

Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting – 18.07.18 – The Church Room – 7.00pm

Present Cllrs: I Elliott (Chairman)
P Brannan
P Ford
K Foreman
V Pagan
D Pringle

Clerk G Turner

2 Parishioners

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr T Lowrie (Vice - Chairman) and County Cllr G Sanderson, PC Teasdale, W Gunn.
2. **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th June, 2018 (which had been previously circulated) were approved, and duly signed.
3. **Declaration of Interests** – None.
4. **Date of Next Meeting(s)** – It was agreed that the dates of the next meetings would be 12th September and 10th October, 2018.

5. **County Matters**

Two issues were raised and the Clerk was asked to pass them onto Cllr Sanderson:

- Smallburn Road – the safety rail over the stream South West of the village boundary has rotted through and could pose a health and safety issue.
- It was noted that passing places/pull in areas had been created on the Fieldhead Road, and it was thought that these should also be installed on the Smallburn Road.

6. **Update from PC Andrea Teasdale**

PC Teasdale, due to unforeseen circumstances, has tendered her apologies for the immediate future, but hopes to be in attendance in the Autumn.

7. **Finance**

- 7.1 **Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list to 18th July, 2018, totalling £4,809.05.
- 7.2 **Budget Monitoring Statements to 30th June** – Members considered and approved the documents.
- 7.3 The Clerk informed the meeting that grant funding had been received that day for both the Moor £1,955.69 (balance due for 2016) and Old Church Wood £6,777.60 (capital grant).

8. Routine Items for Review

8.1a) Review of Planning Applications:

18/01575/FUL re Construction of steel portal frame to store farm materials at View Law Farm – Members had no objections to this application.

18/01907/FUL re replacement of conservatory and single storey extension at 34 Church View – Members had no objections to this application.

18/02070/FUL re extension to St Helen's School - Members had no objections to this application but requested a condition to replant cherry tree.

b) Planning Decisions:-

*17/04301/FUL re Dwelling House at Kirkups Corner – NCC GRANTED permission.

18/01165/FUL re American style barn at SW Hill View – NCC REFUSED permission.

18/01201/FUL re Extension at 2 Smallburn Road – NCC GRANTED permission.

18/01277/FUL re Agricultural building at Low Southward Edge – NCC GRANTED permission.

18/01907/FUL re Conservatory at 34 Church View – NCC GRANTED permission.

*The Chairman was given delegated powers to contact solicitors and discuss access over Village Green issues.

Cllr Brannan was asked to follow-up Stephenson's Garage application with the enforcement officer.

8.2 Moor Management Scheme

Cllr Pringle provided a written report which was received and noted.

It was agreed to install a kissing gate on the access track in order to prevent the ponies and sheep wandering into the west area of the Moor.

The Clerk was asked to ascertain with the Land Registry ownership and access rights of the access track.

A rare orchid had been spotted on the Moor and the area has been highlighted.

It was suggested that a new path on the roadside verge be created. The working group was asked to draw up a plan of the proposed route of the path for the next meeting to consider.

8.3 The Old Church Wood (Barbara's Wood)

Cllr Ford provided a verbal report:

- i. The capital grant funding for the trees planted in 2014 for £6,777 has now been received.
- ii. Thanks to G Scott for taking the required photographs of the area in support of the capital claim.
- iii. The rows between the trees together with the paths have been mowed.
- iv. The tree maintenance events were held on 11th, 14th and 18th with 6, 7 and 5 volunteers in attendance. Our grateful thanks are passed on to M and R Stephenson, M Chilvers, M Scott, D Bell, T Fish, A Brunt, C Jewell, A and P Brannan and J Havemann.

- v. Approximately 200 trees were checked and weeded, including a large area of young oak trees which had been almost completely covered in weeds.
- vi. Three more events will be organised for the autumn, which will include replacing the old spiral guards with new large guards. Plans are also in hand for the Picnic in the Wood event on 27th August.
- vii. The wooden name sign will be put in place in the near future,

8.4 Village Play Areas –

- i. Cllr Ford and the Clerk attended the NCC Funding event on 17th July and had meetings with representatives from the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, Big Lottery Fund, Greggs and LEADER. There were several positive responses towards funding for the 3 proposed schemes covering, the MUGA, Archies Pond and Old Church junction.

It was agreed that the Clerk compile the necessary grant funding application forms. However, should the applications for funding be unsuccessful it was agreed that a loan from the Public Works Loan Board be sought to undertake the projects.

- ii. It was highlighted that the wooden picnic tables in Adamson Park were in need of some maintenance such as sanding down and re varnishing.
- iii. A more secure lock was required on the gate into Adamson Park in order to prevent toddlers getting out.
- iv. Some foxgloves had also been spotted in Adamson Park and need to be removed.
- v. A rosebush on the south side of the MUGA, next to the bin needs to be cut back as it has fallen over.
- vi. The ROSPA inspection reports were circulated to members.

8.5 Allotments – Nothing to report.

8.6 Plants & Flowers – nothing to report.

8.7 Village Maintenance Issues

- i. The Clerk was asked to inform NCC that some Graffiti had appeared on the walls inside the Old Church.
- ii. An email had been received regarding an overhanging tree at St Cuthbert's Lodge. The Clerk was asked to contact Crowcroft Bros in order to carry out maintenance to the tree and Cllr Brannan was nominated as the contact for this work.
- iii. The Clerk had reported the recent issue of fly tipping in the Village Hall car park to NCC.
- iv. Cllr Elliott agreed to follow-up responsibility for the VH car park maintenance issues with Karbon Homes

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 pm to allow parishioners to speak.

A resident raised the question of what progress was being made as to the removal of the litter bin opposite Reivers Gate.

The Chairman informed the resident that the Parish Council was currently consulting NCC as to what type of bin is best to use e.g. pole mounted, a litter bin or a specialised dog waste bin. Members were also aware that the location must also be on an NCC bin collection route. Members agreed that the bin will be removed from its current location once a reply from NCC was received.

No other issues were raised and the meeting recommenced at 8.10 pm

8.8 New Website

No additional items were requested at this time.

8.9 Longhorsley Tree – The Clerk to write articles covering the works undertaken at the Old Church entrance and thanks to volunteers who assisted with the tree maintenance events.

8.10 Donation Requests – None received.

9 Items Carried Forward

9.1 Housing Developments in the Village

- a) Reivers Gate/Wilding Place – a plan of the common land area has been received.
- b) South Road Development – ongoing.
- c) East Road Development – ongoing.

9.2 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Brannan had provided members with a verbal report which highlighted the following.

- i. The date for the referendum is to be 23rd August.
- ii. NCC will be issuing polling cards but do not send out any other information about the NP, it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to issue flyers etc. which must be of a “neutral” and unbiased nature e.g. persuading people to use their vote but not how to vote.
- iii. The Clerk was asked to contact Morpeth Town Council to ask what information it issued before the Morpeth NP referendum.

9.3 Village Green Issues – Members received the notes of the meeting attended by the Chairman and Clerk with NCC on 10th July.

9.4 Welcome Letters – None issued this month.

10. Other Agenda Items

10.1 Members received correspondence from Karbon Homes regarding the new approach to grounds maintenance in the area.

10.2 Members considered the consultation on NCC Statement of Principles re Licensing and had no comments to make. The Clerk was asked to circulate the document to the Village Hall Committee.

10.3 Members had previously discussed the Meet the Funders event under point 8.4 (i) above.

10.4 Members received the LTP 2019/20 request for priorities from NCC. The 3 agreed priorities being:

- i. Installation of pedestrian crossing and extension of the 30-mph zone at Reivers Gate.
- ii. Improvements at the Old Church Wood Access/Egress junction.
- iii. Installing passing points/pull-in areas along the Smallburn Road.

The Clerk was asked to compile the response to NCC, matching the 3 priorities to the relevant criteria and bring to the September meeting for endorsement.

11. Other Items for Information.

11.1 The meeting was informed that the Burgham Horse Trials would be taking place 27th – 29th July 2018.

- 11.2 The unveiling of the Emily Wilding Davison statue will take place on 11th September in Carlisle Park, Morpeth.
- 11.3 The Highways Agency event will take place on Friday 20th July in the Village Hall.

12. Any Other Business (arising too late for inclusion on the Agenda)

- 12.1 A quote was received for a strimmer to be used at the Old Church Wood £365 – agreed.
- 12.2 It was agreed to include an item on the September Agenda to discuss the revamp of the Village Award.
- 12.3 The Clerk had received the latest edition of the CPRE booklet.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Items for the next agenda to the Clerk by COB Sunday 2nd September, 2018