

CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Cornforth Parish Council held at West Cornforth Community Centre at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 9th October 2006

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

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

Apologies: Councillors: Mrs. P. Pennick and Mr. M. Simpson.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th September 2006 were confirmed as a correct record.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public present at the meeting reported on incidents of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the front and rear of the High Street.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that, accompanied by his wife, he had attended a 'Caribbean' evening, organised by Sedgefield Borough Council, on Friday 6th October.

5 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

<u>Receipts</u>	£
Sedgefield Borough Council	33,000.00
Unity Trust Bank	<u>1,275.51</u>
	34,275.51

<u>Payments</u>	£	
Sedgefield Borough Council	Tickets Caribbean Evening	33.00
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI July - Sept	678.27
B. Kennedy	Members Allowances	17.68
A. Mould	Members Allowances	17.66
H. A. Robson	Members Allowances	17.66
W. R. Wilson	Members Allowances	17.66
E. G. Hurrell	(Salary	588.35
	(Postage	7.04
	(Telephone Calls	10.06
JWS Power Wash Cleaning	Cleaning Bus Shelters Aug & Sept	240.00
Northumbrian Water	Water Charges Allotments	286.08
The Cornforth Partnership	Photocopying Charges	46.25

RECOMMENDED: That the schedule be approved.

6 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to making contributions to the following:

- a) Chairman of Chilton Parish Councils Charity evening to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses/Butterwick Hospice. (4.9.06 Minute 7 refers)
- b) The Sedgefield Awards for Sensational Youth organised by Sedgefield Borough Council.
- c) The Learning Library, North Road, Spennymoor

Enabling legislation Local Government Act 1972 Section 137

RESOLVED: That donations be made as follows:

- a) Chilton Parish Council Chairman's Charities £7.
- b) Sedgefield Awards for Sensational Youth £50.
- c) The Learning Library £50.

7 GRASS VERGE ON STATION ROAD OPPOSITE CORONATION TERRACE (4.9.06 Minute 10 Refers)

Consideration was given to the maintenance arrangements for the grass verge opposite Coronation Terrace.

RESOLVED: That arrangements be made under the current ground maintenance contract for the grassed area to be raked and cut and the growth overgrowing the footpath to be cut back.

8 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2006

Members were informed that an application for a road closure order had been submitted to Sedgefield Borough Council in respect of Remembrance Sunday on the same basis as the previous year. Sedgefield Borough Council had arranged for Parish Clerks to meet with representatives of Durham Constabulary and Durham County Councils Highways and Public Transport Departments at 10.00 am on Wednesday 11th October to discuss Remembrance Day Parades and examine traffic management arrangements prior to the granting of closure orders. It was reported that a verbal quotation had been received from Premier Traffic Management in the sum of £150 for the provision of three road closure advanced warning notices to be erected before Remembrance Sunday. However the meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th October could establish additional traffic management requirements and it was suggested that the Clerk be authorised to implement any further requirements imposed in the granting of a road closure order.

It was reported that the Parish Council had organised a meeting to be held at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 12th October 2006 at West Cornforth Community Centre to be attended by the Reverend David Garrett and groups participating in the remembrance events to finalise details.

Consideration was given to making payments to the under mentioned bodies: (enabling legislation Local Government Act 1972 Section 137) as follows:

Royal British Legion	£90	Wreaths Remembrance Sunday
RBL Men's Section	£30	Donation
RBL Ladies Section	£30	Donation
Holy Trinity Parochial Church	(£30	Donation
Council	(£30	Refreshments Church Hall
Salvation Army	£30	Donation
Women's Co-operative Guild	£30	Donation
West Cornforth Primary School	£30	Donation
	<u>£300</u>	

- RESOLVED:
- 1 That the Clerk be authorised to make appropriate arrangements for traffic management in respect of Remembrance Sunday.
 - 2 That the Chairman and Vice Chairman attend the meeting to be held on 12th October 2006.

9 PAINTING WORK

It was reported that a quotation in the sum of £300 had been obtained from J.W.S. Power Wash Cleaning Services for rubbing down and re-painting the following in black hammerite:-

Bus Shelter and Railings, Garmondsway Road
Litter Bin, Stobb Cross (internal and external)
Entrance Gate, Stobb Cross Community Park

RESOLVED: That the quotation be accepted.

10 ALLOTMENTS WATER SUPPLY

It was reported that a quotation in the sum of £271.50 had been obtained from H. Wren Maintenance Services for works to improve the standard of the water distribution system at the above site following a burst.

Northumbrian water would arrange for the stop tap to be located and turned off. The charge for this service would be £42.30.

RESOLVED: That the quotation of H. Wren Maintenance be accepted and Northumbrian Water be engaged to locate and turn off the stop tap.

11 SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL, MOBILE MOVIES AGREEMENT, WINTER PERIOD

Consideration was given to providing a guarantee for two screenings of mobile movies

as part of the 2006/07 scheme organised by Sedgefield Borough Council. The guarantee amounted to £80 per screening less ticket income.

RESOLVED: That a guarantee be provided for two screenings.

12 RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE (4.9.06 Minute 16 Refers)

RESOLVED: That a meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee be held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 13th November at Cornforth Community Centre.

13 CORNFORTH CONSERVATION AREA

It was reported that Sedgefield Borough Council had secured an 'in principle' offer of a grant totalling £82,800 spread over three years towards the Conservation Area enhancements, mainly towards the grants scheme to help restore architectural features in buildings..

Works were to commence on Monday 13th November on the scheme to improve the access road to Holy Trinity Church.

RESOLVED: That the information be received.

14 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Erection of single storey extension to the side and rear of 44, Elm Road, Miss Yana Chugunova

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

- b) Footpath No 2 Cornforth Parish, temporary closure - it was reported that notification had been received from Durham County Council of the temporary closure to pedestrian traffic of a 70 metre of footpath no 2 from Tuesday 3rd October 2006 for a period of 21 days in order to repair a damaged and unstable footbridge. An alternative route for pedestrian traffic was via a direct route across the quarry access road.

RESOLVED: That the information be received.

15 TEMPORARY EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 33 in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

16 POLICE LIAISON

Consideration was given to a letter from Durham Constabulary.

RESOLVED: That arrangements be made for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to meet officers of Durham Constabulary.