

## BROOMLEY & STOCKSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in the Community Centre, Stocksfield**

**Present:** Mrs A Dale (as County and Parish Councillor), Mr J Davison, Mr P Duncan,  
Ms M Hunt, Mr M Parker, Mrs K Pollock, Dr P Vickers  
Mrs M Williams, Clerk

**Also Present:** Prof R Thompson, Mr G Young

**Apologies** None

#### **13/57 Declarations of Interest**

As a County Councillor, Mrs Dale declared an interest in discussions on planning applications.

#### **13/58 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**

Dr Vickers proposed, Mr Duncan seconded and it was agreed that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013.

**13/59 Matters Arising** - None

**13/60 Public Participation** - None

#### **13/61 Correspondence**

Correspondence received since the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013 was listed on the Agenda and was noted.

#### **13/62 Finance**

*Expenditure for September* – Mrs Dale proposed and Mr Parker seconded and it was agreed that the expenditure for September be approved.

#### **13/63 Co-option of Parish Councillors**

(Prof Thompson left the meeting)

Applications to be co-opted as Parish Councillors had been received from:

Ms C Jonas      Dr M Mansour      Mr J Roy      Prof. R Thompson

The applications were discussed and Mrs Pollock proposed, Mr Duncan seconded and it was agreed that all four applicants should be co-opted to the Parish Council.

Prof Thompson returned to the meeting and was advised that he had been co-opted to the Parish Council.

#### **13/64 Community Development**

##### ***Stocksfield Community Association Trading Arm (SCATA)***

Mr Duncan up-dated the Council on the latest situation with regard to SCATA's plans for housing at Guessburn and Branch End. He advised that the plans for the development at Guessburn had been approved at the most recent meeting of the County Council's West Area Planning Committee. The proposal for the toilet block at Branch End had been approved in principle under delegated powers, but was awaiting a signature on the S106 agreement before the final approval could be released. The schemes have gone out to tender and it is hoped that work will start on both sites in late November/early December. There is still a difficulty to be resolved with the Tennis Club. Mr K Woods has resigned from the board of SCATA and has been replaced by Mr S Braysher.

**The Parish Council will need to recommend another representative to the SCATA Board in due course.**

SCATA representatives had visited Glendale Gateway Scheme in Wooler to see how they operate.

##### ***Housing Needs Survey***

Mr Duncan gave a verbal report on some of the initial findings. He said that the response from residents has been excellent and that a full presentation would be made to the next Parish Council meeting and a report placed on the website.

It was agreed that this had been a useful exercise. It was noted that the County Council would like to see the results.

It was agreed that Eljay Research should give a short presentation on the results of the survey at the November meeting of the Parish Council. A full report of the survey would follow in due course.

##### ***Parish Plan Activities***

Ms Hunt gave the background on the recent meeting and on her discussions with Branch End Surgery. It was agreed that the first event would be a Carers' Information Event. The Surgery is very supportive of the

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idea and a further planning meeting is to be held. Any suggestions or ideas, please contact Ms Hunt. There had been no contact from the Regional Patients' Forum. Prof Thompson suggested that the National Health Service (NHS) publication entitled "Building a Caring Future" might be helpful in this context.

### **Energy Saving Group**

An article is to be published in the next edition of NE43 News and a meeting has been arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

### **Stocksfield Festival**

It was agreed to underwrite the recent event by £500.

### **13/65 Advisory Groups and Council Representatives**

#### **a. Consultations**

**Northumberland County Council (NCC) Local Plan: Core Strategy Preferred Options** - notification had been received of "drop-in" events to be held in Hexham and Prudhoe. East Tynedale Forum is to meet with representatives of the County Council on 25<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the Local Plan. It was agreed that it was important that the Parish Council respond to the consultation when the documents are published.

**Free Parking in Hexham** – It was agreed to refer this matter to the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Advisory Group.

#### **b. Finance & General Purposes Advisory Group**

The notes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September had been circulated and the recommendations were noted and endorsed.

**Seat and Litter Bin at Branch End** – It was agreed that the seat be relocated to Branch End Play Area. It was agreed that for the time being the litter bin is left where it is with a view to making a decision at a later date.

The recommendations on the following planning applications were endorsed:

13/02608/FUL	Ashmount, Birches Nook Road	<b>No objections</b>
13/02536/OHL	Re-build of 300 m of 20KV overhead line with 50mm AAAC, Land North West of Kipperlynn	<b>No objections</b>
13/02507/FUL	Re-construction of porch/outhouse West Farm, Broomley	<b>No objections</b>
13/02385/TPO	Tree Preservation Order 33 Meadowfield Road (further details awaited [3/09/13])	

There was not enough information available at present to comment on this application.

### **Risk Assessment**

The Risk Assessment documentation had been circulated. The recommendation that there should be no changes to the documentation and that the Assessment should be reviewed in October/November 2014 was endorsed.

### **Insurance**

A communication had been received from Came & Co regarding the insurance premium. The company had offered to reduce the premium from £3238.28 p.a. to £3076.37 p.a. if the Parish Council agrees to take out a further Long Term Agreement until 2016. The company needs to be advised by 30<sup>th</sup> September. The recommendation to take up this offer was endorsed.

**Local Transport Programme** – The response to the Local Transport Programme was endorsed.

### **Grant Aid**

Requests for support had been received from:

The Methodist Church Coffee Club – it was agreed to make a grant of £100

Tynedale Hospice at Home – Ms Hunt proposed and it was agreed to make a grant of £100

### **Induction meeting for new Councillors**

It was agreed to postpone the induction meeting for new councillors, planned for 21<sup>st</sup> October, until January 2014.

#### **c. Planning Advisory Group**

13/02817/LBC/

13/02816/FUL

South Cottage, Broomley

Listed Building Consent - demolition of modern extension, alterations and extension to cottage and outbuilding

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Mr Parker proposed, Mr Davison seconded and it was agreed that there were no objections to this proposal.

**13/02993/FUL 30 Painshawfield Road**  
Single storey rear extension to kitchen

It was agreed to refer this application to the October meeting of the Combined Planning & Finance & General Purposes Advisory Groups.

### **Hoodsclouse Surface Mine**

The most recent up-date from the Whittonstall Action Group (WAG) had been circulated. It was noted that there were concerns about the funding of reclamation and rehabilitation work. It was also noted that a Dust Report was available on the County website. It is expected that this application will be debated by the County Council Planning Committee at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November. WAG hope that this meeting will be attended by concerned residents.

### **SCA, Prudhoe**

Notification had been received from concerned residents of Ovingham that a variation on an earlier approved planning application had been advertised. As far as residents and councillors are aware no formal notification of this application had been received. Ms Hunt gave the background to the application and the variation. It was agreed that it was probable that the "plume" from the proposed chimney would be "clean". It was agreed to take no action as a result of this matter being brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

### **d. Transport & Highways Advisory Group**

#### ***Prudhoe Transport Group***

A paper on the proceedings of the meeting of the Prudhoe Transport Group had been circulated. It was noted that the transport companies would prefer to liaise with one body (East Tynedale Town and Parish Councils Forum) rather than several. It was reported that Mr A Hinchcliffe of the East Tynedale Forum was in touch with members of the Group.

#### ***Speed of Traffic on the A695***

Mrs Dale, as a County Councillor, advised that action was being taken and that more inter-active traffic signs were being installed. Prof Thompson suggested that one problem was the number of cars parked outside Mickley First School. Mrs Dale is to keep the Parish Council informed of progress.

#### ***B6309***

Concerns had been raised again with regard to the speed of traffic through Hindley. It was suggested that the driving through this area was "appalling". It was suggested that speed cameras might be used.

***Changes to Bus Services*** – It was agreed to make no comment on the Nexus proposals.

***Pavement on South side of A695 (opposite Whitelaw's Butchers)*** – As a County Councillor, Mrs Dale is looking into whether improvements can be made to this stretch of pavement.

***Improvements to pavement on A695*** – As a County Councillor, Mrs Dale is looking into improvements to the footpath along the A695 between Stocksfield Station and the A68 roundabout.

She advised that both issues had been added to the list of potential projects to be included in the County Council' Local Transport Programme

### **e. Children & Young People's Facilities Advisory Group**

***Regeneration Group*** – an article is to be included in the next edition of NE43 News.

***Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Inspections*** – *Branch End Play and Guessburn Play Areas*. Nothing in the report has been identified as "high risk". The action to be taken has been identified. Ms Hunt and Mrs Dale are confident that the issues have been addressed.

**(Suspension of standing orders – Mrs Dale proposed and Mr Parker seconded and it was agreed that Standing Orders should be suspended and the meeting should continue after 9.30pm)**

### **f. Communications Advisory Group**

The Clerk is to up-date the website in due course.

### **g. Sports Facilities Advisory Group**

The next meeting of the Sportsfield Management Group is on 28<sup>th</sup> October. Among the issues to be discussed is control of the rabbit population. It was reported that the Football Club are to hold a fund raising event for the car park extension.

### **h. Rights of Way & Environment Advisory Group**

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The Rights of Way & Environment Group had met on 30<sup>th</sup> September – notes of the meeting had not yet been received.

It was reported that the health of the Stocksfield Burn was good.

### **13/66 Council Representatives**

Meetings were listed on the agenda.

#### ***East Tynedale Town and Parish Councils Forum***

Ms Hunt had attended the most recent meeting, and reported that Guy Opperman MP's Prioritisation Exercise for East Tynedale had been reported on by his representative Ms Yvonne Probert. Ms Probert is looking at recent Parish Plans and drawing up a list of major issues. She had reported that a lot of Parish Councils had concerns about green belt development and other planning issues. It was felt that her research could produce a list of national issues affecting local issues which can then be put to the MP. It was felt that this might in the end prove to be a useful exercise.

**West Area Committee** – Ms Hunt felt that this was a useful meeting to attend. Ms Hunt cannot attend as she has a previous engagement. Mrs Dale will attend both as a County Councillor and a Parish Councillor.

### **13/67 Any Other Business**

Prof Thompson raised concerns about the traffic on the A69. He said that travelling on this highway was becoming a "nightmare" and that accidents were a regular occurrence.

**13/56 Date of next meeting**

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.