

## Longhorsley Parish Council Meeting – 12.12.18 – The Church Room – 7.00pm

**Present** Cllrs: I Elliott (Chairman)  
P Brannan  
P Ford  
K Foreman  
T Lowrie (Vice - Chairman)  
D Pringle  
  
Clerk G Turner  
  
W Gunn (Village Maintenance).

4 Parishioners

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Councillor V Pagan, County Cllr G Sanderson, PC Teasdale.
2. **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 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 16<sup>th</sup> January and 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

### 5. **County Matters**

In County Councillor G Sanderson's absence, the Chairman gave the following update:

- Cllr Sanderson has chased up the outstanding issue of the tree on the A697 with NCC Tree Officer, resulting in a meeting with the Chairman being scheduled to take place the following week.

### 6. **Update from PC Andrea Teasdale**

PC Teasdale had forwarded an email containing the following:

- Nothing of note has been reported in Longhorsley since the November meeting.
- However, there have been issues further afield which should be highlighted. A safe, was stolen from Dobbies Garden Centre, a quad bike was stolen at Stannington (3 males have been arrested), and there has been a break-in at the Ridley Arms.
- Several break-ins to cars and sheds have also been reported – residents are asked to ensure that all property is locked and secured at all times.
- Poachers continue to cause problems in the vicinity – extra patrols are planned to deal with the issue.

- A horse was sadly knocked over and killed on the A1/A697 slip road, and other incidents have been reported about goats, sheep and horses getting out of fields onto busy roads. The public are asked to ensure that all fences are secure and gates locked in order to protect their animals and motorists.
- The police have organised a meeting/visit with Karbon Homes to discuss local issues.

## **7. Finance**

**7.1 Authorisation of Payments** – Members considered and approved the Authorisation of Payments list to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, totalling £2,678.69.

**7.2 Budget 2019/20** – Members received the draft budget statements, noting that no changes have been made since the November meeting as the effect of NCC proposal to reduce the level of council tax benefit would only generate an additional £15 of income and therefore is not material.

## **8. Routine Items for Review**

**8.1a) Review of Planning Applications:** - no applications have been considered since the last meeting.

### **b) Planning Decisions:-**

18/03287/FUL – rear and side extensions at Freestones, West Road - NCC GRANTED permission.

18/03462/FUL - demolition of existing agricultural building and erecting a new one at Paxton Dene Farm – NCC GRANTED permission.

The Clerk was asked to chase-up the NCC Planning Officer dealing with the Stephenson's garage application.

## **8.2 Moor Management Scheme**

Cllr Pringle provided a verbal report which highlighted the following:

- Cllr Pringle and K Woods have tried a small heather burn but it proved unsuccessful.
- Lots of logs are now on the trackside.
- An issue has been reported about the lack of space/room for people to get through at the new kissing gate – Northumbria Fencing to look at the situation.
- Concerns have been raised about the condition of the track leading up to the farm as verges are being churned-up by large vehicles. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner informing him of our concerns.

## **8.3 The Old Church Wood (Barbara's Wood)**

Cllr Ford provided a verbal report which highlighted that the metal gate at the entrance to the wood has not yet been reinstated but Mr Fish will attempt to sort out the problem in the near future.

#### **8.4 Village Play Areas –**

- i. The targets set by Sport England for the Crowdfunder Project for the MUGA have now been met with 46 actual supporters (30 being the target) and £1,367 raised (£1,250 being the target). Cllrs Brannan and Ford, together with the Clerk attended the LEADER Board earlier in the evening to give a presentation in support of additional funding (£31,500) towards the project. NCC will let the Clerk know if we have been successful in getting through to the final application stage. The Clerk was thanked for her efforts in securing funding for the project.
- ii. The funding application to Wingates Community Fund for £2,000 towards the MUGA refurbishment was successful.
- iii. Reports of flooding at the MUGA South Eastern corner have been received. Mr Gunn agreed to check the area to see if any drains were blocked.
- iv. The Church View climbing frame netting repairs have now been carried out.
- v. Mr Stephenson has repaired the damaged gate at Adamson Park and members extended they're thanks to him for his commitment.
- vi. Members approved the purchase of chippings to be added to the climbing frame in Adamson Park – Mr Gunn to install.

#### **8.5 Allotments – nothing to report.**

#### **8.6 Plants & Flowers – nothing to report.**

#### **8.7 Village Maintenance Issues**

- a) Mr Gunn had applied high-viz paint to the kerb stone in the Village Hall car park and he agreed to apply similar paint to the uneven kerb at the entrance.

The Clerk was asked to contact NCC to see if they could supply road planings to fill in the potholes on the track behind Adamson Park.

- b) Members received notice of the receipt of £955 grant funding from Greggs Foundation towards the dredging works at Archies Pond.

#### **8.8 New Website**

Nothing to add at this time.

- 8.9 Longhorsley Tree** – as there is not an issue of the Tree in January, articles for the February edition will be agreed at the January meeting of Council.

#### **8.10 Donation Requests – None received.**

### **9 Items Carried Forward**

#### **9.1 Housing Developments in the Village**

- a) Reivers Gate/Wilding Place – The new Estates Manager from Cussins has been in contact regarding the land to be transferred to the Council. A map was distributed and land marked in orange referred to the land to be transferred. The map included the requested field access off the A697 to accommodate a tractor and trailer. Members queried the thin strip/parcel of land opposite Reivers Gate. Members agreed that the Chairman progress this issue.

- b) South Road Development – the Chairman informed the meeting that firm proposals were still awaited from solicitors re the water drainage issue and its crossing over LPC land at Old Church Wood.
- c) East Road Development – ongoing.
- d) Kirkups Corner – the process of registering the ownership of the small piece of Village Green is progressing.

## **9.2 Neighbourhood Planning**

- i. Cllr Brannan confirmed that he had submitted the Community Right to Bid form for the Asset Registration of the Shoulder of Mutton to NCC.
- ii. Cllr Brannan gave an update on all of the Community Action Proposals contained within the LNP and highlighted the following:
  - Affordable Housing – he had written an article for the issue of the Tree and placed links onto the website.
  - The Conservation Area – Cllr Brannan is waiting for confirmation from NCC that this is being scheduled into plans and resources for 2019.
  - Transportation – the draft paper has been received from J Chisholm including future options. A leaflet will be included with the next edition of the Tree to gather the public's response/comments.

**9.3 Village Green Issues** – Correspondence has been received from NCC stating that the costs of providing a legal opinion are now being sought.

**9.4 Welcome Letters** – none issued this month.

## **10. Other Agenda Items**

- 10.1 Members considered and approved the Clerk's report updating the rebranding of the Community Award scheme. It was agreed that as well as on-line nominations, hard copies of the nomination form would be left in the Village Hall.
- 10.2 Members considered correspondence from NCC regarding Car Parking Charges consultation.
- 10.3 Members approved the setting up of a "gov.uk" email address with Pulsant.
- 10.4 Arrangements for the lighting of the New Years Eve Beacon were discussed. It was agreed that P Boyle would assist J Robinson in the setting-up of the beacon and that Mr Robinson be asked to light the beacon on the evening.

## **11. Other Items for Information.**

None.

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

- 12.1 Members considered the consultation on Recovery of Costs for the Provision of Traffic Management and Other Services to Event Organisers from NCC .

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.