

CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Cornforth Parish Council will be held at West Cornforth Community Centre at 7.00p.m. on Monday 2nd July 2007, when your attendance is requested.

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To consider declarations (if any) of personal or prejudicial interest in any item to be transacted.

3 MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2007. (Copy herewith)

4 POLICE LIAISON

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NB The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to facilitate public participation and resume the meeting following public participation.

6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

<u>Receipts</u>		£
Nil		
<u>Payments</u>		£
B. Kennedy	Members Allowances	17.66
W. R. Wilson	Members Allowances	17.66
E. G. Hurrell	(Salary	605.68
	(Telephone Calls	13.58
	(Stationery & Materials	42.98
	(Postage	6.86
Lumalite	Christmas Lighting Motifs	264.51
Sedgefield Borough Council	Standards Training Event	240.00
Durham County Council	Donation Children's Entertainment	400.00
Co. Durham Assoc. Local Councils	Annual Subscription & Periodical	316.48
J. A. Armatage	Audit Fees etc.	165.00
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RECOMMENDED: That the schedule be approved.

8 ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2007

a) The Council's Accounts for the financial year 2006/2007 have been audited by the Internal Auditor, J. A. Armatage Accounting Services. A copy of the following are enclosed for approval:

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- i) Annual Return, Section 1 - The Statement of Accounts
- ii) Annual Return, Section 2 - Annual Governance Statement
- iii) Annual Return, Section 4 - Annual Internal Audit Report

iv) Accounts 2006/2007 Supporting Notes

RECOMMENDED: That items i, ii, iii, and iv above be approved.

... b) Review of the Internal Control Systems Year Ended 31st March 2007
(Copy herewith)

RECOMMENDED : That the report be received.

9 MOLE INFESTATION VILLAGE GREEN (11.6.07 Minute 17 Refers)

The Clerk will report on progress.

10 BUS SHELTERS - FITTING NO SMOKING SIGNS

To comply with smoke free legislation, from 1st July 2007 it is a requirement to place no smoking signs in substantially enclosed bus shelters. To satisfy this requirement the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, accepted a quotation from Ferryhill Parish Council to supply and fix five signs in bus shelters for the sum of £50.

RECOMMENDED: That the action taken be confirmed.

11 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - SEDGFIELD ADVICE AND INFORMATION SERVICE 2007/08 (11.6.07 Minute 12b refers)

The service currently provides one session per week at West Cornforth Community Centre. To consider. (Enabling legislation Local Government Act 1972, section 142 power to support Citizen Advice Bureau)

12 SEDGFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL- PLAY RANGER - CORNFORTH COMMUNITY PARK

To consider a proposal from Sedgfield Borough Council for a Play Ranger to attend the Community Park periods to work with children under 8 yrs of age and their parents to encourage them to use the play area and engage in fun activities.

Summer Holiday Programme: Weekly sessions every Tuesday 1.00 - 4.00p.m.
Sessions to commence 24th July 2007

Autumn Programme : Weekly sessions every Tuesday 4.00 - 6.00p.m.
Sessions commence Tuesday 4th September

Winter sessions to be arranged on a weekend in view of dark evenings.

13 CORNFORTH CONSERVATION AREA (11.6.07 Minute 13 Refers)

Notification has been received from Bill Katakya, Design and Conservation Officer Sedgfield Borough Council that a meeting is to be held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 12th July 2007 at West Cornforth Community Centre to discuss with residents of the Conservation Area the next set of proposals for the area. Members of the Parish Council have been invited to attend this meeting.

A special meeting of the Parish Council has been arranged for 7.00 p.m. Monday 23rd July at West Cornforth Community Centre at which Mr. Katakya will make a presentation and discuss issues to enable the Council to agree final proposals for the next phase of

improvements to the Conservation Area.

14 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) North East Regional Spatial Strategy Proposed Changes - The Council has received a letter inviting comments on the changes proposed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to the draft revision of the North East Regional Spatial Strategy prepared by the North East Assembly. The Secretary of State has now considered the recommendations of the Independent Panel which held the Examination in Public into the draft revision, and in the light of this and the representations made on the draft revision, proposes to make changes to the RSS before finally publishing it. Comments are required by 6th August 2007. Item deferred at last meeting. (11.6.07 Minute 16d Refers)
- b) PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST
WEST CORNFORTH WAR MEMORIAL, HIGH STREET, CORNFORTH
(11.6.07 Minute 12e Refers)

At the June meeting it was agreed that should listing of the war memorial prevent the Council from adding the names of the fallen in subsequent conflicts to the empty panels on the memorial then an objection to the listing be lodged with the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport.

English Heritage confirmed that any additions to the memorial may be subject to listed building consent from the local planning authority. Planning officers of Sedgefield Borough Council expressed the view that on the basis of information supplied, namely that a blank panel exists on the memorial and any new names on the memorial would be in keeping with those already in place, (i.e. the works would not then affect the character as a building of special architectural or historic interest) the addition of new names would be exempt from the need for listed building consent.

Following consultation with the Chairman the Clerk has not lodged an objection to the listing with the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport .

RECOMMENDED: That the action taken be confirmed.

- c) Construction of combined dormer window in roof, 36/37 The Oval, West Cornforth. Mr. & Mrs. Winn, 6, Mayfields, Spennymoor.
- d) Planning Application CMA/7/60 Proposed Development: Extension of amenity landform on land to the north of Thrislington Works, West Cornforth for Lafarge Aggregates Ltd. Notification has been received from Durham County Council that the applicant has formally withdrawn the application.
- e) Planning Application CMA/7/64 to:
- a) extend the date for completion of mineral extraction to 31st December 2015.
 - b) revise method of mineral extraction.
 - c) revise the phasing of inert landfill operations at Bishop Middleham Quarry, Bishop Middleham for W&M Thompson (Quarries) Ltd.

E. G. Hurrell
Clerk
28th June 2007

To all Members of The Parish Council.