

Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday ~~7th~~ of March 2022

Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present: **Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), C. Hawman (Vice-chair), A. Wilson, S. Smith & A. Harding.

County Councillor: J. Riddle. **Clerk:** C. Woodcock. **Members of the Public:** None

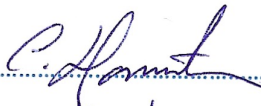
- 1) Apologies for absence: D. Mole, J. Fenwick.
- 2) Code of Conduct (Declaration of Interest): Cllr C. Hamilton in respect of The Gun at Ridsdale & the Corsenside Flood Resilience team, Cllr C. Hawman in respect of Revitalising Redesdale, North Tyne Youth and The Gun at Ridsdale, Cllr A. Wilson in respect of The Gun at Ridsdale & The Green Rigg Steering Group & Cllr S. Smith in respect of Bellingham Middle School Parents, Teachers and Community Association & the Corsenside Flood Resilience team.
- 3) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: None
- 4) Minutes of Corsenside Parish Council meeting held on Monday the 7th of March 2022: Signed as a true and accurate record.
- 5) Matters arising from the minutes: None
- 6) Notification of any other business for discussion, at the Chairman's discretion, under item 20 below: S. Smith had a point to raise.
- 7) County Councillor's Report: C. Cllr J. Riddle stated that in addition to transferring the former school field to the parish council they will now include the access road and the former school car park. An update was provided of the replacement vehicle activated speed signs which are due to be installed late April / May. CPC have been asked to share with C. Cllr J. Riddle details of any Corsenside residents who are affected by the closure of a local home care company. A countywide trial of curbside glass recycling has been successful and hopes are for this to become permanent in time. An additional £2million has been allocated to repair C & U roads in Northumberland. The planned upgrade of the road from West Woodburn to Bellingham is due to go ahead very soon.
- 8) Action Point List: 95. Plans to erect the new shed on the village green were discussed. CW to order sand for immediate delivery and coordinate with Cllrs and volunteers.
- 9) Play Area: Cllr C. Hamilton has replaced the caps previously identified as missing (see March minutes). All equipment remains in good order with no further action needed.
- 10) Volunteers and Community Spending: CW stated the Perspex on East Woodburn's noticeboard has been replaced and the nearby broken bin discarded. A call for more volunteers is to go on Facebook.
- 11) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: Cllr S. Smith provided an update- recent surveys have shown that having a traditional street party was the most popular option. Plans include activities available across Saturday and Sunday based in Ridsdale and West Woodburn. Should external funding be needed CPC have agreed to be listed as the official organisation. Cllr C. Hamilton has had an agreement in principle from Forestry England to create a jubilee plantation for Corsenside, a map was shown to councillors of the proposed location at Four Laws. 500 trees have been requested and it is expected the planting can begin late 2022 / early 2023. A suggestion of a public planting day has been made.
- 12) Wind Power Stations & BANTR: Cllr A. Harding stated further meetings are taking place to consult on the future format of the funding delivery.
- 13) Parish Hall: None
- 14) Revitalising Redesdale: None

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- 15) West Woodburn First School – School Field: CW to ask Cllr J Riddle if the asset transfer can be amended immediately to include the access road and car park in order to avoid paying for 2 transfers at the Solicitors. Councillors questioned the solicitors request for 80% of the legal fees in advance, CW to clarify this with Emmersons.
- 16) Planning Matters: None
- 17) Storm Arwen: CW to reach out to the office of MP Guy Opperman for any news regarding the switchover to digital communication.
- 18) Social Media Policy: A new policy was agreed and signed by all councillors present.
- 19) Covid Risk Assessment for approval: This was found to be unsuitable after the changes that come into effect 01/04/22. CW to ensure current CPC risk assessments include the statement that we will act in line with all current government guidance in relation to public health.
- 20) Other correspondence: The Local Authority Treescapes Fund is available to pay for replacement or new trees. Councillors discussed the possibility of a few fruit trees for the village green, and mentioned there is a damp area that is currently underused. CW to seek advice from Frank Charlton.
- 21) Finances – a) Invoices for payment – i. Parish Hall Rent - £20, ii. Clerk expenses (replacement part noticeboard) £28.42, iii. Clerk Wages (16h30) £182.82, iv. Solicitors Fees - £800. v. Bank fees £18.
- b) Bank Balance £11,340.59
- c) Monies received – None
- d) End of year accounts. CW delivered an update of spending.
- e) Annual audit. CW to engage an external auditor and follow official guidance from Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd.
- 22) Matters for discussion at the chairman's discretion: Cllr S.Smith suggested it could be advantageous to raise the profile of CPC with an advert in the Parish Show Programme. Cllr C. Hamilton to create a draft and circulate for approval.
- 23) Next Meeting, CPC Annual Parish Meeting & AGM: 7pm Monday 9th May Corsenside Parish Hall. CW to issue invites to the APM.

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