



Birtley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Birtley Parish Council held in the Supper Room of Birtley Village Hall starting at 8.00 pm. on 4th March 2014.

Present Messrs DRB Burn (Chairman), Mrs SW Crone, J Robson, A Lowes and WG White.
Clerk: Robert Macfarlane and Unitary Councillor Rupert M Gibson

Apologies Cllr EN Coulson

Declaration of Interest None

Minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- **Play Area** The Clerk has received a (discounted) quote of £150 for the yearly inspection from Tyne and Wear Play Association (RoSPA) and a further quote from Wicksteed for an unaccompanied inspection £45 with £15 extra for detailed report. Clerk and Chairman will contact Chollerton and Gunnerton to compare prices and service. There have been some issues over the emptying of the park wheelie bin and this is because it is coloured brown. NEAT Services have been asked to replace it with a green one.
- **Dog Fouling** Cllr Robson made some signs and had them displayed at the top of the village but these signs soon disappeared. However the dog fouling problem seems to have gone away.

Correspondence All councillors were circulated with a full list of correspondence. Delivering Quality Together Conference' Youth Work 13th March, 2019 WHS Management Plan, on Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site (FRE), 'CANNY NEWS' bulletin January 2014, A vision for the natural environment of Northumberland National Park, NHS Better information-better care, Residents' Festival, Hexham Disc Parking, Grant Aid request from Toma Fund. Letters of thanks was received from Great North Air Ambulance.

- The Area Committee West will meet in Humshaugh on 11th March
- County Hall contact numbers You now have the choice of how to contact Northumberland County Council; alongside the existing 0845 600 6400 telephone number you can use **01434 400388**

Grant Applications

The Playingfield Project for acquiring a sit-on mower and storage Cabin, is estimated to cost £21,500. To date the Council has received £17,050 in grants for the Project. The Clerk has ordered from Greenlay a John Deere 1435 Front Mower costing £15188 plus vat and £400 plus vat for First Road Registration, Tax and Road Lighting Kit.

Roads

Neighbourhood Services Road Gritting

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to NEAT Services detailing the terrible state of the roads in and around Birtley, especially the road out of the top of the Village to A68.

Street Lights

It was RESOLVED not to pursue any new lighting for the village.

Planning

Decisions

13/03584/FUL Proposed cover over existing silage pit, Steel Farm NE48 2EZ

Granted 16th January 2014

13/01655/CCM Extensions of operations at quarry for a further 10 years (As amended)

Milknock Quarry Bellingham NE48 3JN Granted 24th January 2014

Reports

NCC

Cllr Gibson reported on the Scrap Metal Dealers Act had come into force and would need to be included within the list of licensing activities which fell within the remit of the NCC Committee. The Public Safety Unit Manager advised that the Licensing and Regulatory Committee would consider the Terms of Reference and recommend any changes to Full Council.

Cllr Gibson invited questions from councillors.

Finances

Bank Statements 3rd March 2014 Treasurer's Account £12253.73, BMM £9144.15

Approved Payments The following were agreed: Clerk's salary £250, Clerk's expenses £48 (vat £5.33), NCC Hire of Hall £10 (March), Border Counties (Mower) Insurance £160.02, 12th Duke Maintenance Fund Northumberland Estates Playing Field – Rent LINV0046164 02 TEN1342 £1, OneandOne £14.39 (£11.99 plus £2.40 vat) and CAN £15

Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 8pm in the Supper Room of Birtley Village Hall

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.