

Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5 June 2017 at Stocksfield Community Centre

Present: Ms M Hunt (Chair), Mrs J Furniss, Mr C Liddle, Mr M Parker.

Mr N Spencer (Clerk to the Council).

Apologies: Mr D Parke, Mrs K Pollock, Mrs J Robson, Professor R Thompson, Dr P Vickers.

Also present: Mrs A Dale (County Councillor)

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

17/71 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17/72 Public Participation

Footpath no 015, rear of Guessburn near A695

Mr Parker reported that the above mentioned footpath is overgrown with nettles. The Clerk AGREED to ask the Groundsman to deal with the matter.

Action: Clerk

17/73 County Councillor Update

Mrs Dale said that there has been a change of administration with the result that Northumberland County Council's (NCC) headquarters will not now be relocated. The Chair raised the proposals in respect of Tynedale Community Learning Trust and various concerns were expressed by those present. Mrs Dale said that a further consultation by NCC would be undertaken in due course.

17/74 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 May 2017

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2017 were a true and accurate record (proposed Mr Liddle, seconded Mr Parker).

17/75 Matters Arising

a) Advisory Groups: Review of Roles and Membership

The Chair said that in view of the absence of a number of councillors it would not be possible to discharge this item however as a result of conversations she confirmed the General Governance Advisory Group now consisted of the Chair, Mrs Furniss, Mr Parke and Mrs Pollock. Mr Liddle was appointed to the Communications Advisory Group and the remaining issues were deferred to the next meeting

Action: Clerk

b) Branch End Play Area – report of working group

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting, Sutcliffe Play had confirmed the details of the quote as provided and have undertaken to complete the installation prior to 21 July 2017. An order has been placed accordingly.

DISCHARGED

c) Damage at Kate's Plain

The Clerk reported that the initial police response had attended the wrong location and the police have apologised for the error. Further damage has been caused to fence posts and the police have promised to provide additional attention to the area in the coming weeks.

DISCHARGED

d) Intruder Alarm

The Clerk reported that Stocksfield Community Association has approved the installation of an intruder alarm in the Parish Council office.

Action: Clerk DISCHARGED

17/76 Finance

Approval of May Payments

The Clerk circulated a revised schedule of payments and it was AGREED that the payments for May be approved as detailed in the revised schedule (proposed Mrs Furniss, seconded Mr Liddle) and the summary of receipts and payments was noted.

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17/77 Parish Council Representatives

There were no representative meetings.

17/78 Advisory Groups

a) General Governance Advisory Group (GGAG)

i) Notes of GGAG meeting 22/05/17

Members noted the previously circulated notes.

ii) Litter and dog bin provision

Members considered a request to site an additional dog waste bin on Painshawfield Road near the entrance to Baliol Road. After discussion it was AGREED not to provide an additional bin because sufficient litter and dog waste bins were already provided near that location.

DISCHARGED

iii) Subscriptions

Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC)

Members question the added value provided by membership of NALC and the affiliation to the national body. After discussion it was AGREED to renew the annual subscription and, over the next year, to keep under review the contribution made to the work of the Parish Council by Northumberland and the National ALCs, with particular attention to value for money. It was also AGREED to invite the Chief Officer of NALC to provide a future meeting of the Parish Council with information about the role played by NALC.

Action: Clerk DISCHARGED

Clerks and Councils Direct

It was AGREED to renew the subscription to Clerks and Councils Direct. The Clerk was asked to make available at Parish Council meetings the magazines and other publications received for the information of councillors.

Action: Clerk DISCHARGED

b) Planning Advisory Group (PAG)

i) Planning report

Members noted the previously circulated planning report and the delegated powers used as outlined below.

17/01683/FUL Scargill 44 Cade Hill Road	Demolition of utility, kitchen and garage. Construction of replacement garages and single storey extensions to north, west and south.	No comment
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ii) 17/01665/FUL Stone House, New Ridley – Proposed new dwelling

Mr Parker outlined the application for a new dwelling at the above location. The property is set within the Green Belt and the Council is generally opposed to such development. Mr Parker compared the detail of this application with that of another previous application for a new dwelling, also within New Ridley which was ultimately determined in favour of the applicant, despite objections from the Council. Mr Parker noted that objections have already been recorded by adjacent landowners but added that there is a presumption in favour of development in sustainable developments and limited infill within the Green Belt is permissible. After discussion it was AGREED to make no comment in relation to the application.

17/79 Any other urgent business

Sports Fields Car Park

Members noted that NCC has approved the Council's application for the overspill car park at the above location and the matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

17/80 Date of next meeting

Monday 3 July 2017

The Chair thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.49pm.