

## THE PARISH COUNCIL OF WHITTON AND TOSSON

### Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6pm at the Parish Rooms, Rothbury

**Present:** Hilary Dunn (Chair), Alan Winlow (Vice Chair), Peter Henry (Councillor) and Sarah Winlow (Clerk).

Also present: Fran Tait and Alan Tait

**1. APOLOGIES for absence** Val Burwood (Councillor) and Tom Burwood (Webmaster) sent apologies for absence.

**2. MINUTES** of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 were considered. AW proposed that the minute was a true record of the meeting and this was seconded by PH. The minute was signed by the Chair.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**i. Highways and Footways:** AW summarised the Highways and Footpaths report for NCC Highways and Technical Maintenance. The new sign for Simonside and Lordenshaw has been erected at Tosson. Potholes in passing places on Carterside Road will be filled with road stone by AW, assisted by Alan Tait. The issue of excessive mud at the bottom of the bank east of East Newtown has been raised by residents. Mud from the Foggin's silage store is being tracked onto the road during and after wet weather. It is blocking the road drainage at this point and represents a road hazard. *SW to write to John Foggin asking that the road is swept when there is excessive amounts of mud has been tracked onto the road.*

AW has begun to log the amount of litter in the Simonside carpark whilst litter picking. This data will be used to illustrate problem to National Park wardens and hopefully to find a solution. The problem is not unique to Simonside carpark – rubbish and litter is spoiling the Lime Kiln car park and the roadside verges of the parish. PH stated he would assist AW in removing litter from the carparks and the roads in the parish.

*A copy of the Highways and Footpaths report can be found on the [WTPC website](#).*

**ii. Vacancy on the PC:** All agreed to the co-option of Fran Tait on to the Parish Council. HD welcomed FT back to the Parish Council.

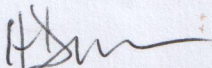
### 4. MATTERS ARISING

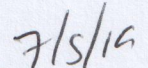
**i. Joint Burial Committee:** HD updated FT about the letting of the Cemetery Lodge and ongoing maintenance work within the cemetery grounds. Provision for the JBC precept was made within the precept request, submitted in January.

### 5. FINANCE

**i. Confirmation of submission of precept request:** SW confirmed she had submitted the precept request of £5143 before the deadline of the 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**ii. NCC £25 rebate for Parish Cemetery Double Charge:** noted

  
Signed – Hilary Dunn (Chair)

Dated.....  


**iii. Balance of accounts:** Community Account **£1062.51** and Savers Account **£1201.95**.

**iv. Cluster Group fee £11.05:** Approved

**v. Hire of meeting room £12:** Approved

**vi. Clerk's honorarium £60:** Approved

**vii. Request of support of CADS pantomime:** AW has donated two baskets for raffle prizes on behalf of the Parish Council. All agreed to reimburse AW (to a maximum of £15) for flowers from Fruits and Foliage to fill these baskets.

**viii. Request for support from Alnwick's Baliffgate Museum and Art Gallery:**  
Declined

## **6. PLANNING**

**i. Northumberland Local Plan consultation:** A draft of the Local Plan has been received and consultation is open with a deadline for comments to be submitted by the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2019. NCC will be hosting a drop-in event for the Local Plan at the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury on the 28<sup>th</sup> February between 2pm and 7pm. AW and FT expressed an interest in attending this event. The copy of the Local Plan will be circulated around councillors with FT taking the first look. Discussion ensued about whether the Local Plan includes provision of the Rothbury Community Hospital.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**i. Petition regarding grouse shooting and public funding for private estates:**  
noted

**ii. Communication from James Stoker (resident) re road works signage:** The issue raised by Mr Stoker of lack of information on signage for road closures was considered valid by all. AW will contact NCC with Mr Stoker's concerns and to see whether future signage can include more detail such as, for example, for the last road closure of Carterside Road - '9am – 3pm, weekdays'.

**iii. NCC Roadside litter campaign:** noted, posters will be put in the noticeboard and at Simonside carpark.

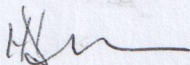
**iv. Posters and leaflets from Barnados:** noted, a poster will be put in the noticeboard.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

**Date of next meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019.

All meetings to be held at the Parish Hall, Rothbury.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.40pm.



Signed – Hilary Dunn (Chair)

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