

# Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4 December 2017 at Stocksfield Community Centre

**Present:** Ms M Hunt (Chair), Mrs J Furniss, Mr C Liddle, Mr M Parker, Mrs J Robson, Professor R Thompson, Dr P Vickers.

Mr N Spencer (Clerk to the Council).

**Apologies:** Mr D Parke.

**Also present:** Mrs A Dale (County Councillor), Mrs H Rae and Ms A Hawes (residents)

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

### **17/130 Declarations of Interest**

The Clerk declared an interest in the planning item relating to Walnut Cottage.

### **17/131 Public Participation**

#### *Birches Nook Cottages*

Ms Hawes reported that a site meeting is yet to take place. She agreed to provide a number of suitable dates to Mrs Dale for April and May 2018 and to report further to the Council in due course.

#### *Fireworks in Stocksfield*

Dr Vickers reported that the excessive noise generated by private fireworks had caused significant debate on social media and, as a result, three emails of complaint had been received by the Clerk. Whilst members expressed some sympathy, the Council has no powers to control fireworks and primary legislation already regulates their purchase and use. Further to discussions at an earlier Council meeting (minute 17/99 refers), the Clerk was asked to continue consultations with Stocksfield Cricket Club to investigate whether an existing local organisation is willing to arrange a fireworks display in 2019 at the Bywell Showground.

**Action: Clerk**

### **17/132 County Councillor Update**

Mrs Dale said that Arch is to be dissolved and she has concerns about whether the company has taken any financial advice. Prof Thompson reported that the drains on Cadehill Road are blocked with leaves.

### **17/133 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2017**

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2017 were a true and accurate record (proposed Dr Vickers, seconded Mrs Furniss).

### **17/134 Matters Arising**

#### ***Seat at New Ridley***

The Chair reminded members of discussions at the last meeting and after discussion it was AGREED (proposed Dr Vickers, seconded Mr Parker) to remove the existing seat from the gateways at the south west entrance to New Ridley and to purchase and install a new 'Countryside' seat on the southeast of Lead Road between the lay by and the junction with the road to Apperley Farm. The Clerk was asked to agree a specific location with Northumberland County Council.

**Action: Clerk**

### **17/135 Finance**

#### ***a) Approval of November Payments***

It was AGREED that the payments for November be approved as detailed in the previously circulated schedule (proposed Mr Prof Thompson, seconded Mrs Furniss) and the summary of receipts and payments was noted.

#### ***b) Budget monitoring to 30 November 2017***

Members noted the budget monitoring report.

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## **c) Interim internal audit 2017/18**

Members received the interim report of the internal auditor. There were no issues to report.

## **17/136 Parish Council Representatives**

### *Reception/Rest Centre Training 18/10/17*

Mr Parker reported that he and Mrs C Armstrong (flood warden) had attended a training session run by NCC which allows them to open and operate a reception/rest centre in the event of a flood or other emergency.

### *Flood Forum 01/12/17*

Mr Parker had attended the above meeting which had concentrated on other areas of the Tyne valley where the flood risk is high. An increased level of partnership working was evident which will allow a better co-ordinated response to issues.

## **17/137 Advisory Groups**

### **a) General Governance Advisory Group (GGAG)**

#### *i) Notes of GGAG meeting 20/11/17*

Members noted the previously circulated notes.

#### *ii) Donation request:*

After discussion it was AGREED (proposed Mrs Furniss, seconded Chair) to award donations as follows: Community Action Northumberland £100, Core Music £100, Sport Tynedale £100, all under Sec 137 Local Government Act 1972.

It was also AGREED that the Clerk would liaise with the local group Dementia Friends and to authorise the Clerk to incur expenditure up to £100 in connection with the group's proposed room booking at the Community Centre and their work to produce an information leaflet.

**Action: Clerk**

### **b) Planning Advisory Group (PAG)**

Mr Parker said that the application for a new dwelling at Apperley Dene House (17/02417/FUL) which was due to be considered at NCC's most recent planning committee had been withdrawn from the agenda. Members noted the use of delegated authority as tabled below and, after discussion, AGREED to make no comment in respect of application 17/04207/FUL.

<b>17/04163/FUL</b> <b>65 Guessburn</b>	Construction of two storey rear extension and porch.	No comment Note use of delegated authority
<b>17/04207/FUL</b> <b>Walnut Cottage</b> <b>New Ridley</b>	Demolition of existing conservatory and porch to rear and construction of new two storey rear extension	No comment

## **17/138 Any other business**

### *Letters of thanks*

The Chair reported that letters of thanks in respect of donations previously agreed had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance and Tynedale Hospice.

### *Sling Rotator – Branch End Play Area*

The Clerk reported that the top of the equipment has been removed as a precautionary measure and a new bearing is to be installed in the near future.

## **17/139 Date of next meeting**

Monday 8 January 2018

Members resolved under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to exclude members of the press and public in order to consider the following item:

## **17/140 Co-option of Parish Councillor**

After discussion members AGREED to co-opt Mrs H Rae as a Parish Councillor.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance, wished everyone a Happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 8.44pm.