

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th January 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 **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 3rd December 2018 : KT informed all that she had corrected an error under point 9. Cllr C. Currie asked that wording be changed under point 22 to read 'they believe it was a possibility that surplus water'. Signed as a true & accurate account.

5) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: - KT stated that she had instructed the tree surgeon to carry out a survey & that it was expected to be completed by February's meeting.

KT informed all that she had been in touch with N.Snowden of NCC regarding Sarelaw bend & the recent incident involving a car crashing into a property there. KT stated that M. Rowe of NCC had confirmed that the drains further up the hill were clear. M. Rowe would try to get out again during wet conditions. NS has forwarded on a request for a grit bin & would consider the possibility of bollards. NCC have requested details of the incident. KT to forward these on once received.

KT informed all that she had received word from M. Rowe of NCC that the matter of over hanging trees on the road to East Woodburn had been passed to G. Harrison & that the issue was on-going.

6) County Councillors Report: - None

7) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 19 below; - Cllrs C. Hamilton, R. Robson C. Currie, A. Harding & KT had matters to discuss.

8) Update on adopting & signing of new policies, regulations & risk assessments: - KT informed all she had carried out all annual checks. KT stated that she would find out if the lap-top needed PAT testing. KT also discussed finding another West Woodburn defibrillator guardian to help with fortnightly checks. KT explained that although Historic England had 'listed' the War Memorial, that in fact it was still CPC's responsibility. KT informed all that it was recommended by The War Memorials Trust that conservation professionals are hired to make any repairs needed. Cllrs discussed this issue & asked KT to seek advice from The War Memorial Trust & the Revitalising Rededale team as they have hired a construction team for the Ridsdale Ironworks. KT stated that she had also completed all risk assessment reviews. KT explained that CPC had not previously formally adopted the village green risk assessment or the addition of the Ridsdale speed signs to the West Woodburn speed sign risk assessment. Cllr C. Hamilton read out the village green risk assessment & all agreed to formally adopt it. It was agreed that the Ridsdale speed signs would be fine sharing the same risk assessment as the West Woodburn signs.

09) Action point list: - 80. Armstrong St & Whiteacre – KT informed NCC of unsatisfactory repair works on

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Armstrong Street just after the Gun Inn carpark. NCC replied stating that they were aware of this & that it was already listed on work sheets to be completed.

91. West Woodburn Traffic Calming Measures – KT explained to all that she had contacted N. Snowden to inform him that the traffic calming measures in place on the A68 in West Woodburn appeared to have little to no effect on speeding traffic. KT requested that another speed survey be carried out & that further measures be looked at once again. NS replied stating that speed surveys had been carried out in October & have been passed onto the police. NS stated that he was aware that there was no suitable location for a police camera van & that funding was limited and to construct such a feature would be costly. NS has asked the police to take another look & at the very least arrange for local neighborhood police to carry out enforcement as regularly as possible. KT informed all that she had replied stating that the October survey was carried out before the traffic calming measures were in place. KT reminded NCC that it was agreed if the traffic calming measures did not reduce speeding then NCC would once again look at the build out features. KT also stated that the flashing school signs had not yet been installed & that NCC had highlighted an area by the bridge which they would look at turning into a hard standing area in order to accommodate a police camera van. KT to continue to chase this up.

92. West Woodburn First School – Nothing further to report

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

94. Shaw Lonnen Passing spaces – KT explained that she had spoken with the owner of Border Quarries who had informed her that M. Rowe of NCC had been out & highlighted areas for potential passing spaces. The 2 quarries would fund & carry out the works themselves hopefully before the end of January.

10) Play Area – West Woodburn: Cllr C. Hamilton informed all that KT had adjusted the play area risk assessment to state that 'Monthly' checks were now carried out rather than 'Weekly'. Cllrs discussed this & it was agreed that monthly checks were sufficient, especially since the addition of the play area sign which gives the clerk's email address in order to report any damage or issues within the play area. Cllrs also discussed the need to replace the 2 seats within the play area early this year.

11) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding informed all that the second tranche of funding went out on the 4th of December. Cllr A. Harding also stated that the CIC web-site should now be live & a leaflet drop to all households was under way. Cllr A. Harding informed all that the Community Foundation were into their second year of the 3-year agreement. After the 3 years CIC will reassess the situation.

12) Parish Hall: Cllrs again discussed the need to appoint a representative. Cllrs discussed whether a current Parish Hall committee member could act as a representative. KT to contact Community Action Northumberland for advice.

13) West Northumberland School Consultation: - Nothing further to report.

14) Revitalising Redesdale & Heritage Fund update: - Cllr C. Hawman informed all that the steering group & awards meeting was held on the 12th of December. Revitalising Redesdale will inform successful grant applicants. Cllr C. Hawman explained that at the meeting they had reviewed everything which had happened throughout the 2018. Cllr C. Hawman stated that the group had discussed creating a full programme of events for 2019 believing this to be more useful than issuing regular leaflets. Cllr C. Hawman talked about Revitalising

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Redesdale's idea of having hubs around the community & recruiting local project volunteer champions. RR would also like to capture stories from around Redesdale & maybe use these on interactive noticeboards as a 'live' history feature.

Cllr C. Hawman informed all that on the 10th of May the Kielder partnership would be planting a 100 trees to celebrate its 100th anniversary & this would be happening at Cottonhopesburn.

Cllr C. Hawman discussed how part of RR's application had stated that as well as offering funding that RR would help source other funding. They are looking at projects that would benefit parishes & hoping to link this in with other funding bodies for example the windfarms.

Lastly Cllr C. Hawman informed all that the next deadline for grant applications was the 7th of March.

15) Panto: - KT reminded all that the performance of 'The Little Maid who Danced to Every Mood' would be held at the parish hall on Thursday the 17th & that tickets were available from the shop. KT to organise snacks & heating.

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

b) Decisions from NCC - None

17) Other correspondence: - – i. Thank you letter from CPCC – read out, ii. Roadside litter campaign posters – to be put on noticeboards.

18) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages -£197.10, ii. ICO Data Protection fee £40, iii. NTC £474 to be paid via BAC's after the performance.

b) Bank Balance - £14,342.47

c) Monies Received - None

d) Requests for Assistance - None

e) Community Spending – KT informed all that hopefully the Armstrong Street bin & seat would be in place soon. Councillors discussed other ideas for community spending that would benefit parishioners. Cllrs discussed the idea of a multi-purpose projector for the parish hall which would allow the playing of films & the use of computer slide shows. KT to contact Elsdon Parish Hall to seek advice based on their experience of such equipment.

Cllr R. Robson brought up the issue of dog fouling in the area. All agreed that dog fouling was a big problem within the parish. Cllrs discussed carrying out another leaflet drop with information explaining the issue, where the bins are located, how to contact NCC to report a dog fouling problem & generally highlighting the problem & asking dog owners to be respectful of the parish & parishioners. KT to once again contact the dog warden & to price up dog bag dispensers.

Cllr C. Hamilton asked all Cllrs to come up with a wish list of ideas as to what money could be spent on for further discussion at February's meeting.

19 Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: - Cllr C. Hamilton discussed the lack of progress regarding the street lighting dark skies project within our parish. There were still several old sodium lights that needed replacing with promised deadlines never being reached. Cllr C. Hamilton requested Cllrs R. Robson & A. Harding's help to record the number of each street light which needed replacing. Cllr C. Hamilton asked that these be forwarded onto KT & that KT contact NCC requesting that they be replaced asap.

Cllr R. Robson stated that numerous residents had raised great concerns regarding both anti-social & dangerous behaviours involving a group of youths between the ages of 12-15 years within West Woodburn. Cllrs discussed the issues involved & did not feel it was something they could deal with. Cllrs asked KT to report this matter to the police requesting that something be done asap.

Cllr C. Currie informed all that the north end Ridsdale speed sign was randomly flashing 88mph in the mornings

when vehicles were not speeding. Cllr C. Currie also stated that the Ridsdale south end sign appeared to have a few bulbs out. KT to contact Swarco.

Cllr A. Harding explained that he had been approached by a resident asking if CPC were aware of a definitive map showing a properties boundary in relation to the highway. Cllr C. Hamilton stated that he believed NCC highways department would hold that information.

KT updated all regarding dropped kerbs within West Woodburn stating that she had requested a quotation for the works & was still chasing this up.

20) Next Meeting: - Monday 4th February 7.30pm, The Bay Horse, West Woodburn.