

## HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21 JULY 2014 AT 7.00PM IN THE W/VILLAGE HALL

- 0593. PRESENT:** Cllr M D Senior, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs D Lillie, S Lynch, A Turnbull and P Taylor  
In attendance: Mrs M Senior, Clerk to the Council
- 0594. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr C Rodgers
- 0595. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr A Turnbull declared a personal and prejudicial interest in any matters relating to Northumbrian Water.
- 0596. MINUTES.** It was proposed by Cllr A Turnbull, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2014 be signed as an accurate record.
- 0597. MATTERS ARISING.**
- a) **INFORMATION LEAFLET.** Minute 0577a refers. A draft revised information leaflet had been circulated to all present and amendments made. Copies will be printed for each household and distributed late August/early September.
  - b) **PLAY AREA.** Minute 0569a refers. It was noted that a sign had been attached to the gate to the football field banning dogs.
- 0598. RESIDENTS** present raised a number of matters and where relevant they are listed together with the actions that will be taken, if required. In due course if necessary, reports will be made back to Council.
- a) **SPEEDING.** After a lengthy discussion on the problems with speeding in the village, it was agreed to contact the local police and ask them to attend the next Parish Council meeting. An email had been received advised of a near accident regarding a tractor and trailer and a local resident. They requested that the Parish Council contact the local farmers asking them to instruct their workers to drive somewhat less recklessly in future. It was agreed to contact the local farmers, Northumbrian Water and the Business Centre offices requesting this.
  - b) **PARKING.** It was noted that 2 cars appeared to be using the layby at the east end of the village as a park and ride. The cars appear to be taking up the whole of the layby preventing occasional users from parking there.
  - c) **CHERRYTREE LANE.** A 'No Through Road' sign was requested for the entrance of Cherrytree Gardens.
  - d) **TRAVELLERS IN WATER LANE.** Several residents attended the meeting to discuss the parking of caravans in Water Lane. This year there had been 26 caravans at one time and the numbers seem to be increasing year on year. Concerns were expressed over the large amount of rubbish that had been left, chemical toilets emptied into the bushes and pony and traps racing through the village. Cllr M D Senior and Mrs Senior had been communicating with Michael Connelly and Graham Handy, NCC over the last week few weeks. Michael Connelly is trying to arrange a meeting with Northumberland Estates, Northumbrian Water, NCC, Police, Parish Council and the local farmers. John Bramwell advised that he had been liaising with Steve Stubbins, Northumberland Estates to suggest some ideas to vastly restrict the areas where the caravans can park. Suggestions had been possible fencing off of areas, avenue of trees, alterations to the entrance of Water Lane to suggest that it is private land and not suitable for camping. The ideas have been put to Northumbrian Water and they await their reply.
  - e) **DOG FOULING.** Signs were requested on the public rights of way around the village. These will be ordered.
- 0599. CORRESPONDENCE.** All correspondence received since the May meeting had been listed on the agenda and most of this correspondence had been circulated by email.
- 0600. NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL PLAN CORE STRATEGY UPDATE.** As a result of the recent release of the 2012 subnational populations the full Draft Plan will not now be considered by the Policy Board on 24 July 2014. Given the importance of the emerging Core Strategy document to the future of Northumberland and to the Council's economic strategy it is important that Officers have the opportunity to fully consider the implication of the latest population projections prior to the publication of the full Draft Plan. A revised timetable is currently being drafted and will be circulated in due course.
- 0601. LOVE NORTHUMBERLAND AWARDS 2014.** Love Northumberland Awards aims to reward community achievement of schools, community and voluntary groups through projects that preserve and enhance the environment. Closing date for application forms is 20 June 2014.
- 0602. FIRST NORTHUMBERLAND TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE.** It was noted that the first parish conference is taking place on 25 September at County Hall, Morpeth. The conference will run twice, in the afternoon and evening, so as to provide an opportunity for more parish councillors to attend. The conference will last for approx 3 hours, beginning at 2.00pm and 6.30pm. The conference will launch the revised Charter, consider joint actions, the development of the relationship and future partnership working. Additional information and details will be sent out nearer the time.
- 0603. SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION TO MARK THE OUTBREAK OF WW1.** A service of commemoration will be held in Hexham Abbey at 4pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014.

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- 0604. VEHICLE LITTER REPORT. Northumberland County Council Vehicle Litter Reporting.** Enforcement officers from Neighbourhood Services are looking at the issue of litter thrown from vehicles which can be a persistent problem in certain locations. NCC have designed a reporting form which contains all of the details required to take the incident further.
- 0605. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME 2015-2016.** The Council is once again invited to submit three priorities to be included in the NCC Local Transport Plan Programme 2015-16. The following priorities were agreed for inclusion:-
- a) Reference 04842 – Request for traffic calming – possible chicane, build out, pinch point or gateway.
  - b) Reference 05293 – Request for H Bars either side of The Hearth car park junction.
  - c) Request for No Through Road Sign at entrance to Cherrytree Gardens. Large lorries and vans are turning into this small cul de sac and are having difficulty turning around.
- 0606. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**
- a) **PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS.** Details of planning decisions and applications as circulated were AGREED by all Councillors.

REFERENCE	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
14/00630/FUL	Welton Town Farm Bungalow, Welton	Side extension to provide granny flat rear kitchen extension and loft conversion with dormer windows to front and rear, solar panels to south facing roof.	Decision awaited
14/01337/FUL	Land to the rear of the Crown and Anchor	Erection of single dwelling and detached garage.	REFUSED
14/01242/FELTPO	Stoneycroft, Horsley	Tree preservation order to fell two sycamores	GRANTED
14/02078/FUL	Tynewood, Wylam	Garage extension	No objection sent.

**0607. FINANCE**

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Cllr D Lillie, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED accounts on the list as circulated be paid.
- b) **ACCOUNTS UP TO 30 JUNE 2014.** It was proposed by Cllr D Lillie, seconded by Cllr P Taylor and AGREED to approve and accept the accounts and budget report for the quarter ended 30 June 2014.

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET OF VAT	VAT	CHEQUE AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO
Mrs A Senior	Clerical Services	333.27		333.27	SO
Fenland Leisure	Play area repairs	39.50	7.90	47.40	000775
HMRC	PAYE	83.40		83.40	000776
Mrs A Senior	Play area inspections	75.00		75.00	000777
Ovingham Joint Burial Committee	Horsley contribution	990.00		990.00	000778
NALC	Subscription 2014/15	79.26		79.26	000779
Playsafety Ltd	Annual play area safety inspection	95.00	19.00	114.00	000780
Fenland Leisure	Play area repairs	89.80	17.96	107.76	000781
C Glew	Grass cutting			500.00	000782

**INCOME RECEIVED**

NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.50	10.06.14
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.46	10.07.14

**0608. VILLAGE ISSUES.**

- a) **Play Area Annual Safety Inspection Report.** Several issues had been identified following the recent annual safety inspection by Playsafety Limited. Councillors inspected the area at the end of the meeting. The following actions were agreed:-
  - Sand pit – Cllr S Lynch to fill the area with soil for planting up. Costs will be obtained to remove the plastic edging and replace with wooden slats to make a seating area.
  - Roundabout and Carousel – The bearings on both pieces of equipment have worn and need replacing. Mrs Senior to contact SMP Playgrounds for repair.
  - Zip Slide – Mrs Senior to replace the seat. Main cable and traveller need to be replaced/retightened. Mrs Senior to contact SMP Playgrounds for repair.
  - Maintenance Gate – This needs to be closed at all times. Unfortunately, the gate no longer closes however this will be attended to and the gate chained up.

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- Litter Bins – problems were being experienced with the bins filling with rain water which is making them difficult to empty. The main litter bin will be replaced. Mrs Senior to obtain costs. The square litter bin will be filled with soil and planted.
- Trim Trail – This is in need of attention due to the wood splitting and chains stretching. Mrs Senior is to contact Northumberland County Council to see if there are any funds available in the S106 Housing Developers Fund for play equipment in Horsley.
- Fencing – the fencing to the rear of 2 South Lea needs to be replaced. Cllr S Lynch to arrange for the repairs.

b) **Bus Shelter.** Thanks were expressed to Cllr S Lynch for painting the bus shelter opposite the Lion and Lamb. A second coat will be applied. It was noted that the bus shelters at High Barns were in need of sweeping out.

### 0609. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES.

a) **Ovingham Joint Burial Committee.** Cllrs A Turnbull and D Lillie had attended the meeting of the Ovingham Joint Burial Committee. Cllr A Turnbull had been elected chairman. Several issues had arisen at the meeting; damaged graves; tree works and none payment of rent by the tenant in the Cemetery Lodge.

b) **East Tynedale Parish and Town Councils Forum.** Cllrs M D Senior and P Taylor had attended the meeting on 14 July 2014. A presentation had been given on fracking. No specific sites had been identified in Northumberland. A request from the Tyne Rivers Trust for volunteers to tackle the invasive species growing along the River Tyne was received. Volunteers are needed to try and eradicate Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogwood. It was noted that Adrian Hinchcliffe had stepped down and chairman of the Forum and Tom Martin had been elected.

0610. **PORTABLE LOOP SYSTEM.** Email received from Hazel Holliday requesting funding for a portable loop system which could be used by several organisations and groups in the village. Mrs Holliday will be asked to look into costs and specification for the Parish Council to consider at the next meeting.

0611. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

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Signed as an accurate record