

## Corsenside Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2022

Corsenside Parish Hall, West Woodburn at 7.30pm

Present: **Councillors:** C. Hamilton (Chair), A. Wilson, S. Smith, C. Hawman, A. Harding & J. Fenwick.

**Clerk:** C. Woodcock. **Members of the Public:** One


- 1) Apologies for absence: Cllr D. Mole
- 2) Code of Conduct (Declaration of Interest): Cllr C. Hamilton in respect of The Gun at Ridsdale & the Corsenside Flood Resilience team, 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. Cllr C. Hawman in respect of Revitalising Redesdale, North Tyne Youth and The Gun at Ridsdale. Cllr A. Harding in respect of The Ray Wind Fund.
- 3) Opportunities for members of the public to raise issues: None raised.
- 4) Minutes of Corsenside Parish Council meeting held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 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: Cllr A. Harding and Cllr J. Fenwick each had a point to raise.
- 7) County Councillor's Report: None.
- 8) Action Point List: 91. CW reported that TWM have advised the new speed signs for West Woodburn will be installed on 13/06/22, on which date an inspection of the Ridsdale signs will also take place. 95. Plans to erect the new shed on the village green are in hand, the new location has been cleared with NCC and the license amended.
- 9) Play Area: CW has contacted Playdale in relation to the cracks reported by Cllr C. Hamilton seeking replacement parts. In this week's check Cllr C. Hamilton confirmed the cracks remain within the parameters defined as acceptable by ROSPA. The issue of damage to legs of the equipment that stand on grass, caused by the grass strimmer, was discussed: CW to seek solutions and check if plastic pipe covers (as has been suggested to CPC) would meet safety requirements.
- 10) Volunteers and Community Spending: Nothing to report.
- 11) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: The council wishes to thank The Ridsdale Community Group and The Gun for their very well organised and well attended Jubilee celebrations. CW to send an official letter. Cllr C. Hamilton was asked to plant a Jubilee Tree and the council were pleased to see the community come together to compile a large time capsule for future generations to enjoy. Cllr C. Hamilton will continue to keep in contact with Forestry England in relation to the planned Corsenside Jubilee Plantation at Fourlaws.
- 12) Wind Power Stations & BANTR: Cllr A. Harding reported that an open day is planned for 16<sup>th</sup> of June, to be held at The Gun, at the drop in event members of the public can learn about past projects that have been funded and how to apply for funding of their own. Refreshments will be provided.
- 13) Parish Hall: Nothing to report.

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- 14) Revitalising Redesdale: Cllr C. Hawman led discussion of the possible locations for the Star Cairn proposed by RR. A position along the Lonnen was agreed to which allows some parking, access by foot from the village, a good view and links with several walking routes promoted by groups within Corsenside. The Council have also agreed to adopt the Cairn after RR disbands, with Revitalising Redesdale providing a fund for major repairs. \*
- 15) West Woodburn First School – School Field: Cllr C. Hamilton articulated that concern is rising over the condition of the grass and weeds in the former field and car park. This matter has been raised with NCC several times with no response to date. CW to continue to push for action. Chris Mowatt has offered to complete the necessary work.
- 16) Planning Matters: a) For decision: i. 22/01630/FUL Twain Cottage Ridsdale Junction to East Woodburn East Woodburn NE48 2SN – The plans were discussed and the council wish to submit a comment of 'No Objection.' ii. 22/01750/FUL Birch Cottage Parkside West Woodburn Northumberland NE48 2RA - The plans were discussed and the council wish to submit a comment of 'No Objection.' b) Decisions - None
- 17) Other correspondence: Northumberland Theatre Company have given a list of available dates, the councillors agreed to request Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for the Wind in the Willows pantomime.
- 18) Finances – a) Invoices for payment – i. Chris Mowatt (10/05) £129.60, ii. Clerk expenses (Padlock) £9.99, iii. Clerk expenses (Paper & Ink) £62.82, iv. Glaston UK (dog waste bin lid) £71.80, v. Great North Air Ambulance £100, vi. N.land Age UK £50, vii. N.land Citizens Advice £50, viii. Clerk Wages (22.25 hours) £246.53, ix. Chris Mowatt (29/05) £129.60. b) *Bank Balance* - £13,300.64. c) *Monies received* – £412.12 VAT, £0.30 expense correction
- 19) Matters for discussion at the chairman's discretion: Cllr J. Fenwick suggested that a newsletter could be beneficial for spreading information about the work of the parish council and local events. All councillors were in favour. CW to research and confirm some logistics to ensure data protection compliance. A provisional plan was formed to send an email newsletter several times a year with printed copies placed in prominent local locations. Cllr A. Harding explained that locals have brought to his attention that there is a lot of dog waste inside the play area, councillors discussed preventing this issue at length. CW to report this to the NCC Animal Welfare officer for cleaning and support to tackle the issue, including additional signage. An increase in dog mess on the Village Green was also noted and the feeling of locals was that the problem was mainly caused by visitors to the area. Previous discussion with the Animal Welfare Officer have confirmed that NCC are willing to issue fines if evidence can be provided of who is responsible. CW to share on Facebook Corsenside Clarion group the details of how to report incidents. Cllr C. Hamilton reported that the road surface of Shaw Lonnen is severely degraded- CW to report to NCC. Cllr C. Hamilton described a discussion with residents about the tyres in a tree on the village green, these were put in place by local children with adult help and are regularly used there is strong feeling from local residents that they should remain in place. Given that the recent tree survey, while it did express concern over their presence, this was an aesthetic concern and did not show that the tyres have caused any damage. Following discussion it has been agreed by the council that they are not removed and the situation be monitored by the ongoing tree surveys.
- 20) Next Meeting: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 7.30pm Corsenside Parish Hall- Supper Room.  
Meeting ended 9.20pm.

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\* Re 14) Cllr C. Hawman to raise how information will be maintained when revitalising redesdale ends.  
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