

BROOMLEY & STOCKSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 2nd June 2014 in the Community Centre, Stocksfield

Present: Ms M Hunt (in the Chair), Mrs A Dale (also present as a County Councillor),
Mr J Davison, , Dr M Mansour, Mr M Parker, Mrs K Pollock, Mr J Roy,
Prof. R Thompson, Dr P Vickers,
Mrs M Williams, Clerk to the Council

Also Present: Mr D Parke
Ms A Wheeler and her colleague from the North East Ambulance Service
Mrs K Moore, Hexham Courant

Apologies Mr P Duncan, Mr G Young

14/20 Declarations of Interest

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

14/21 North East Ambulance Service, Ms A Wheeler - Defibrillator

Ms Hunt welcomed Ms Wheeler and her colleague to the meeting and said that the Parish Council was considering the purchase of a Defibrillator and was anxious to find out more about the equipment.

Ms Wheeler introduced herself and her colleague. She explained that a defibrillator cannot be used if the heart does not require shocking. It comes with easy to follow spoken instructions but that it is useful for potential users to be familiar with the equipment. Ideally defibrillators should be located within 4/5 minutes of potential users.

Should someone collapse with a potential heart problem there are three main courses of action

- Dial 999 – the service will then advise where the nearest defibrillator is and supply the code to access it.
- Start CPR immediately and continue until the professionals arrive
- Use the defibrillator according to the instructions

Ms Wheeler then asked for a volunteer (Mrs Dale) and demonstrated the equipment.

She said it was important to have spare pads and hygiene kits and that the pads lasted about 2/3 years. The batteries also need to be maintained and last around 4 years.

She advised that there are two charities in the North East which assist in the supply and funding of equipment.

Ms Hunt thanked Ms Wheeler and her colleague for coming to the Parish Council and said that her demonstration and the information she had given would greatly help in deciding whether or not to purchase a defibrillator.

14/22 Public Participation

Mr Parke said that the many of the roads and pavements in the Parish were in a poor condition.

Mr Parker asked if Highways could notify residents when the road sweeper was to be in the area so that cars could be moved and the roads swept properly.

14/23 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th April, 2014

Dr Vickers proposed and Mr Roy seconded and it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2014 were a true record of the meeting.

14/24 Matters Arising

Hexham Bus Station – the consultation process had yet to be finalised.

Superfast Broadband – Dr Vickers advised that this was not expected to be available in Stocksfield now until August. He said that there was a problem with the fibre spine between Hexham and Prudhoe.

County Energy Policy – It was agreed to write to the County Council regarding the development of an overarching energy strategy. It was stressed that house-builders need to be encouraged to build energy efficient houses. It was agreed that there needs to be a basic plan on energy security and that the provision of hydro electricity should be included in any plan.

Casual Vacancy for a Parish Councillor – It was noted that the vacancy has to be advertised and that the process was now in place.

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14/25 Correspondence

Correspondence received since the meeting of 12th May was listed on the agenda and was noted

A recent issue of NALC DIS Extra was highlighted as it contained interesting articles with particular reference to planning issues. It was stressed that the supply of housing figures were based on local not regional information.

14/26 Finance

Mr Davison asked why the Burial Board was being made a grant of £900. It was explained that this support had been given for at least the last 40 years and that if the Parish Council had to fund the costs of a burial ground these would be much greater.

Mr Parker commented that he understood that the reduction in the grant to Stocksfield Community Association had not been well-received. Ms Hunt advised that she is to meet with representatives of the Community Association to discuss this issue.

April/May Expenditure

Mr Davison proposed and Mrs Dale seconded and it was agreed that the Accounts and Income and Expenditure for April/May be accepted.

Approval of the Annual Return to the External Auditors – The revised figures were noted and Dr Vickers proposed and Mr Roy seconded and it was agreed to approve and adopt the return.

14/27 Community Development

SCATA – Councillors were advised that at the July meeting of the Parish Council, SCATA would give a presentation on their proposals for future projects.

With regard to the development of Branch End Toilets and Guessburn, the Parish Council and other participants have been advised that documents will be available for signature very shortly.

Flood Planning – The project is now complete and the remaining items to be concluded are:

- Siting of the bins

- Ordering the sandbags

- Posting the final plan on the website

- Circulating the summary of the plan to residents of Guessburn and others as appropriate

Carers Information Card – This is in the final stages of checking.

Provision of new Burial Ground – Mrs Dale advised that she is to arrange a meeting with the Vicar.

Provision of a Defibrillator – It was agreed that the Parish Council should provide a defibrillator and that agreement should be sought from the Cricket Club to ensure that it can be located on the club house. It was also suggested that the Golf Club might also be asked to provide a defibrillator – Prof Thompson offered to speak to the Golf Club about this.

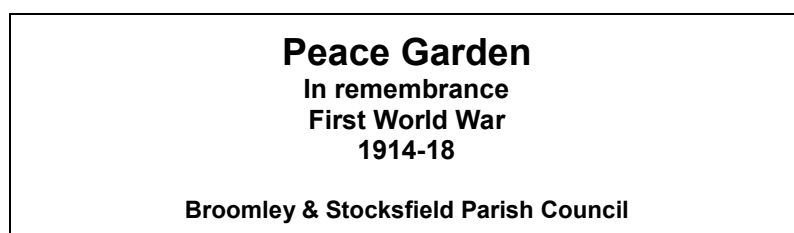
It was suggested that the Cricket Club might be asked to raise some funds towards the cost. Mrs Dale suggested that as a County Councillor she might be able to source funds.

Dr Vickers suggested that if one of the suggested charities were to provide help towards the cost then the Parish Council should just go ahead and purchase one - this was agreed.

It was agreed to ask the Ambulance Service to provide some training at the Fun Run on 14th September.

Memorial Garden – The area selected for the garden has been measured and weed killer applied. One dozen Peace Hybrid T Roses have been ordered. Mr Verheyden is to work with Mr Stewart on the construction of the garden and a suitable bronze, brass or slate plaque will be put in place.

It is suggested that the wording on the plaque might read:



The plaque to be edged with red poppies.

It was agreed to ask 2BGraphics to come up with a suitable design and suggested materials and costs?

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It was further agreed that there should be an official dedication sometime in September and that refreshments would be laid on at the Baptist Church Hall with children from Broomley School being involved and a contingent from 39 Regiment at Albemarle being asked to attend.

Solar Panels

It was agreed to write to the relevant landlords suggesting that they might consider providing solar panels on their properties in Stocksfield – particularly, Graham House, Ford Rise and Ladywell. It was agreed to check with SCATA as to the energy efficiency of the properties being built at Guesburn and the Branch End Toilet site.

14/28 Consultations

Local Bus Services – 613

Notification had been received from the County Council regarding local bus service subsidies and provision. In our area the 613 Tuesday bus service through New Ridley to Hexham is under threat. It was agreed that the issue was potential passengers getting from Whittonstall and New Ridley to Branch End. Mrs Dale is to attend a meeting with the county Council on 4th June and also to discuss the options with county officers and potential service providers.

[Suspension of Standing Orders – Mr Davison proposed and Mr Roy seconded and it was agreed that Standing Orders should be suspended and the meeting should continue beyond 9.30 p.m.]

14/29 Advisory Groups & Representatives

Advisory Groups Membership

The membership of the Advisory Groups, as discussed and agreed at the meeting on 12th May, had been circulated and was noted and accepted.

a) General Governance Advisory Group

The planned meeting of the Group for 19th May was cancelled.

Grants – in order that the Grant budget should not be overspent it was agreed that the grant to the Scouts for £500 should be taken from “Youth Development”. The Clerk will make the appropriate changes to the records.

Transport & Highways –

B6309 through Hindley – Mrs Dale advised that, as a County Councillor, she has this matter in hand and that a hoped for solution is currently going through the County System.

Children & Young People’s Facilities

Mrs Dale is arranging a meeting for the Regeneration Group.

Drainage of Kate’s Plain – A report from Allendale Estates is still awaited.

Communications

NE43 News - Members of the Parish Council are asked to help distribute the current issue.

Website – The Clerk continues to up-date this.

Rights of Way & Environment Advisory Group

Mrs Dale, as a County Councillor, offered to look into the problem of leaf mould on the Estate paths.

Mr Roy advised that the Group is currently in talks with Prudhoe Pathforce regarding the production of a joint walks leaflet.

b) Planning Advisory Group

The response to the following planning application was endorsed.

Ref. No: 14/01424/FUL and 14/01425/LBC

Date: 16/05/14

Address: South Cottage, Broomley

Description: Listed Building Consent:

Demolition of modern extension, alterations & extensions to cottage & outbuilding

No objections

Hoodsclouse Surface Mine – It was noted that the Whittonstall Action Group is currently meeting every week. It is expected that the County Planning Committee will meet to discuss this application sometime in June – probably 19th – the Group expects that this will be a one-topic meeting and hopes that it will be held in Hexham rather than Morpeth. It is not known how many members of the public might attend. Checks are currently being undertaken as to whether County Highways carried out a full report on the application. There are concerns about the level of traffic to and from the site. It was felt that the Parish Council should be

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represented at the Planning Meeting. Mrs Dale advised that she would be speaking. Mr Roy volunteered to attend.

Mickley Wind Turbine – notification had been received that this application had been sent to Appeal. It was noted that the Council could not change its views on the original application but following a wide-ranging discussion it was agreed to write to the Planning Inspectorate re-iterating the concerns raised in the original response to the application and stressing the point that a Government Advisor had recently said that the UK had too many windfarms.

New Ridley Development – no notification had been received as to when this application was likely to be heard.

c) **Sports Facilities Advisory Group** - The next meeting of the group is on 30th June at 7.00 p.m. A request had been received from an individual who wishes to start a Bootcamp at the Sportsfields. However, it is believed that there is already an existing Bootcamp. Both issues need to be discussed by the Sportsfield Management Group.

14/17 Council Representatives

Northumberland County Council, West Area Committee – the next meeting is on 10th June in Ponteland.

The next meeting of the West Area Planning Committee is 18th June.

East Tynedale Town and Parish Councils Forum – the next meeting is on 14th July in Newton. Mrs Dale advised that she would attend.

14/18 Any Other Business - none

14/19 Date of next meeting

7th July - 7.30 p.m. Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.