

OVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Ovingham Parish Council held on 20th September 2018 at 7.15 p.m. in the Reading Room, Ovingham

Present: Councillors Jordon, Gray, Campbell, Foster, Jackson and Kirkland, County Cllr Quinn and 1 member of the public.

1. No apologies for absence were received.
2. No declarations of interest were received.
3. The minutes of the last meeting on 19th July, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, agreed and signed.
4. County Councillors' Report: County Cllr Quinn asked if there had been any problems now the bollards had been erected on the grass verge opposite the first school. Cllr Jordon replied that some vehicles were parking on the verges beyond the bollards – it will be monitored. Road repairs have been carried out locally as well as county-wide. Cllr Gray commented that he felt PR could have been handled better by NCC with regards work on Gallowhill/Horsley Road. County Cllr Quinn assured him further work will be carried out. Cllr Jordon was aware of a letter of complaint sent to Guy Opperman, M.P. regarding youths congregating on the “beach” area by the river. On occasions they left rubbish behind and there were concerns about drinking and swimming in the Tyne which was dangerous. Police were informed and have since carried out patrols of the area and been in touch with schools to give drink and drug awareness sessions. Cllr Jordon also asked if NCC re-considered previous submissions for Local Transport Plan. She had been informed by Neil Snowdon, NCC, that last years three requests related to placement of 20mph signage in the village will be looked at again but she was unsure if NCC needed to be re-minded of those requests made in 2017-2018. County Cllr Quinn could not advise other than 20mph is gradually being introduced outside schools. Cllr Jordon also mentioned the OPPFUG bid to community chest for new equipment at the pavilion and invited Cllr Quinn to visit the pavilion to observe what the Parish Council had achieved so far in relation to the refurbishment. Cllr Jordon thanked County Cllr Quinn who left the meeting at 7.30pm
5. Community Orchard: Members had discussed the proposed agreement with Cllrs Gray & Jordon at the drop-in session prior to the meeting. Several queries had been raised. The main issue was the proposal to charge £100 rent after two years. This had resulted in a number of complaints being received by the Parish Council and Cllrs Jordon & Gray had suggested that after the initial 2 years, OPC would review the situation and consider extending the rent-free period. Changes also included fence maintenance responsibilities and expected attendance of first aider on site. Ovingham Community Orchard have also forwarded a copy of their Health & Safety

policy and insurance. A map is still needed, and the Clerk will forward. Cllr Kirkland advised there were about 12 on the Committee and it is hoped the venture will be a huge success. The Cllrs agreed to the proposals put forward by Cllr Gray & Jordon and an amended agreement will be issued to forward to the Ovingham Community Orchard.

6. Matters arising: -

- i) **Traffic issues:** Most of these had been mentioned above with County Cllr Quinn. Cllr Jordon advised two “caution children playing” signs had been put in place in Windsor Crescent.
- ii) **Allotment Association Tenancy agreement (amended):** The Allotment Association had requested a written response to the statement in the section 6(ii) relating to bee hives on the allotments. The Clerk will forward this to the AA chair.

7. **Accounts to pay/be paid:**

M. Davenport (Salary & expenses July & Aug)	£600.69
Ovingham Reading Room (meeting in July)	£15.00
Lloyd Ltd (service of mower)	£338.44
SSE (quarterly charge)	£39.45
P Holden (petrol for mower)	£77.57
N Gray (cables, sealant etc. for Pavilion)	£12.26
Wel Medical (2 starter kits for defibrillator)	£15.84
Wave (quarterly water charge at Pavilion)	£12.73
Boston Bulbs (crocuses for village planting)	£73.99
Mark Best (decorating at pavilion)	£620.00
Arcadia Plumbing & heating (works at Pavilion)	£497.18
GW Joinery Services (fitting kitchen units)	£650.00
Best Electricians (electric check & work at pavilion)	£1536.00
Tyne Valley Flooring & Carpets (pavilion)	£210.00
T Bell (grass cutting)	£280.00
D Jordon (materials for Pavilion)	£34.87

Some concerns were expressed regarding the cost of the service of the mower. Cllr Jordon had hoped it would have been undertaken in the winter as it would have been cheaper. There was also some query with the total of the bill from Tyne Valley Flooring – Cllr Jordon will check.

8. **Planning Application:**

18/02012/TPO – 4 Nunnykirk - crown lift sycamore etc. – granted
18/02014/PRUTPO – 3 Nunnykirk -crown lift sycamore etc. granted
18/01904/LBC – The Old Vicarage – internal redevelopment of North Wing etc. - Granted

Cllr Gray reported on an update with regards potential breach of planning permission at Glebe Barns (roof tiles not slate as per application). He had just been informed by the Planning Officer that NCC will likely be serving a planning contravention notice on the owners/agent and will keep the Parish Council informed.

9. **Local Transport Plan 2019-2020:** Following the last meeting of the Parish Council, a decision was made with regards submissions for the Local Transport Plan 2019-2020. It was agreed that a request would be submitted for a dropped kerb on the path opposite 38 Castle View (enabling easier

access to footpath) and an extended kerb by playing field entrance in Windsor Crescent. Also a white line across the road at the entrance to the cemetery/Windsor Crescent road. Although Cllr Jordon had previously been informed by Neil Snowdon, NCC, that last year's request for 20mph will be "looked at" again, the Cllrs agreed that this should be specifically mentioned when the Clerk forwards the requests to NCC.

10. **Ovingham Pavilion/Playing Field:** Cllr Jordon advised there had been a lot of work carried out in the Pavilion over the summer including painting, cleaning & repairing floors and repairing doors. She had received a very generous response following her plea for crockery. Cllr Jackson will check to see if a Food Hygiene Certificate is required if coffee mornings are to be held and if so organise an inspection. Application had been submitted by OPPFUG to the Community Chest Scheme for a cooker, chairs, tables and heaters.
Two Junior football teams will continue to play during the season; an adult choir had just started using the premises although they had commented on the noisy heaters. Cllr Foster confirmed that unfortunately a meeting had not yet been arranged for OPPFUG. Cllr Jordon to follow this up.
Maintenance continued to be carried out on the playing field; swing seats had however been damaged; basketball nets still need to be put in place. For future renting of the Pavilion, it was agreed to levy a charge of £15.00 a session. Cllr Jackson did ask the PC to consider using the venue for their own Parish Council meetings in future.
11. **To Consider Insurance Proposal for 2018/2019:** The Clerk had circulated details received from Came & Co, Brokers for new insurance. Of three options received, it was agreed to proceed with a 3-year Long Term Agreement with Inspire and payment of £1693.50 was approved. The Clerk commented that this premium was less than the previous year. Cllr Jordon asked the Clerk to check with Ovifun that their own insurance did not cover some of the same areas that OPC's did.
12. **Parish Council Surgery/Village plan updates:** The new litter bin on Tyne Gardens was now in place; Cllr Jordon updated some issues from the village action plan which she had circulated; bi-annual maintenance of the zip wire was due – the Clerk will arrange.
13. **Village environment:** Following high winds yesterday, a tree in Bewick Lane had come down as had many branches throughout the village. Cllr Foster asked if a new defibrillator pad had been ordered following use of one a few weeks ago – the Clerk was waiting for a quote.
14. **Committee Reports:** There had not been a recent meeting of the Reading Room or Forum. Cllr Jordon advised that tree work had been approved by the Burial Committee, and also renting out of both of the chapels.
15. **Distribution:** This was still in circulation.
16. **Any other business as considered urgent by the chair:** Cllr Jordon had received a copy of letters with regards the proposed sale of Whittle Mill Cabin Site from one of the chalet owners. She felt that at this stage, no comment could be made. Cllr Jordon also asked that, if able, Cllrs attend the Surface Water scheme meeting scheduled for 24th September. She and Cllr Gray were especially concerned about proposed re-instatement work at the Piper Road site as when re-seeding was completed, there was a danger of walkers/dogs etc. using the area which would only cause damage.

17. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 18th October.
18. There being no other business as considered urgent by the Chair, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.