

ACKLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.00pm at Acklington Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors: J Newton (Chairman)
, D Barras (part), L Craig, E Critchlow, S Ingleby, S Malone, L Mezza, G Orr, and S Thorpe.

Officers: E Brown – Parish Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor J Watson

1 x member of public

A Member of the public raised concerns relating to the development adjacent to the Village Hall regarding number of construction traffic and working hours. It was pointed out the local planning authority have imposed “Condition 13” at the request of the parish council which sets out the obligations on the part of the developer/project manager: control of deliveries, construction site parking, wheel washing, noise, vibration and dust control etc.. It was also agreed that Cllr Malone would contact the landowner with a view to establishing an open line of communication between local residents and the site manager for addressing any issues as they arise.

C057/19 - Apologies for absence

Cllr Gair – The apologies were agreed.

C058/19 - Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda and the granting of any dispensations

None.

C060/19 - Minutes of previous meeting

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

A Member informed that the contribution from the community team for a defibrillator was an offer of £200 and not £150 as previously stated.

A Member reminded that the Chair was still to send a letter to the Prison Governor and feedback a response to the Council.

C061/19 - Matters from previous meeting

- i. New bin - A new waste bin has been installed at Millennium Pathway as requested and a photograph has been circulated for information.
- ii. Community Access Defibrillator – The Clerk informed that she has a meeting arranged to discuss a potential funding opportunity for the defibrillator with North Steads and Sisters Community Fund.
- iii. Notice Boards – A member raised concerns about the noticeboard on St Omer Road – it was suggested that a repair could be carried out with the recycled plastic remaining from the coal tub repairs. The Clerk would continue to pursue funding opportunities for a new village noticeboard.

C062/19 - Standing item – Report by County Councillor – Cllr Watson informed that the Keeper Cottage Planning Application had been received by Warkworth PC, it was noted that Acklington PC had also received a copy and had submitted a response.

C063/19. Agenda Items –

i. Consideration of Draft Budget

The draft budget was discussed with the inclusion of £500 towards a public access defibrillator and £200 towards the footpath wardens' scheme and a reduction to £200 for street furniture.

It was RESOLVED that the budget be agreed at £7500.

ii. Consideration of precept request

It was RESOLVED that the precept requirement from the billing authority be increased by £1000 to be set at £7500.

iii. Neighbourhood Planning – Following a discussion it was agreed to form a Neighbourhood Planning working group consisting of Cllrs Craig, Ingleby, Mezza and the Clerk. The Working Group would bring a proposal back to the March meeting for consideration by the Council in moving forward with a Neighbourhood Plan.

iv. Clerk Pay increase as per contract 'an additional spinal point will be added to your salary for success in obtaining or already holding each of the following relevant qualifications'.

It was RESOLVED to move the Clerk onto the National Association of Local Councils spinal column point 17 (old SCP 25) for successfully completing the first year of the Certificate of Higher Education in Community Governance.

v. Review of criteria for Local Council Awards Scheme

It was RESOLVED to defer this to the March meeting as two Councillors had trouble accessing the documents.

C064/19. Correspondence Received

i. NCC - Briefing on Library Consultation for Town and Parish Councillors Library Consultation – Members had no comments.

ii. Guyzance Estate - Guyzance Woodland Management Plan - Scottish Woodlands Ltd are in the process of preparing a Woodland Management Plan (WMP) for Guyzance Hall on behalf of the owner. A WMP is a 20-year strategic management plan that brings together the management objectives, the environmental, economic, and social functions and the silvicultural prescriptions into a comprehensive plan to deliver long term benefits through sustainable forest management. The plan will approve operational proposals under a felling licence for 10 years.

Members discussed the Woodland Management Plan and while pleased that action is being taken to manage the woodland would be interested in learning more about the silvicultural prescriptions before commenting. Members requested the opportunity to attend a site visit to ensure that any comments made would be constructive.

C065/19 - Finance:

a) Financial Summary at 31 December 2019; Treasurers Account £805.57, Business Account £10663.58. [Cashbook and Financial Summary](#)

b) Payments to be made

Date	Cheque	Payee	Reason	Amount
07/01/20	536	Citizens Advice	Donation	£20.00

07/01/20	537	Age UK	Donation	£20.00
07/01/20	538	The Pelican	Donation	£50.00
07/01/20	539	Great North Air Ambulance	Donation	£20.00
07/01/20	540	Community Action Northumberland	Donation	£15.00
07/01/20	541	Cllr Mezza	Mileage	£20.70
07/01/20	542	Information Commissioner's Office	Subscription	£40.00
07/01/20	543	Clerk	Wages/expenses	£166.11
07/01/20	544	HMRC	PAYE	£30.51
07/01/20	545	Post Office	Postage	£15.72

a) Receipts

Date	Creditor	Reason	Amount
21/10/19	Northern Power-grid	Wayleave	£5.00
01/11/19	Lloyds Bank	Interest	£0.55
09/12/19	Lloyds Bank	Interest	£0.44

C066/19 - Planning:

To consider any planning matters: None.

C067/19. Information Items:

Footpath Working Group updates

10 of the 12 footpath wardens have undergone one-to-one, onsite briefings and are now fully operational. The initial focus of all the activity is on the 4 x Gateway footpaths (No's 9,10,15 &20) and the Permissive Millennium Pathway.

C068/19. Items for next agenda

Neighbourhood Planning
Annual Parish Meeting
Local Council Awards Scheme

C056/19. Next meeting: TUESDAY 3rd March 2020 at 7.00 pm in Acklington Village Hall

Signed by Chairman..... Date.....