

Rennington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2017

Councillors Present - K Burdett - Chair
K Anscombe
N Anscombe
C Barker
L Bosanquet
A Tremlett
W Kenway-Smith
J Watson – arriving at 7.40pm

Clerk - J Wilson

Apologies - None

Two members of the public were also in attendance.

36/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

37/17 Public Participation Time

The members of the public present asked what the position was regarding the Church Grave Yard. Cllr Burdett confirmed that the Grave Yard has now been handed over to Northumberland County Council (NCC) to maintain.

Members of the public left at 7.34pm.

38/17 Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Thursday 29th June 2017

Cllr Barker provided a brief update regarding the issues relating to flooding in the Village. He advised that County Councillor Pattison had arranged a meeting with Mitch Young from NCC which has resulted in the problem being identified, after almost two years of issues. BT have admitted liability as an internet cable had been put in through the drain which caused issues with the drains functionality. BT have confirmed they will replace the drain.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted
- (ii) That the minutes of 29th June 2017, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

Members agreed to defer all other matters arising from the meeting on 29th June, to the next meeting of the Council on 7th September 2017.

39/17 Final Accounts 2016/17 – Internal Audit, Annual Governance and Annual Accounting Statement

Clr Burdett read out the letter from the Internal Auditor and advised that the points raised have been addressed and agreed with the Internal Auditor that practices are in place to avoid any issues in the future. The Clerk is to address claiming back the VAT for both 2015/16 and 2016/17 as this has not as yet been claimed.

Clr Burdett read out the information on both section 1 and 2, advising members of the reason for any variances year on year.

(i) Final Accounts 2016/17 – Internal Audit and Annual Governance Statement

Members were asked to approve the Internal Audit and Annual Governance Statement.

Clr Bosanquet proposed to approve, seconded by Clr Tremlett.

A vote was taken: 8 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

(ii) Final Accounts 2016/17 – Accounting Statements

Members were asked to approve the Annual Return and Summary of Accounts.

Clr Bosanquet proposed to approve, seconded by Clr Tremlett.

A vote was taken: 8 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) be approved
- (ii) That the Annual Accounting Statement (Section 2) be approved
- (iii) That the VAT be reclaimed on all purchases for 2015/16 and 2016/17

40/17 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Members were asked to consider the following application.

a. 17/02126/FUL – The Grange, Rennington

Members discussed the application in detail and agreed that the Parish Council object to the application.

RESOLVED

- (i) Members agreed to submit the following objection:

Rennington Parish Council strongly object to this application on the following grounds –

1. *The present vehicle parking provision for this business is not adequate for the number of vehicles required to service this business, let alone visitors to the residents in The Grange, resulting in on-street parking and restricted carriageway with unsighted sections preventing sight of on-coming traffic.*
2. *Residents who use Church Road find that the highway is severely restricted as it is with on-street parking and are concerned that any increase in traffic will only add to their concerns over road safety.*
3. *The proposals seem to be reliant on additional car/vehicle parking/service vehicle delivery proposed with Outline Planning Permission 14/03571/OUT, not yet developed. Access for emergency vehicles is already a concern and an increase in traffic will only add to the issue. Should this development on adjacent adjoining land not be developed then sufficient and adequate vehicle parking for The Grange cannot be achieved.*
4. *There is not currently adequate provision made for surface water, the drain to the South side overflows over the road which causes ice problems on the road in cold weather.*
5. *The foundations for the extension on the South East side may adversely affect the roots of the adjacent mature trees, which are an important landscape feature in the Village, therefore the Parish Council would request comment from the Tree Officer.*
6. *The Parish Council would seek further clarification as to 3.4, which states no increase in current capacity, but does include the statement of 'two extra rooms'.*

41/17 Date of Future Meetings

Members noted that the next meeting of the Council will be Thursday 7th September 2017.

Councillors Kenway-Smith and Barker both gave their apologies for the next meeting.

42/17 Any Other Urgent Business

Cllr Burdett advised members that the next Local Area Council meeting will take place on Thursday 20th July from 4pm in Spittal. He asked if any Councillors were available to attend as TPO's in Rennington were on the agenda. All Councillors advised that they were unable to attend due to other commitments.

Cllr Watson asked councillors to consider the charges relating to the internal audit, and if they are happy to use the services of the same internal auditor in the future. Members discussed the charges and other options available.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted
- (ii) To contact NCC and request a copy of any reports submitted to Council relating to TPO's in Rennington
- (iii) To agree that the charge for the Internal Audit is that of 2015/16 charges
- (iv) To continue to use the services of the current internal auditor for 2017/18

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

Handwritten signatures: "Burdett" and "RS"