

## CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Cornforth Parish Council held at West Cornforth Community Centre at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 5th June 2006.

Present: Councillor Dr. S. C. Drew, Chairman and

Councillors: Mrs. H. P. Drew, Mr. B. Kennedy, Mr. A. Mould, Mr. R. Poole, Mr. H. A. Robson, Mrs. P. M. Walker, Ms. C. J. Warbis, Mr. W. R. Wilson, Mrs A. Woodhall and Mr. W. H. Woodhall.

Apologies: Councillor Mr. M. J. Pennick, Mrs. P. Pennick, Mr. M. Simpson, and Mrs. S. Traynor.

### 1 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN.

It was reported that since the last meeting Councillor Dr. S. C. Drew had signed a declaration of acceptance of the office of Chairman of the Council.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on 8th May 2006 were confirmed as a correct record.

### 4 POLICE LIAISON

No Police representative was present at the meeting.

### 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the Meeting.

### 6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that together with the Vice Chairman he would be attending the Annual Meeting of Sedgefield District Local Councils' Committee on Thursday 8th June 2006.

### 7 BENCH SEATS STORED AT 66,HIGH STREET (8.5.06 Minute 10 Refers)

It was reported that following the last meeting arrangements had been made with The Cornforth Partnership for the transportation of two seats and Christmas lighting motifs to Cornforth Community Centre for storage at a cost of £25.

RESOLVED: That the action taken be confirmed.

8 BUS SHELTER LAND TO SOUTH OF BRIDGE STREET METAL BRIDGE

Members were advised that Meikles Solicitors had completed the conveyance of the above land to the Council.

RESOLVED: That the information be received.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT, REVIEW OF INSURANCE COVER

Members reviewed the Council's Insurance cover that was due for renewal.

RESOLVED: That the insurance arrangements be approved.

10 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

<u>Receipts</u>		£
HM Revenue and Customs	VAT Repayment	698.96
Sedgefield Borough Council	Reimbursement Survey Fee	1,500.00
		2,198.96
<u>Payments</u>		£
B. Kennedy	Members Allowance	17.66
A. Mould	Members Allowance	17.66
H. A. Robson	Members Allowance	17.66
W. R. Wilson	Members Allowance	17.66
E. G. Hurrell	( Salary	588.35
	( Postage	13.75
	( Car Mileage	7.20
	( Stationery & Materials	6.78
West Cornforth Residents Assoc'n.	Donation	140.00
The Cornforth Partnership	Donation	7,000.00
The Cornforth Partnership	Donation Village Newspaper	600.00
Sedgefield & District Advice & Information Service	) Donation	250.00
Finchale Training College	Donation	50.00
Durham Miners Gala Fund	Gala Brochure Entry	35.00
The Cornforth Partnership	Transport of Seats etc.	25.00
Meikles Solicitors	Fees	296.00
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	4,333.35
Zurich Municipal	Seminar Fee	30.00
		13,446.07

RESOLVED: That the schedule be approved.

11 AUDIT 2005/2006 ACCOUNTS

Members were advised that notification had been received from BDO Stoy Hayward LLP that the external audit of accounts had been set as 25th September 2006. The dates set for the exercise of electors' rights were 21st August to 18th September 2006.

It was reported that an estimate in the sum of £110 had been received from J. A. Armatage Accounting Services for undertaking the internal audit of the Council's 2005/06 Accounts.

RESOLVED: That the information be received and J. A. Armatage be appointed as the Council's internal auditor in respect of the 2005/06 Accounts.

12 CORNFORTH COMMUNITY PARK, THE CORNFORTH PARTNERSHIP

Members were informed that The Cornforth Partnership had been working with a group of young people who were interested in completing a project involving the Community Park. They were looking to complete a couple of voluntary clean ups and raise funds for an art project. The group intend including a small questionnaire in 'The Partner' to gain peoples views.

RESOLVED: That the Council supports the initiative.

13 SUMMER PLAYSCHMES 2006, SEDGFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

It was reported that in conjunction with the Council and The Cornforth Partnership, the Borough Council was organising a summer playscheme at West Cornforth on a similar basis to the previous year. It was looking for a contribution from the Parish Council towards the cost of the playscheme similar to the £525 contributed in 2005. (enabling legislation Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 section 19, provision of recreational facilities)

RESOLVED: That the Council contributes to the cost of the playscheme as indicated.

14 UNITY TRUST BANK , CHANGE OF SIGNATORIES TO ACCOUNT  
(Annual Meeting 8.5.06 Minute 3 Refers)

Members were reminded that at the Annual Meeting the Clerk plus Councillors: Dr. S. C. Drew, Mr. A. Mould, Mr. R. Poole, Mrs. S. Trainer and Mr. W. R. Wilson were designated as signatories for the purpose of signing cheques and issuing instructions to the Council's bankers, Unity Trust Bank.

Consideration was given to the documentation received from the bank.

RESOLVED: 1 Unity Trust Bank ("the Bank") shall continue to act as bankers for the account annotated on page 2 of this

Change of Signatory Request Form;

- 2 The Bank's terms and conditions were produced at the meeting and were approved;
- 3 This Mandate for the operation of the bank account payment instructions and banking services is provided to the Bank and that amendments to the Mandate may be provided by any Committee Member, Director or Trustee or any other officer of the organisation who is intimated to the Bank as being authorised by the Committee to do so;
- 4 The Bank is entitled to rely upon this Mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it;
- 5 The Bank will be notified in writing of any change in Committee Members / Directors / Trustees of the Organisation.

15 ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING, HIGH STREET, WEST CORNFORTH  
(30/1/06 Minute 1 Refers)

Members were reminded that in determining the Precept for 2006/07 a sum of £2,700 had been identified for providing additional Christmas lighting in the High Street. In 2005 lighting motifs were erected on five street columns and it was intended to provide an additional five in 2006. Arrangements had been made with the lighting section Durham County Council for "rock tests" to be carried out to the columns at an estimated cost of £45 per column to ensure that they were suitable to take the lighting motifs. The columns had been tested and found to be suitable.

A quotation, in the sum of £486.45, had been obtained from Lumalite, for a further five lighting motifs of the same type as installed in 2005.

A further quotation had been requested from Service Direct, Durham County Council for fitting commando units to the five columns and for erecting and subsequently dismantling ten lighting motifs over the Christmas period.

- RESOLVED:
- 1 That the action in arranging the testing of five lighting columns be confirmed.
  - 2 That the quotation of Lumalite in the sum of £486.45 be accepted.
  - 3 That further quotations from Service Direct be awaited.

16 PLANNING MATTERS

- 1 Erection of 141 Dwellings and 12 Apartments with infrastructure and

landscaping, Thrislington Depot, Station Road, West Cornforth, H. J. Banks & Company, Inkerman Road, Tow Law.

RESOLVED: That the Borough Council be informed that the Council supports the application and considers that the proposed development will improve the housing mix within West Cornforth, considerably assist the regeneration of the village and enhance its viability as a settlement.

- 2 Application to vary condition 2 (Proposed new site layout and access arrangements) of planning permission 7/2005/0289/DM - Flat development on site of former garage, Station Road West Cornforth, Klik Developments Ltd.

RESOLVED: That no objections be made in respect of the application.