

## CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Cornforth Parish Council held at West Cornforth Community Centre at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 11th December 2006

Present: Councillor Councillor Mr. W. R. Wilson, Vice Chairman and

Councillors: Mr. A. Mould, Mr. M. J. Pennick, Mr. H. A. Robson, Mrs. P. M. Walker, Ms. C. J. Warbis, Mrs A. Woodhall and Mr. W. H. Woodhall.

Apologies: Councillors: Mrs. H. P. Drew, Dr. S. C. Drew, Mr. B. Kennedy, Mrs. P. Pennick, Mr. R. Poole, Mr. M. Simpson and Mrs. S. Traynor.

### 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor W. R. Wilson declared a prejudicial interest in Minute 9 of the Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held on 13th November 2006, West Cornforth Community Centre, Development of Secure Picnic Area.

### 2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2006 were confirmed as a correct record.

### 3 POLICE LIAISON

Reference was made to the decision of Durham Constabulary to withdraw from attending Parish Council meetings.

RESOLVED: That the police be requested to submit a report on crime figures to meetings of the Parish Council.

### 4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following issues were raised:

- 1 Reply to residents letter to the Prime Minister regarding anti-social; behaviour.
- 2 Licensing of the private renting sector and how this would affect West Cornforth.

NB Having declared a prejudicial interest in the next item of business Councillor Mr. W. R. Wilson left the meeting for the duration of discussion and voting thereon.

In the absence of the Vice Chairman Councillor Mr. M. J. Pennick took the Chair.

### 5 RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the Minutes of a Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 13th November 2006. (for copy see file of Minutes)

RESOLVED: That the Minutes be approved and the recommendations adopted.

## 6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

## 7 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

<u>Receipts</u>		£
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Repayment	334.89
<u>Payments</u>		£
Mrs. M. Walton	Donation Co-op Women's Guild	30.00
B. Kennedy	Members Allowances	17.66
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	17.36
	( Car Mileage	11.60
RTM Group Services Ltd	Traffic Management	295.00
RBS Invoice Finance Ltd	Lumalite Christmas Lighting	511.21
Sedgefield Borough Council	( Ground Maintenance, Cornforth	
	( Community Park, Allotments and	
	( Grass Verge Station Road	1,550.76
JWS Power Wash Cleaning	Cleaning Bus Shelters	60.00
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RESOLVED: That the schedule be approved.

## 8 INTERNAL AUDIT 2007/08

It was reported that the Council's existing internal auditor, J. A. Armitage Accounting Services, had submitted an estimate in the region of £115 - £120 for undertaking the internal audit of the 2006/07 accounts.

RESOLVED: That the estimate be accepted and J. A. Armatage Accounting Services be appointed as the Council's internal auditor for the 2006/07 Accounts.

## 9 MINUTE 8 MEETING HELD ON 9TH OCTOBER

It was reported that at the meeting held on 9th October 2006 the Council approved payments to various bodies amounting to £300. The Council Minute (Minute8) however stated that "consideration was given to making the payments" but did not include in the resolution that the payments totalling £300 were approved.

RESOLVED: That the payment of £300 to various bodies as set out in Minute 8 of the meeting held on 9th October be confirmed.

## 10 RAILWAY ALLOTMENTS, HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE BARRIER (4.9.06 Minute 7 Refers)

Members were informed that a quotation in the sum of £789 had been received from Sedgefield Borough Council for the supply and installation of a heavy duty vehicle barrier

at the Council's allotment site.

RESOLVED: That the quotation be accepted.

11 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Consideration was given to an application from Crimestoppers. (enabling legislation Local Government Act 1972 Section 137)

RESOLVED: That a donation of £50 be made to Crimestoppers.

12 MO87 - REGISTERS OF INTERESTS AND GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY:  
NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS  
WITH EFFECT FROM THE 1ST DECEMBER 2006

A copy of a letter from the Monitoring Officer setting out revised arrangements for the registration of Members' interests was submitted for Members information. (for copy see file of Minutes)

13 MOBILE MOVIES

Members were advised that the film showing scheduled for 23rd November had to be cancelled owing to illness of the projectionist. However, arrangements had been made for film showings to be held at West Cornforth Community Centre at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday 18th January and Thursday 15th February 2007.

RESOLVED: That the information be received.

14 SIGNED MINUTES DECEMBER 1993 - DECEMBER 2005

RESOLVED: That the above minutes be deposited with the County Archivist, Durham County Council for permanent retention and a hard copy retained for reference.

15 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - HIGH STREET

It was reported that an inspection by Service Direct, Durham County Council had revealed that the motif on the lighting column outside the newsagents had become defective. Arrangements had been made for it to be replaced and the new one to be erected and connected to the electrical supply by Service Direct.

RESOLVED: That the action taken be confirmed.

16 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Planning Application No. CMA/7/55 (3.4.06 Minute 12(3) Refers) Proposed Development: Proposed eastern extension and restoration to nature conservation uses at Thrislington Quarry, West Cornforth for Lafarge Aggregates Ltd. Members were reminded that the Council had considered the above application on the 3rd April 2006 and submitted comments on it to the County Council. In response to

queries raised by the County Council the applicant had submitted additional information in support of the application.

RESOLVED: That no further comments be submitted in respect of the application.

- b) Durham County Council, Local Transport Plan
  - a) Delivery Report Local Transport Plan 1, 2001 - 2006.
  - b) Local Transport Plan 2, April 2006 - March 2011

Consideration was given to the above documents.

RESOLVED: That the information be received.

- c) Erection of Single Storey Extension, West Cornforth Medical Centre, Reading Street, West Cornforth, Whitfield Building Services Ltd. Meadowfield

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

- d) 34, High Street, West Cornforth, change of use from D1(non residential institutions) to A1 (shops), Pentagon Properties, South Shields

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

- e) 18, Ash Terrace, West Cornforth, erection of single storey rear extension, Mr. & Mrs. Wheller.

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

- f) Former scrapyards, Station Road, West Cornforth - details were reported of an unsuccessful appeal by the owner of the above site against a Section 215 Notice issued by Sedgefield Borough Council.

#### 17 TRAFFIC CALMING, GARMONDSWAY ROAD

Members were informed that the Local County Council Member, Councillor George Porter had approached the Council with a proposal to install a speed monitoring display unit at the entrance to the village on the approach to Garmondsway Road.

RESOLVED: That the Council explores, jointly with the County Council, the proposal to install a speed monitoring display unit on the approach to Garmondsway Road, West Cornforth.