate & the Councillors Allowance Policies. KT read out both policies. All Cllrs were happy to accept both policies.

09) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whiteacre – Nothing further to report.

91. West Woodburn Traffic Calming Measures – KT explained to all that she had contacted N. Snowden (NCC's Highways Safety Officer) on various occasions to discuss the traffic calming issues. KT informed all that she had spoken with A. Fisher of NCC who had stated that his team had been issued with a signage scheme & that the traffic calming measures were not yet finished. He also stated that the gateway 30 mph signs had been positioned incorrectly & that they needed to be moved. KT spoke with N. Snowden earlier today to ask about the signage scheme & what happens from there. NS stated that there were a few more signs needing to be installed however they could not look at further measures until everything was in place. Once the scheme was complete then they could look at it's effectiveness & go from there. Cllrs discussed the issue of poor communications in general within NCC. Cllrs asked KT to enquire as to which County Councillor was responsible for Highways, to ask when the works would be completed & to write a letter of complaint regarding the constant missed deadlines, lack of communication, the mistakes made and the cost to the public purse of such mistakes.

92. West Woodburn First School – See minute 13 below

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

94. Shaw Lonnen Passing spaces – Nothing further to report.

10) Play Area – West Woodburn: Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that he had nothing to report, no checks had been carried out since the last meeting. KT informed all that she had received a call from a local resident to say

that a large bottle of alcohol had been smashed within the play area & glass was scattered about. The resident had removed some of the glass, KT removed the remainder. Cllrs decided at this stage to incorporate discussions on agenda item 16 – Anti-Social Behaviour as it impacted upon the play area . Cllrs discussed the recent complaints regarding youth anti-social behaviour. KT informed all of the communications she had had with the neighbourhood police & what they proposed could be done to help the situation. KT explained that she was informed by the Neighbourhood Police Constable that should any body see dangerous behaviour, for example throwing things at passing cars, then they should dial 999. The PC also stated that people should call 101 to report any other incidents so that police have a log of all issues. Cllrs discussed the situation & felt that even though the matter was now in the hands of the police, CPC should produce an information poster explaining the situation & what people should do. KT to create a poster & display it around the parish. Councillors discussed the idea of consulting the youth within the parish about what they would like to see & what perhaps could be provided to give them somewhere to go or something better to do. Cllr Hawman discussed the importance of engaging with the young people in order to give them a sense of ownership of any future plans or schemes. Cllrs to think about ideas of how this consultation could be conducted. KT to add this to the March agenda.

11) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding informed all that the web-site was now up & running. Cllr AH discussed the matter of misinformation regarding funding & the Community Interest Company. The funding is not just to be spent on Broadband. There is a list of many ideas & new ones welcome any time. The main goals the CIC are looking into at present are Broadband, wildlife, schools, community shows, health services & Revitalising Redesdale -making sure they co-ordinate things & are not both funding the same projects. The CIC aim to make things inclusive & fund projects that benefit all.

Cllr A. Harding discussed the issues regarding the Community Foundation web-site current applications & that previous funding could only be viewed on-line during a certain time period. The CIC would like this information to be available at all times. The CIC web-site will be available 24/7 so that applicants can apply at any time & all granted applications viewed.

12) Parish Hall: KT spoke with L. Currie of Community Action Northumberland regarding a CPC representative. LC stated that it would be ok for a Corsenside Parish Hall Committee member to report back to the parish council regularly rather than recruiting a member of the public to sit on the committee on behalf of CPC.

13) West Northumberland School Consultation: - Cllrs discussed the proposed federation of West Woodburn First School & Otterburn First School. Information regarding the federation stated that both schools would keep their own identity, own budgets & remain as 2 separate schools however they would share a head teacher & governing body. Cllrs discussed both the positive & negative aspects of a federation. Cllrs felt that federation looked like the only way to secure a future for WWFS and education within the parish but felt that given OFS's conversion to primary (2 tier) status in September, parental choice at the end of Y4 should be guaranteed and parents of children at WWFS should be able to choose to send their children to either Bellingham Middle School (3tier) for years 5 – 8 or to OFS for years 5 and 6 - Cllrs noted that this falls within NCC's existing School Transport Policy, BMS being approximately 1.5 miles closer to WWFS than OFS. Cllr C. Hamilton & KT to respond to the proposed federation based on Cllrs discussion.

14) Revitalising Redesdale & Heritage Fund update: - Nothing further to report.

15) Panto: - KT informed all that the money from ticket & snack sales after expenses had been paid totalled £275.86. KT has transferred the total into CPC bank account. £25 parish hall hire charge still to pay. KT informed all that the panto for next year was The Snow Queen which was booked for the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020. KT explained that there may be a slight increase in the Parish Hall hire charge next year, all Cllrs were happy to go ahead as planned.

16) Anti-Social Behaviour: - (Discussed under point 10).

17) Planning Matters: - a) For decision – i. Smoutel Ford s.119 Diversion Order – relocation of Smoutel Ford approx. 360m upstream – informal consultation – Councillors discussed this application & would like to submit 'No Objection'. ii. Planning application: 19/00247/FUL – Construction of a publicly accessible landmark, commissioned to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II & the Commonwealth. Land at Cold Law Kirkwhelpington. KT explained that she had received this application on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February & that submissions were requested by the 19<sup>th</sup> February. KT had spoken with the planning department stating that given the amount of documentation CPC would need an extension to the submission date. K. Robbie from NCC agreed that CPC could submit their comments within the first half of March.

b) Decisions from NCC – Planning ref: 18/03286/FUL – 1.5 new build bungalow, Land north of Reivers – GRANTED

18) Other correspondence: - – i. CPRE Newsletter – made available to Cllrs, ii. Local Publication Draft Plan – KT informed Cllrs that she had the complete documentation should anyone wish to view a hard copy. KT informed all that there were various public workshops throughout Feb & March. Details could be found on NCC web-site.

19) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages -£235.43. Expenses - £5 ii. Robson Print - £68 for dog fouling flyers, paid by Bac's.

b) Bank Balance - £13,907.23

c) Monies Received - £275.86 (panto sales)

d) Requests for Assistance - None

e) Community Spending – Ideas include: new seats within the play area, picnic tables, new noticeboards, red dog waste bins – KT to find out prices for all of these. Cllr C. Hawman had looked at a Boccia set for £400. This is a para-Olympic game similar to bowls which could be used at the Parish Hall. KT informed all that Elsdon had provided her with very informative advice regarding technical equipment for the screening of films & the legalities involved. The cost is far too great for CPC to consider however KT to look at companies who offer touring film screenings.

20 Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: KT informed all that she had met with A. Fisher of NCC regarding the location for 2 dropped kerbs within West Woodburn. It was hoped these would be in place within the next month or 2.

KT explained that the tree surgeon had started the survey & that hopefully KT would have the results in time for the March meeting.

KT discussed Sarelaw bend stating that she had spoken with N. Snowden & that he had informed her that bollards would not be looked at until the next financial year. The area office would assess the need for a grit bin or CPC could purchase one at a cost of £200 to include 3 fills of grit. It was not apparent if this was 3 fills of grit in total or per annum, also the question of how effective this measure would be was raised as this is already on a primary gritting route and who would actually spread the grit bin grit?

Lastly Councillor's all took 'Dog fouling' flyers to distribute throughout the parish.

21) Next Meeting: - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm, Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn.

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