



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 6th December 2016

03-12-01 **Present** Cllrs DRB Burn (Chairman), SW Crone, J Robson and WG White.
Also Clerk Robert Macfarlane and County Cllr RM Gibson

03-12-02 **Apologies** Cllr EN Coulson and A Lowes.

03-12-03 **Declaration of Interest** None

03-12-04 **Minutes** Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August were agreed and signed.

03-12-05 **Matters Arising**

- **Water Problem** The issue of fast flowing water at the top of the village was discussed – The problem still persists.
- **Dog Fouling** There is still a problem caused by some irresponsible dog owners – even on the playing field

03-12-06 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been forwarded to all councillors: CAN Newsletter, NNPA PC Representation, Nalc e-news, War Memorial Bulletin & CPRE newsletter

- **NCC Proposal** Public Spaces Protection Order for the Control of Dogs
- **Household Waste Recovery Centres** Changes to opening days

03-12-07 **External Auditors 2017/2018**

A company established by a consortium of smaller authorities sector bodies (National Association of Local Councils, Society of Local Council Clerks and the Association of Drainage Authorities) and authorised by the department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) will collectively procure external audit services for smaller authorities

SAAA (Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments) have stated that three audit firms have been appointed as suppliers for the five-year period commencing 1 April 2017: PKF Littlejohn, Mazars and Moore Stephens. Contracts have been signed ahead of schedule on terms that will enable SAAA to undertake its various tasks including the quality control and monitoring of suppliers without making any further call on public funds.

03-12-08 **Annual Budget and Precept**

The clerk provided an outline budget for the ensuing year. Looking at next year's spending the Council considered grant aid to support the village projects, website expenditure and cost of repairing the playingfield wall and repairs, running and maintenance of the two grass mowers. It was RESOLVED that the precept be £3,100 for the financial year 2017-2018

03-12-09 **Roads**

Vattenfall Road Works

NCC Highways have re-seeded and re-fenced the damaged areas but also have provided several more passing places.

03-12-10 **Ray Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund**

The Council received an update and progress report asking for feedback to the Steering Group, chaired by Peter Ramsden. Cllr Burn will report back on behalf of the Council.

03-12-11 **Reports**

Village Hall The defibrillator has been installed and is operational.
NCC No report.

03-12-12 **Review of Model Code of Conduct**

Nalc's County Committee acknowledged that there is an argument not to revise the current model but wished to seek observations and have circulated proposals to all councils. Comments to be made before 31 January 2017.

03-12-13 **FINANCES**

Bank Statements 1st December 2016 Current £1651.35 Deposit £2,048.37

Approved Payments The following were agreed: Clerk's salary £228, HMRC £57, Clerk's expenses £42.85 (vat £3.87), OneandOne £107.53 and Sport Tynedale £25

LGA 1972 s137 Payments GNAA £25 and Tynedale Hospice at Home £25

03-12-14 **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 8pm in the Supper Room of Birtley Parish Hall
There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed Chairman.....

Date.....7th March 2017.....

Chairman: Mr EN Coulson, Vice Chair: Mr DRB Burn,
Councillors Mr J Robson and Mrs SW Crone, Mr WG White and Miss A Lowes
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