

MINUTES OF CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: **MARCH 2017.**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cornforth Parish Council held at 7.00pm, in the Community Centre, Cornforth, on Monday 13th March 2017.

Present: Councillor Mr. A. Hodgson and

Councillors: Mr. C. Baker, Mrs. H. P. Drew, Dr. S. C. Drew, Mr. C. Hodgson, Mr. P. Metcalfe, Mrs. S. Neville, Mrs. M. Poole, Mr. R. Poole, Mr. M. Simpson, Mrs. S. Traynor, Mr. R. Vaughan and Mrs. M. Walker.

Apologies: Councillors: Mr. T. Cutmore and Mr. A. Wilson.

1. APOLOGIES.

The above apologies were accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Mr. R. Vaughan declared an interest with regard to a request for financial assistance from Doggie Bulldogs to be taken under item 7.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 23rd January 2017 and 13th February 2017, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising that were not covered on the agenda.

5. POLICE LIAISON

The Vice Chairman reported on the most recent PACT meeting. There had been a marked downturn in incidents. Of the three reported at the Community Centre, the police had interviewed the parents of those involved and signed one to a Community Contract. If broken, the next stage was to issue a Community Safety Order and proceed to a Magistrate's Court. Verdun Terrace and Reading Street would be the priority areas.

The next meeting is planned for 4th May 2017, the election night.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There were no residents attending the meeting or requests to speak on any items on the agenda.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman reported that he had received a request for financial assistance from the Parish Council from "Doggie Bulldogs" for a raffle prize to support a charity match in aid of the Air Ambulance. During this item Councillor R. Vaughan was not present. It was agreed that two £25 ASDA vouchers be given to support the event.

8. AAP ISSUES

The Chairman as an elected member of the AAP Board reported that there would be little action until after the Local Government Elections, although priorities had been set.

9. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

Our County Council representative reported on the following matters:

- i) The findings on the Boundary Commission, on which there was consultation earlier in the year, can now be found on the website DCC2018.org.uk. This issue would need to be discussed at a meeting after the elections.
- ii) The letter to the Chief constable threatening 57 County Councillors was being taken seriously in the light of current events. Investigations were ongoing.

10. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS FROM DURHAM COUNTY'S WEEKLY LISTS.

The Clerk reported that at the time of the despatch of this agenda, which included applications up to and including 6th March 2017, the following applications had been received by Durham County Council which were of interest to Cornforth Parish Council:

- i) DM/17/00441/FPA - Land east of Barncroft, The Green, Cornforth – erection of a dwelling house.
- ii) DM/16/03898/FPA – 11 The Green, Cornforth – Replacement front windows.

The Parish Council resolved to request that the planning conditions attached to an earlier application for the development of land at Barncroft in respect of parking and access be repeated.

The Parish Council noted the following decisions taken by the County Council affecting development within its boundaries:

- i) DM/16/03955 – Mr. M. Valks – 1 Stobbs Cross Road – Single storey side extension to form a garage, with a vehicular access and 1.5 m high pillars and block paved drive. APPROVED
- ii) DM/17/00104/FPA – Mr. A. Blankley - 10 Garmondsway Road – Replacement dwelling. APPROVED.

11. CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE.

A member of the public has asked that this be included on the agenda. It was agreed to defer discussion until after the Local Government Elections.

12. ALLOTMENTS ISSUES.

The Clerk has received confirmation that Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have given up their tenancies. Notice had also been served on Mr. Lee Patterson, who held plot 32. Following discussions between the Clerk and Mr. Parkins the situation had been resolved and no action was required.

It was agreed to try and pursued NWA to clean the culvert, although their recent work had improved the flows.

13. FORTHCOMING ELECTION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS.

The County Council and Parish elections will be held on 4th May 2017. The Clerk has received election packs from Durham County Council and will have them at the meeting for Councillors who wish to stand. Alternatively, they are available from the County Council. It is the responsibility of candidates to complete the forms and ensure their dispatch to the County Council.

14. FINANCIAL REPORTS.

i) SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO 28th FEBRUARY 2017.

Receipts		£	Cheque No.
Insurance and Allotment rent		1,734.00	
Payments			
Stage & Production Co. Ltd.	Pantomime deposit	120.00	798
Heritage NE	Paving at No.16 The Green	670.00	799
Durham County Council	Park inspection costs	805.14	800
Cornforth in Bloom	Insurance	151.00	801
M. Spence Surfacing	Tarmac at The Green	14,544.00	802
R. A. Sunman	Allowances	109.13	803
R. A. Sunman	Salary	666.10	S/O
	Total Expenditure	17,065.37	
	Net Expenditure	15,331.37	

Recommendation: That the schedule be approved.

ii) BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENTS – POSITION AT 28th FEBRUARY 2017.

The bank reconciliation statement was circulated at the meeting and noted.

NOTE: At the close of the meeting Members were asked if they had any items for inclusion on a future agenda. The following items were requested:

- i) The Green – the loose paving at No. 17 and the condition of the recent tarmac work.
- ii) The Memorial Park.
- iii) The continuing poor condition of the Balaclava P.H.

To all Members of the Parish Council.

Yours Sincerely,
Ray Sunman, Parish Clerk: 16th March 2017.

Signed:

Dated: