



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 7th March 2017

04-03-01 **Present** Cllrs EN Coulson (Chairman), SW Crone, DRB Burn, J Robson and WG White.

Also Clerk Robert Macfarlane and County Cllr RM Gibson

04-03-02 **Apologies** A Lowes.

04-03-03 **Declaration of Interest** None

04-03-04 **Minutes** Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2016 were agreed and signed.

04-03-05 **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

04-03-06 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been forwarded to all councillors: CAN Newsletter, NNPA, Nalc e-news, The Pensions Regulator & CPRE newsletter Spring 2017

- **NCC 2017 Local Elections** NCC eager to maximise voter registration and turnout.
- **Northumberland Residents' Festival** – Information booklets.

04-03-07 **Planning**

NCC Application 16/04626/FUL - the development of "2no. residential dwellings on the garden of Hall View within Birtley, Northumberland". The Council strongly objects to this planning application and to date so have twenty residents.

Clerk Delegation

For clarification, the Council delegated authority to the clerk to respond to consultations on planning applications if there was not a suitable scheduled meeting of the Parish Council in accordance with section 101 Local Govt. Act 1972 but this power would only be exercised with the consent of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman following consultation with all members of the Parish Council. It does not stop the Chairman calling a special meeting if circumstances merit.

04-03-08 **Roads**

Road Works

The roads out of the village towards A68 are in quite a mess especially Cowden to Rochester stretch. NCC Highways have re-seeded and re-fenced the damaged areas, have provided several more passing places but there may be an argument for more.

04-03-09 **Reports**

Village Hall The defibrillator has been installed and is operational.

NCC Cllr Gibson gave a verbal report

St Giles Church A new seat has been placed to the south of the church with a spectacular view and some more daffodils have been planted. The fund raising project for the Rose Window is going well.

04-03-10 **Document and Policy Review**

In line with NJC pay scales and reference to NALC/SLCC announcement issued in May 2016 the Council awarded an appropriate increase in Clerk’s salary.

04-03-11 **Finances**

Bank Statements 1st March 2017 Current £1054.24 Deposit £2,048.63

Approved Payments The following were agreed: Clerk’s salary £228, HMRC £57, Clerk’s expenses £34.85, OneandOne £34.34 and Zurich Mutual Mower Insurance £539.96

04-03-12 **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 8pm in the Supper Room of Birtley Parish Hall

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed Chairman.....

Date.....9th May 2017.....

Birtley Parish Council
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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