

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th April in the Parish Hall Rothbury commencing 715pm

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Mrs Edes

Those Present Cllr Dawson, Cllr Fendley, Cllr Mrs Morton, Cllr Mrs Dawson,
Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Murray, Cllr Bridget (NCC)

48/11 Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded all Councillors of their duty to declare, at the start of any such item on the agenda, if they have a personal or prejudicial interest.

49/11 Public Questions

No public questions

50/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2011: It was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Morton and **IT WAS AGREED** that the minutes be adopted.

51/11 Matters Arising

51/11.01 Chairman's Announcements

Reminder next month's meeting is the start of the new council year, with nominations required for Chairman & Vice Chairman – to be sent to clerk at least one week prior to meeting.

51/11.02 Urgent Business

- Bus Service – comments extended to end April
- Community Action Service – Donation request
- Yearly audit to be completed
- Bus Shelter petition received
- Additional invoices

51/11.03 NCC Provision of Local Services

It was suggested NCC be contacted for dates of proposed meetings. Assurances were given at March cluster meeting discussions would take place by September. Clerk to contact NCC.

51/11.04 Church Clock update

Annual maintenance invoice received. Information regarding hazardous materials, Cllr Reynolds confirmed this has been checked and there are no materials, however a major repair will be required within two years.

51/11.05 Dog Bins

Nothing to report.

51/11.06 Parish Clusters

Meeting held 31/3/11, where it was evident NCC are attempting to offload services to Parish Council's. The group is an informal set up with a Chairman, Assistant and a secretary. The individual Parish Council's were to look at priorities.

51/11.07 Bridge Works

Meeting to be held 19/4/11 with Peter Brewis, Conservation Architect, Parish & County Councillor's. Cllr Morton & Reynolds gave their apologies.

51/11.08 Community Policing

Forum to be held 14/4/11 630pm, reiterated Parish Council meetings should have a police presence, Cllr Dawson to mention this point at forum.

51/11.09 Mayoral Chain

Nothing to report.

52/11 Planning

52/11/01 Planning Applications have been received for the following:

- A/2011/00091: Mr B Hunt, Ballachan Hillside – orangery to rear elevation – concern no indication of colour of powder covering
- 11/00214/FUL: Mrs Murray, Highbury Back Mount Terrace – Conservatory - supported

52/11/02 Approval of Planning Application have been received for the following:

- A/2011/0061: Lloyds Bank – Display Unit
- A/2011/0047: Lloyds Bank – Display Unit
- A/2011/0031: Mr A Arkle, 27 Woodlands – Rear Dormer, Atherton Hillside
- A/2011/0009: Mr & Mrs G Winstanley, Highfield – Removal partition walls
- A/2010/0462: Mrs S Gregory – Change of Use, Albert House

53/11 Financial Matters

53/11/01 Accounts for Authorisation

- Rothbury & Coquetdale Youth Association - £1000
- Smith of Derby – Clock Service - £200.40
- C Miller – IT Equipment - £428
- UCCT – March Bus - £80.00 – Fares received £83.00
- M Evens – March Gardening - £270.63
- J Ayre – March Gardening - £149.00
- T W Alderson - £3.44
- PCC – Rent two Meetings - £30
- Community Action Northumberland - £15 agreed
- Annual Accounting Statement – to be agreed before Internal Auditor authorises – all points (1-8) confirmed as yes, point 9 (trust funds) not applicable.

54/11 Seats/Trees

- Trees at War Memorial – one broken branch hanging down with dead branches at top. Cllr Dawson has had meeting with tree expert, and they are to provide a costing.

55/11 Paths/Verges

- Verge at Hillside West – two new houses being erected, and contractor has torn the verge up, and not reinstated. Cllr Reynolds had asked NCC if permission had been sought - Cllr Bridgett to provide information for relevant NCC contact.

56/11 Unitary Councillor Report

- Cllr Bridgett unable to respond to e-mails this weekend as NCC shutting down I.T. services for update purposes.
- Dog fouling – Cllr Bridgett to carry out Fixed Penalty Training next week, and has been provided with several individual names who allow their dogs to foul.
- Peter Brewis NCC – bridge lighting – plan similar to lights on Morpeth bridge, two on either end and two in middle, all associated works £20K. Festive illuminations could be utilised here, however difficulties could be encountered as they will be on top of the bridge.
- Tourist Information Centre – talks being carried out with a view to looking at shared services between TIC and library building, however National Park have had expressions of commercial interest for the bottom floor of Church House.

57/11 Correspondence

- 57/11.01 NCC – Whitton View Development – reply from NCC, works temporarily suspended since Christmas due to contractor liquidation. Foul drainage connections have been made, however outstanding junction works - whole situation is highly unsatisfactory. Gabion baskets/footway planning application has been submitted. Play park – Planning Enforcement written asking for completion, Mcinerney thought to be carrying out works, Gradient through footpath to be improved within next 2/3 months. National Homebuyers Council holds the bond, which NCC have to apply to them to draw on, and Mcinerney are appealing against this. Cllr Murray of the view NCC had an opportunity to alleviate drainage problems by auctioning works to drains at Recreation club - Cllr Bridgett to speak to NCC regarding this.
- 57/11.02 Cllr Bridgett – AV Referendum 5/5/11 – for information
- 57/11.03 CE Electric UK – Consultation events – generators in the area, could be renovation of powerlines.
- 57/11/04 CPRE – newsletter – for information
- 57/11.05 NCC – Statement of Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments – for information
- 57/11.06 Heather Lister – Cyclepath – causing problems being called cyclepath, HL has contacted NCC, as scheme previously stated upgrade of bridleway, small proportion of cyclists believe they are only persons permitted to use it. Leaflets could be displayed – Sustran’s Code of Contact for cyclists. Agreed to contact Sustran’s, and they had previously agreed to provide signage stating it is a public bridleway for all users. NCC are planning to erect signage. Part of ancient stonework still missing from riverside, Cllr Bridgett may have further information on this.
- 57/11.07 Neighbourhood Disputes – for information
- 57/11.08 Bus Service Questionnaires received – to be forwarded to NCC
- 57/11.09 Copy of petition organised by Mrs Wood for bus stop, which she has forwarded to NCC – PC not in a position to provide and fund a bus stop.

58/11 Cllr Sandford Retirement

Ongoing.

59/11 Any additional agenda items

None.

60/11 Items to be discussed in private (exclusion of public)