



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 1st August 2017

02-07-01 **Present**

Cllrs EN Coulson (Chairman), SW Crone, DRB Burn, A Lowes and WG White. Clerk: Robert Macfarlane and County Cllr RM Gibson

02-07-02 **Apologies**

None

02-07-03 **Declaration of Interest**

None

02-07-04 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May were agreed and signed.

02-07-05 **Matters Arising**

- **Vacancy** The Chairman will invite interested candidates to the next meeting with the intention to co-op.
- **Dog Fouling** This is still a problem caused by some irresponsible dog owners.

02-07-06 **Correspondence**

All councillors were circulated with a full list of correspondence. CAN Newsletter, Tynedale Hospice at Home newsletter.

- **Grass Mower** Q195 EBB Husqvarna Mowing Machine Taxed 1st June
- **NCC - Fire and Rescue Plan 2017-2021**
- **Birtley PC's Pension Scheme** - Letter sent to Clerk
- **NCC - Green Dog Walkers Campaign**

02-07-07 **Roads**

LTP 2018-19 – The Council decided not to offer priorities at this precise time. Those offered last year have been dealt with by NCC Highways with some success.

02-07-08 **Footpaths**

No issues.

02-07-09 **Reports**

Village Hall The new matching blinds have been installed and there are various kitchen improvements.

NCC Cllr Gibson gave a verbal report on County Hall activities and provided a timetable for Chollerford Bridge closure and the NCC have £5m to spend on “U” and “C” class roads. He was asked to get NCC to improve sight-lines at junctions especially trees at A68- Birtley junction.

Play Park -RoSPA Inspection Some of the play equipment needs cleaning, Chairman will look at the swings with the possibility of shortening them.

02-07-10 **Audit**

Exercise of Electors’ Rights

Common Inspection Period 1st to 14th July

02-07-11 **Planning**

Northumberland Local Plan Core strategy – Withdrawal from Examination on 5th July.

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. The application has been withdrawn.

NCC Application 17/01480/FUL Addition of rooflights to existing roofs Low Countess park U5036 Black Bog Burn to High Countess Park NE48 3HR Granted permission 5th June 2017

Application 16-01524-COU Proposed change of use from public house to dwelling (retrospective) Percy Arms Birtley NE48 3HL Permission granted 22nd June 2017

Application 17/00196/FUL Proposed creation of one three bedroomed holiday unit (as amended by plans received 14th April 2017) Rushey Law farm NE48 3JA Granted permission 16th May.

Summary Application Number: 17/02272/FUL Address: Hall View Birtley Hexham Northumberland NE48 3HL Proposal: Change of use of land from private garden for development of single residential dwelling, garage, car parking, access and garden area.

Because of this Council’s objection to the application the Case Officer has recommend that it should be determined by Tynedale LAC Planning Committee and the Head of Service considers that the application has generated significant local objection and therefore, if it is to be recommended for approval, he recommends that it should be determined by Tynedale LAC Planning Committee. The Chair of Local Area Council also agrees.

As the consultation process ends 25th August the next stage will be at the Tynedale Local Area Council meeting on 12th September at 1600hrs.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

NCC (Land at Hall View, Birtley) Tree Preservation Order 2017 (no. 4 of 2017)

02-07-12 **Risk Management and Financial Procedures & Regulations Review**

With regard to Financial Regulations Documentation & Risk Management there were no suggested amendments or alterations. The Assets Register remains the same. Cllr White requested that the “Habitual & Vexatious Complainants Policy” be published on the Council’s website.

02-07-13 **FINANCES**

Bank Statements 1st April 2017 Current £691.05 Deposit £1748.71

Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2017/18 The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has confirmed that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for parish and town councils in England for 2016/17 is £7.57. Birtley has 143 Electors so maximum allowance is £1082.51

Income NCC Half Precept £1550 and vat £148.57

Approved Payments

The following were agreed: Clerk’s salary £240, HMRC £60, Council expenses £42.13 (vat £1.67), Chollerford Car Sales Petrol £60 (vat £10), Nalc Good Councillor booklets £7.70, Zurich Municipal Mower Insurances £539.96, OneandOne Website £33.99 (vat £8.07), Anne Lowes (Plants) £130,

It was also agreed to purchase a new belt for the grass mower and to grant aid Tynedale Hospice £25

02-07-14 **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 8pm in the Supper Room of Birtley Parish Hall

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed Chairman.....

Date.....5th December 2017.....

