

CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Cornforth Parish Council held at West Cornforth Community Centre on Monday 16th May 2005 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mr. A. Denholm, Chairman and

Councillors: Mrs. H. P. Drew, Dr. S. C. Drew, Mr. B. Kennedy, Mrs. I. M. Kennedy, Mr. H. A. Robson, Mrs. S. Traynor, Mrs. P. M. Walker, Ms. C. J. Warbis, Mrs. A. Woodhall and Mr. W. H. Woodhall.

Apologies: Councillors: Mrs. L. Denholm and Mr. A. Mould, Mrs. P. Pennick and Mr. W. R. Wilson.

1 SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - PRODUCTION OF DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR CONSULTATION.

Chris Myers, Forward Planning Officer and Tom Bennett, Planning Policy Officer, Sedgfield Borough Council gave a presentation on the key issues and implications of the Statement of Community Involvement (SC1).

They explained that one of the key objectives of the new planning system, established through the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 was to strengthen communities and the involvement of interested parties in the planning system. Under the new system the Borough was required to produce a Statement of Community Involvement which set out how it intended to involve interested parties and the local community in the planning process. A draft SC1 had been prepared by the Borough and circulated for comment.

The implications of the new planning process in respect of forward planning (allocating land for development in the future e.g. Housing) and development control (processing planning applications) were fully explained.

Sectors of the community to involve in planning and alternative measures to secure greater community involvement were examined and discussion took place with Members on appropriate measures for West Cornforth.

Finally the Chairman thanked Messrs. Myers and Bennett for their presentation.