

Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 June 2016 at Stocksfield Community Centre

Present: Ms M Hunt (Chair), Mr J Davison (part of meeting), Mrs J Furniss, Mr P Newman, Mr D Parke, Mr M Parker, Mrs K Pollock, Professor R Thompson, Dr P Vickers.

Mr N Spencer (Clerk to the Council)

Apologies: Mrs J Robson, Mr J Roy

Also present: Mrs A Dale (County Councillor), Mrs D Pattison (resident)

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those present.

16/70 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made: Chair, Dr Vickers, Mr Parker - Stocksfield Community Association; Mrs Pollock – Stocksfield Cricket Club. Mrs Dale – planning application Apperley Dene.

16/71 Public Participation

Grass cutting at Kate's Plain Play Area

Mrs Pattison questioned who is responsible for grass cutting at Kate's Plain as the area around the equipment had not been cut. The Clerk said that it is the Parish Council's responsibility but that Northumberland County Council (NCC) is paid to undertake the work. He AGREED to look at the problem and take action as appropriate.

Action: Clerk

Stocksfield Community Woodland

Mrs Pattison said that she is in discussions with Allendale Estates in connection with the grass cutting at the community woodland and the subsequent damage that is occurring to flora. Allendale Estates have said that their obligations expired sometime ago and it is likely that grass cutting will reduce to an annual cut. The Chair said the Council is keen to work collaboratively with Allendale Estates to protect and preserve the environment. As a member of the Rights of Way and Environment Advisory Group, Mr Newman AGREED, pending work commitments, to meet with Mrs Pattison and staff from Allendale Estates to assess the situation.

Action: Mr Newman

Car Parking at Branch End

A resident had asked if the Council is actively pursuing the establishment of parking restrictions outside the chemist and post office at Branch End. The resident had been advised to consult NCC but had also asked for the matter to be raised at this meeting. Mrs Dale said she is liaising with the resident and NCC. Members AGREED that no further action should be taken by the Parish Council.

DISCHARGED

16/72 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 May 2016

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2016 were a true and accurate record (proposed Dr Vickers, seconded Prof Thompson).

16/73 Matters Arising

(a) New Ridley Gateways

Mrs Dale reported that the gateways are on the list for installation by NCC but the date is not known.

(b) Birches Nook Cottages

Mrs Dale said that she has a report from Northumbrian Water which cannot be discussed at this meeting due to data protection issues. A meeting is to be arranged with Ms Hawes, and Mrs Dale AGREED to update members further once that meeting has occurred. **Action: Mrs Dale**

(c) A695 east of junction with Guessburn

Mrs Dale reported that all roads are regularly inspected and that defects are rectified.

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16/74 County Councillor Update

Mrs Dale said she has arranged for the pavements and gutters in Winston Way to be cleaned and the pavements in Cade Hill Road to be assessed. After a question from Mr Parke, she added that enhanced broadband is due to be installed in New Ridley in 2017. A meeting of the Tyne Rivers Trust had been held with a view to developing a co-ordinated approach to managing issues such as the control of invasive species, but there is no funding for the river east of Hexham.

16/75 Finance

a) Approval of May Payments

It was AGREED that the payments for May be approved as detailed in the previously circulated schedule (proposed Dr Vickers, seconded Mr Parke) and the summary of receipts and payments was noted.

b) Northumberland Association of Local Councils – Annual Subscription

The Chair described the functions of the Northumberland Association of Local Councils, the services that are accessible through it and the revised formula that determines a council's subscription. After discussion it was AGREED (proposed Chair, seconded Mrs Pollock) to renew the subscription for 2016/17 at a cost of £540.98.

16/76 Consultations – Branch End Terrace

NCC and Royal Mail have evidence that at least some of the residents of Branch End Terrace refer to it as Branch Terrace. Although members had not heard such use, it was AGREED that NCC should, if it considered it necessary, consult with residents about the name and take any appropriate action.

Action: Clerk DISCHARGED

8.12pm Mr Davison joined the meeting

16/77 Advisory Groups

a) General Governance Advisory Group (GGAG)

i) Notes of GGAG meeting 23/05/16

Members noted the previously circulated notes.

ii) 20 mph speed limit at Broomley First School

The Chair reminded members of NCC's intention to impose a 20mph speed limit outside every school in Northumberland. The limit is likely to apply on the A695 from the entrance to Hall Farm Close to the entrance to Merryshields Farm for 90 minutes at the beginning and end of each school day. There is the opportunity to expand the area of the 20mph limit. An article will appear in the next NE43 News seeking residents' views, which the Parish Council will consider in determining its position. Additionally Mrs Dale is to arrange for a safety management exercise in the area. Members noted the position.

iii) Renewal of office lease

The Council's office lease is due for renewal at the end of August 2016 and Stocksfield Community Association has proposed an increase in annual rent to £1,700 and a renewal for a further five year period with otherwise unchanged conditions. After discussion it was AGREED (proposed Mr Parke, seconded Prof Thompson) to renew the lease on the terms invited.

Action: Clerk DISCHARGED

iv) Additional bus shelters – A695

The Chair said that all bus stops on the A695 within Stocksfield were served by appropriate shelters with the exception of the bus stops on the eastbound A695 at Hall Farm Close and opposite Birches Nook Road. After discussion it was AGREED

- to purchase and install bus shelters at the two locations identified at a cost in the region of £4,000 each, subject to relevant permission from NCC
- that the windows of the shelters should include the Council's name
- that the shelters should be installed in consecutive financial years

Action: Clerk DISCHARGED

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v) Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct

Members of the GGAG had previously considered the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct and after discussion it was AGREED to approve them unamended and to undertake a review in June 2017: **Action: Clerk DISCHARGED**

vi) Renewal of subscriptions

After discussion it was AGREED to renew the subscriptions as detailed below:

- Clerks and Councils Direct £12
- Northumberland and Newcastle Society £25

Action: Clerk DISCHARGED

b) Planning Advisory Group (PAG)

i) Planning Report

Mrs Dale withdrew from the meeting. Members noted the contents of the planning schedule and endorsed the PAG decisions as follows:

16/01574/FUL Windy Ridge New Ridley	Construction of 2 storey rear extension to provide kitchen dining at ground floor and 1 bedroom on first floor	No comment
16/01671/FUL Brooklands 7 Painshawfield Rd	Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension	No comment
16/00903/OUT Apperley Dene Lead Road	Outline application for creation of one dwelling	See text in minutes below – item (ii)
16/01794/FELTPO 74 Birkdene	Fell one oak tree	No comment

ii) Apperley Dene, Lead Road

Mr Parker explained the planning application for outline permission for a single three bedroom dwelling within the grounds of the house at the above location. After discussion it was AGREED to object to the application as an inappropriate development within the Green Belt and the Clerk will reply to NCC accordingly in consultation with Mr Parker. **Action: Clerk**

Mrs Dale rejoined the meeting.

16/78 Parish Council Representatives

Joint Area Committee and Town/Parish Council Meeting

The Chair reported attending this meeting with the Clerk. Further information was made available about the replacement of street lighting for an article in NE43 News which will inform the Council's response to a consultation and NCC has undertaken to clear the surfaces of pavements in the village over the next winter.

East Tynedale Parish and Town Councils Forum

The Chair reminded members that she is unable to attend the next meeting of this group on 13 July 2016 and asked anyone who is prepared to attend in her place to contact her.

16/79 Any Other Urgent Business

There was no other business.

16/80 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4 July 2016

16/81 Broomley and Stocksfield Play and Regeneration Group

This item was deferred to a subsequent date.

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.