

# Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4 June 2018 at Stocksfield Community Centre

**Present:** Ms M Hunt (Chair), Mrs J Furniss, Mr C Liddle, Mr D Parke, Mr M Parker, Mrs H Rae, Professor R Thompson, Dr P Vickers  
Mr N Spencer (Clerk to the Council).

**Also Present:** Mrs A Dale (County Councillor)

**Apologies:** Mrs J Robson.

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

### **18/6/69 Declarations of Interest**

Mr Parker – planning application 18/01673/FUL, Dr Vickers – Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership.

### **18/6/70 Public Participation**

There were no items of public participation.

### **18/6/71 County Councillor update**

Mrs Dale said that the subsidence adjacent to the A695 at Burnside was subject to enforcement activity and the developer has until 8 June to install a temporary support wall to enable the traffic lights to be removed. After this a permanent retaining structure needs to be approved by Northumberland County Council (NCC) and after its installation the footpath will be repaired. Mrs Dale has received complaints about the absence of timetables at bus stops which she is progressing with NCC. The Chair reminded members that in November 2017 the Council had responded positively to a request from NCC for assistance to update bus timetables but no further information has since been received. Mrs Dale agreed to look at this issue. Funding of £50,000 has been made available by the Environment Agency to address some surface water flooding issues in the area. Mrs Dale said that a meeting for New Ridley residents has been arranged for 6 June in relation to highways issues and NCC has provided an indicative cost for a footpath between New Ridley and Lead Road in the region of £80,000. She also provided further updates in relation to broadband problems, double yellow lines, community bus services and Prudhoe High School. Mrs Dale then left the meeting. **Action: Mrs Dale**

### **18/6/72 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2018**

It was AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2018 were a true and accurate record (proposed Mrs Furniss, seconded Prof Thompson).

### **18/6/73 Matters Arising**

#### ***General Data Protection Regulations***

The Clerk informed members that the Data Protection Act 2018 as enacted excludes parish councils from the definition of 'public authority' for the purposes of the Regulations which has the effect of not requiring the Council to appoint a data protection officer. It also provides an additional lawful basis upon which the Council could rely to process data. Members noted the update. **DISCHARGED**

### **18/6/74 Finance**

#### ***a) Approval of May Payments***

It was AGREED that the payments for May be approved as detailed in the previously circulated schedule (proposed Mr Parke, seconded Mrs Furniss) and the summary of receipts and payments was noted, including the receipt of funds from the Public Works Loan Board.

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## **b) Membership renewals**

Members AGREED to renew the Council's memberships of the Northumberland Association of Local Councils and the Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership at costs of £564.96 and £10 respectively. **Action: Clerk**

## **18/6/75 Parish Council Representatives**

There were no representative meetings.

## **18/6/76 Advisory Groups**

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

#### *i) Notes of GGAG meeting 21/05/18*

Members noted the previously circulated notes.

#### *ii) Dogs on Sports Fields*

Members noted the receipt of legal advice from the National Association of Local Councils concerning the Council's ability to introduce a bye-law prohibiting dogs from the sports fields. After discussion during which members placed a high priority on the protection of the users of the sports fields and, in particular, the children of Broomley First School, it was AGREED that the Clerk should take the necessary steps to commence the process and to make further proposals to the Council in due course through the GGAG. **Action: Clerk**

#### *iii) Fireworks in Stocksfield*

The Chair reminded members that the Council has been keen for a local group to arrange an annual fireworks display with the hope that this might reduce the number of private fireworks used locally. Representatives of Stocksfield Cricket Club and Stocksfield Festival Committee have concluded that the event is logistically feasible but even with the inevitable need to charge attendees there is a possible deficit in the region of £2,500. Further unexplored costs could increase the funding gap and it is impossible to predict accurately the numbers who might attend, something that could also be reduced by adverse weather. Members recognised the potential benefit of the event but also that only a proportion of residents would want to attend and concluded that the event could only take place with significant funding from the Council. After discussion it was AGREED not to fund the event this year, to include suitable questions in the forthcoming residents' survey designed to gauge support or otherwise for the use of the precept for this purpose and to thank the two residents who had spent time looking at the matter. **Action: Clerk**

#### *iv) Subscription renewals*

Members AGREED to renew the Council's subscriptions for the Northumberland and Newcastle Society and Clerks and Councils Direct at costs of £25 and £12 respectively. **Action: Clerk**

## **b) Planning Advisory Group**

Members noted the delegated authorities used and AGREED to make no comment as set out below:

<b>18/00930/VARYCO Kinellan. 10 Batt House Road</b>	Variation of condition 2 of 17/00352/FUL to add porch to front	No comment Note use of delegated powers
<b>18/00930/FUL Kinellan. 10 Batt House Road</b>	2 storey side and rear extension, new porch with canopy to front, alterations to windows and doors, chimney to rear.	No comment Note use of delegated powers
<b>18/01439/FUL Land east of Sunnymede, Main Road</b>	Erection of 3 bed dwelling with detached garage	No comment Note use of delegated powers
<b>18/01531/FUL Apperley East Cottage</b>	Construction of two storey glazed link between dwelling and garage and single storey garden room extension.	No comment Note use of delegated powers
<b>18/01673/FUL 2 South Parade</b>	Kitchen extension within rear yard to house	No comment

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## **18/6/77 Consultations**

### ***National Association of Local Councils – Shaping our future***

The Chair referred to the previously circulated documentation that sought comments on the future direction of the Association and asked members to pass any views to her by 15 June 2018 to enable a response to be made.

**Action: All**

## **18/6/78 Any other business**

### ***Glass recycling facilities at Sports Field***

The Clerk reported that bottles and other glass materials are being left around the existing glass recycling bins at the Sports Field when the skips are full even though an alternative larger skip is available. This is causing unnecessary work for the Groundsman and a health and safety issue for users. Members noted that the Clerk is liaising with NCC to identify solutions to the problem.

**Action: Clerk**

## **18/6/79 Date of next meeting**

Monday 2 July 2018

The Chair thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.53pm.