

## Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019

At Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present: - **Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), D. Carrington, C. Hawman, C. Currie, A. Harding, R. Robson & G. Scott **Clerk:** K. Traill **Members of the Public:** L. Meikle

1) Apologies for absence: - None

2) Election of Vice Chair: - Councillor C. Hamilton once again discussed the election of a vice chair and requested that someone step forward to fill the position. Cllr C. Hamilton explained that the vice chairs duties would mainly consist of chairing the meetings in the unlikely event of his absence. No councillors were prepared to take on this role. Cllr C. Hamilton explained that KT had sought advice from NALC who stated that legally it was not necessary to have a vice chair, however someone must step forward to chair the meeting in the Chairs absence. Cllrs discussed this and agreed that under these circumstances someone would chair the meeting. Cllr C. Hamilton expressed his disappointment at the situation and willingness of councillors to step forward.

3) 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, C. Hawman in respect of Revitalising Redesdale & Cllr A. Harding in respect of the Ray Wind CIC.

4) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: L. Meikle informed all that 2 drains on the roadside close to his property had been marked up by NCC, however as of yet no works had been carried out on them. KT to report this to NCC.

LM went on to thank CPC for their input regarding the proposed landmark at Cold Law.

L. Meikle then discussed the issue of speeding traffic throughout the village. LM informed all of the recent collision in West Woodburn on the A68 within the 30mph zone. The collision had resulted in two cars belonging to parishioners being written off. LM stated that he had also observed traffic driving through the village and reported that of the 20 vehicles which had driven south, 15 of those had been travelling with enough speed to set the flashing signs off. LM also informed all that he was unsure as to whether the new north end flashing speed sign was working correctly. LM queried the times which the 20mph signs were set to, as both the middle and high school children were collected and dropped off, by bus on the A68, from 8am to 4.30pm. KT stated that these times were set by NCC and that she would contact them to find out the timings. If need be KT would request that the timescale be increased to accommodate the middle and high school children.

Cllr C. Hamilton expressed the frustration felt by CPC regarding the whole speeding issues and traffic calming measures. Cllr CH explained the process so far and how the build out features were removed from the traffic calming plan at the very last stage of the process, much to CPC's surprise and disappointment. The build out features were removed due to complaints from hauliers. CPC continually work on and discuss the speeding issues, within the whole parish, at every meeting and are in constant contact with NCC regarding this. KT explained that historically West Woodburn had been listed as a suitable location for a speed camera however policies were changed before this could be installed. KT explained that even if funds could be raised to purchase a speed camera, the issue involved lack of police resources to process the data and issue the fines, something which was out of CPC's and NCC's hands. Cllr C. Hamilton informed L. Meikle that works to construct a hard-standing area for the police speed van would be starting soon. Cllrs discussed the Speedwatch

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scheme and how on their last watch, volunteers had caught 18 vehicles speeding.

Cllrs believe that the only traffic calming measure that would have an impact are the original build out features. Cllrs felt that if hauliers were unable to stop then they were going too fast in the first place.

5) Minutes of the Corsenside Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2019: Signed as a true and accurate record.

6) Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: - KT explained to all that she had contacted SWARCO regarding the flashing speed signs in Ridsdale and had managed to acquire a key from them. KT to contact Park End Electricals to see if they are now able to replace the missing bulbs.

7) County Councillors Report: - None

8) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the chairman's discretion, under item 22 below: - Cllrs D. Carrington, G. Scott & C. Hamilton & KT had matters to discuss.

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

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

91. West Woodburn Traffic Calming Measures –KT explained that she had emailed A. Olive of NCC requesting an update and asked when the hard-standing for the police camera van would be in place. Cllrs discussed this and again felt that the only traffic calming measure which would deter speeding, would be the build-out features within the original plan. Cllrs have instructed KT to contact all involved informing them that CPC will not rest until the build out features, originally agreed upon, were installed.

93. Shaw Lonnen Mud-slide – Action now complete.

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11) Play Area – West Woodburn – KT explained that she had not yet received the ROSPA safety inspection report. KT also stated that work had not yet been carried out on the trip hazard around the small swings. KT to contact C. Mowatt again. KT informed all that she had made enquiries with various play equipment companies requesting a price for total replacement of the safety surfaces. KT had only received one quotation at a cost of £7168.00 +VAT. Cllrs discussed the quote, and all agreed this was too great a cost for CPC. Cllrs discussed the option of applying to the Ray Wind Farm Fund to cover these costs. All agreed that this was a good idea. KT to wait until the ROSPA report is carried out so that CPC can apply for funds based on all safety recommendations.

12) Wind Power Stations - Cllr A. Harding informed all that the CIC would be coming to the end of its official year in July. Cllr A. Harding stated that the 360-degree feedback meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June at Kirkwhelpington, had gone well with the attendance of 60+ people. Cllr A. Harding explained that these meetings would happen on an annual basis being held at a different parish each time. Cllr A. Harding also stated that Vattenfall were happy with how the funding was going. Cllr A. Harding went on to inform all that the Community Foundation would be meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June to go through the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of applications.

13) B4NTR – Broadband for North Tyne & Redesdale: - KT read out information that she had received regarding the progress made so far by B4NTR within our parish. B4NTR stated that the response to local meetings had been positive. As of the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 72 households within Corsenside had signed an expression of interest. An

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extra 45 households were needed to reach the threshold for Corsenside to be accepted into the scheme. Cllrs discussed the scheme and questions people may have relating to how certain properties would be connected. Cllr A. Harding explained that once the desired interest threshold had been reached, that is when BARN would look at the best and most effective way to install the cables.

14) Parish Hall: KT stated that she had received word from the Parish Hall Committee that they felt unless someone volunteered to run a Boccia club then the set would likely go unused. As there are now only 3 PHC members they simply did not have the resources to run clubs and maintain equipment. Cllrs discussed this and felt that money may be better spent on equipment when/if any youth clubs were set up as a result of the youth feasibility study. KT also informed the Cllrs that the Parish Hall would be closed for approximately 2 months at the end of June while work was being carried out to install a wheelchair accessible toilet.

15) Anti-Social Behaviour: - Cllr C. Hawman explained that CPC had heard back from 4 of the 5 parishes within the Ray Wind Farm catchment area. All 4 had agreed to be a part of the feasibility study. Cllr C. Hawman explained that CPC was still awaiting a response from Birtley PC. Cllr C. Hawman explained that she had submitted a preliminary application to the Local Initiative Fund. Cllr C. Hawman explained that although the initial amount requested was well below the £10,000 threshold that this was just the initial application and that subsequent funding would be applied for as a result of the feasibility study which is believed to take the total over £10,000. Cllr C. Hamilton thanked Cllr C. Hawman and KT for the work carried out on this so far.

16) Community Volunteers: - KT stated that she had been approached by a local resident regarding the creation of a group of volunteers willing to carry out odd jobs around the parish. Cllrs discussed this and agreed that any help would be greatly appreciated. Cllr C. Hamilton requested that KT contact NALC and seek advice on what CPC would need to put in place to ensure the safety of any volunteers.

17) Community Spending: - KT explained that she had now purchased a new planting barrel, a wheelchair accessible picnic bench and 4 red dog foul waste bins. KT still to source a suitable noticeboard. Cllrs to consider what other items could be purchased. Cllr C. Hawman suggested that perhaps some of the extra money be kept aside in the case CPC may have to fund a small percentage of any youth initiatives as a result of the feasibility study. All agreed.

18) Revitalising Redesdale: - Cllr C. Hawman informed all that the next Revitalising Redesdale meeting would be held on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June. Cllr C. Hawman explained that there were various requests for volunteers which included researchers for both the Battle of Otterburn project and the transcribing of place names project. There were also places on the lidar landscaping project, local archaeology projects as well as events and talks such as discovering the world of bees and bats. All Revitalising Redesdale information can be found on their website.

Cllr C. Hawman discussed the wildflower and verges project and what the next stages of the process involved. RR are looking for volunteers to help with the survey of wildflowers, verge litter picking and the sowing of seeds.

Cllr G. Scott informed all that work had started on Smoutel Ford and that it was hoped all would be completed by September.

19) Planning Matters: - a) For decision – i. Planning ref: 19/01542/FUL Proposed 2 storey dwelling in place of originally approved dormer bungalow land west of 63 Armstrong Street Ridsdale – Councillors discussed the application specifically focusing on how the building would fit in with surrounding properties. Councillors felt

that if it's finished appearance was in keeping with the character of the surrounding area and buildings, then a comment of 'No Objection' should be submitted.

ii. Planning ref: 19/01417/FUL Construction of pool and riffle/rapid sequence – River Rede north of Monkridge Hill Farm, West Woodburn. KT explained that this application had arrived during her annual leave and that consequently CPC had missed the submission date for comments. Cllrs discussed the application and agreed that CPC had no objection to the application.

b) Decisions from NCC – i. Planning ref: 19/00247/FUL Construction of landmark to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II and the Commonwealth, land at Cold Law – Due to be heard at a Strategic Planning Committee, 4pm on the 4th of June. Cllrs discussed the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June where 8 County Councillors voted against the landmark and 6 in favour. The Strategic Planning Committee will now hold a closed site meeting to assess all factors involved. KT informed all that she had received a letter from the newly formed opposing group 'Keep the Wannies Wild'. KT read out the letter for Councillors to discuss. Councillors were encouraged by the response of locals and wished to thank the group for their work so far. One issue Councillors discussed which did not appear to feature within the concerns of the Keep the Wannies Wild group, was the impact on the dark skies and how the structure would feature a flashing light. CPC discussed our position on the edge of the dark skies area and about all the work and expense carried out by NCC as part of the dark skies project. Cllrs requested that KT contact County Councillor J. Riddle to enquire what role CPC would play in the next steps of the process.

20) Other correspondence: Other correspondence – i. Tynedale Hospice at Home newsletter – made available to Cllrs, ii. Healthwatch Northumberland invite to the board meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June – information given to Cllrs, iii. Email from 'Keep the Wannies Wild' group – discussed under point 19b.

21) Finances: - a) Invoices for Payment – i. Clerks wages £295.65 + £219.99 reimburse for £29.99 planting barrel & £190 picnic bench. Expenses £16.99 (ink cartridge), ii. Chris Mowatt - £212, iii. Authorisation of £491.72 for 4 x red dog fouling bins to be BAC's paid upon invoice.

b) Bank Balance - £13,393.50

c) Monies Received - None

d) Requests for Assistance - None

22) Matters for discussion at the Chairman's discretion: Cllr G. Scott informed all that tyres had once again been dumped at the layby north of Cold Town on the A68. Cllrs stated that tyres had been randomly dumped at various locations throughout the parish. KT to report this.

Cllr D. Carrington explained that the vegetation around the new seat in Ridsdale was so overgrown it was now actually growing through the seat. KT stated that Cllr C. Hamilton had also brought this to her attention and that KT had asked C. Mowatt to cut the vegetation down. Cllrs discussed the idea of increasing the hard-standing area around the seat.

KT explained the issues that she had been experiences regarding the CPC laptop. All agreed that KT could take it to the computer place in Hexham for them to look at.

Cllr C. Hamilton stated that KT's annual review was due in July and asked all Cllrs if they were happy for CH & KT to carry this out before July's meeting, all Cllrs agreed.

22) Next Meeting: - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 7.30pm – The Bay Horse (Parish Hall closed for building works), West Woodburn.

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