



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 5th December 2017

03-12-01 **Present**

Cllrs EN Coulson (Chairman), SW Crone, DRB Burn, A Lowes and WG White. Clerk: Robert Macfarlane and one member of the public.

03-12-02 **Apologies**

County Cllr RM Gibson

03-12-03 **Declaration of Interest**

None

03-12-04 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2017 were agreed and signed.

03-12-05 **Matters Arising**

- **The Pensioners Regulator - Automatic Enrolment Duties.** The Council has received acknowledgement of declaration of compliance.
- **War Memorial** – Centenary of the end of WW1 next year.

03-12-06 **Correspondence**

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

- **NCC - Green Dog Walkers Campaign**

03-12-07 **Roads**

Road Signage

One sign missing and one damaged at Dan's Wood (Woodburn and/to Birtley), also misspelling of Thockrington on sign post near Carry Coats.

03-12-08 **Footpaths**

No issues.

03-12-09 **Reports**

Village Hall There have been various kitchen improvements.

NCC No report

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

03-12-10 **Vacancy**

Co-option The Council co-opted Mr Anthony R Brotherton

Declaration of Office AR Brotherton signed the declaration of acceptance of office (LGA 1972 s83).

03-12-11 **Planning**

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 recommend that it should be determined by Tynedale LAC Planning Committee and the Head of Service considered that the application has generated significant local objection and therefore, if it is to be recommended for approval, he recommended that it should be determined by Tynedale LAC Planning Committee. The Chair of Local Area Council also agreed.

The application was heard by Tynedale Local Area Council Planning Committee on 14th November. A member of the public spoke against the application and Kristen McCluskie represented Birtley Parish Council. The application was refused.

Schedule of Reasons for Refusal - The application site is in the village of Birtley which is considered to be an unsustainable and inappropriate location for new housing given the limited access to services, facilities and public transport, contrary to Tynedale Core Strategy Policies HI, H3 and GDI and the National Planning Policy Framework.

The proposed development of the site would have an adverse impact upon and harm the setting of the adjacent Grade II listed building at Manor House, contrary to Tynedale Core Strategy Policy BEI, Tynedale Local Plan Policy BE22 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

The proposal would be an inappropriate form of backland development that would result in harm to the character and appearance of the site and surrounding area, contrary to Tynedale Local Plan Policy H35.

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 and have circulated proposals to all councils.

03-12-13 **FINANCES**

Approved Payments

Clerk's salary £240, HMRC £60, Council's Expenses £49.43 (vat £4.67), Keys £10.45, OneandOne Website £11.99 (vat £2), Mower Fuel £39.45 (vat £1.88)

Grant Aid Sport Tynedale £25

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

03-12-14 **Budget and Precept**

The DCLG Secretary of State indicated to the national NALC Conference that the capping/referendum regime would not be introduced for parish, town and community councils for the 2018/2019 financial year.

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, new audit requirements, FOI implications, website expenditure, cost of repairing the playingfield wall and repairs, running and maintenance of the two grass mowers. It was RESOLVED that the precept request be £3,300 for the financial year 2018-2019

02-07-15 **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 8pm in the Supper Room of Birtley Parish Hall

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