



Birtley Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Birtley Parish Council held in the Supper Room of Birtley Village Hall starting at 8.15 pm. on 7th August 2018

01-08-01 **Present**

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

01-08-02 **Apologies**

County Cllr RM Gibson

01-08-03 **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr SW Crone and DRB Burn, on matters relating to Ray Community Trust

01-08-04 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May were agreed and signed.

01-08-05 **Matters Arising**

Footpaths

Cllr Brotherton reported obstructions on Path 21 from Percy Arms to Dinley Hill has now been removed.

01-08-06 **Correspondence**

In addition to copies of emails. Newsletter, Tynedale Sport

- **NCC Recycling** How to dispose of hazardous waste
- **Playsafety Limited RoSPA** Annual Inspection completed in June.

01-08-07 **Roads**

Grass Verges

Some grass verges have been cut and others not. The Council discussed the merits of greater biodiversity and the balance between this and safety on the highways.

Speeding Cars

The clerk will contact County Councillor to see if Birtley could join the County Council Ward Electronic Speed warning signs group.

01-08-08 **Planning**

18/02317/FUL Hall View Birtley Hexham Northumberland NE48 3HL

Installation of French doors on south elevation to replace existing window. Erection of porch, extension on north gable end of building, extension on north east side of building to accommodate bedroom and bathroom, velux window in roof, UPVC window for bedroom, new window and door on west elevation. The Council has no objections to this application.

17/02272/FUL Hall View Birtley Hexham Northumberland NE48 3HL

NCC refused this application which was the appealed by the applicant. The Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State concluded that the proposed development would not be in a suitable location and dismissed the appeal.

18/01026/FUL Installation of 2 No. cattle grids in highway and installation of 4,000 litre underground LPG storage tank in field. Low Countess Park Bellingham Hexham Northumberland NE48 3HR . Granted permission 11th July 2018

01-08-09 **Reports**

Village Hall Cllr Burn provided a verbal report.

NCC No report.

St Giles Church The new vicar, Priest-in-Charge of Chollerton Benefice, Sarah Lum, was installed on 17th July.

01-08-10 **Audit and Annual Governance and Accountability Return**

SBA Team, for and on behalf of PKF Littlejohn LLP lost Birtley PC AGAR and Annual return. They have apologised and have now located our information and will process it as quickly as possible. They also confirmed that they have removed the charge raised as a result of the email sent on 27 July 2018.

01-08-11 **Ray Wind Farm.**

It was decided to hold an Open Meeting at Birtley Village Hall on 19th September at 7.30pm. The Ray Wind Farm Community Interest Company is now established. The company welcomes project proposals to benefit communities within 10 km of the Ray Wind Farm. The Parish Council will hold a meeting to engage with the local community and to discuss local concerns and possibly determine which projects could be developed potentially into a grant application.

01-08-12 **FINANCES**

Bank Statements 1st Aug 2018 Current £553.12 Deposit £1700.04

Income NCC Half Precept £1450 vat refund £98.16

Approved Payments Clerk's salary £276, HMRC £69, Council's expenses £27.24 (vat £1.66), SLCC £35, Nalc £62.28, OneandOne Website £35.97, Robson & Cowan Mower Service £579.72, Robson & Cowan Mower Service £112.46, Playsafety £79.80, A.Lowes (Plants etc) £130, Jerry Cans, Ear Muffs and Fuel from Bishop's Corbridge.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on 11th December at 8pm in the Supper Room of Birtley Parish Hall. There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.

NB Public Meeting Wind Farm Community Fund Tuesday 11th September 2018