

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 3rd September 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 6th August 2007.
... (Copy herewith)

4 POLICE LIAISON

- a) Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001, Alcohol Consumption in Public Places (6.8.07 Minute 3 Refers) - with regard to the suggestion that a byelaw be introduced to ban the drinking of alcohol on the streets of West Cornforth, advice has been obtained from the Solicitor to Sedgfield Borough Council. The Borough Council would be the appropriate authority to introduce a bye law. Proposals for introducing bylaws to restrict drinking in public places may only go forward with the co-operation of the police. When approached the police have regularly resisted the suggestion that such bylaws be implemented within Sedgfield Borough. The police have informed the Borough Council that should the police feel that a local drinking ban is appropriate they would draw it to the Borough Council's attention. The Solicitor has pointed out that with the Borough Council about to embark on a period of transition following the announcement regarding the Local Government Review for the County Durham area it is unlikely that many new projects will go forward for consideration during this period unless exceptional justification can be given.

- b) Beat Report

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>		£
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Repayment	1,093.91
Northern Electric plc	Wayleaves	<u>24.86</u>

1,118.77

<u>Payments</u>		£
B. Kennedy	Members Allowances	17.66
W. R. Wilson	Members Allowances	17.66
E. G. Hurrell	(Salary	605.68
	(Postage	11.62
West Cornforth Primary School	Friends of the School Fun Activities	200.00
H. Wren Maintenance Services	Repairs to Wall Stobb Cross	61.41
JWS Power Wash Cleaning	Cleaning Bus Shelters July	120.00
Broxap	Installation of litter bins	650.00
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RECOMMENDED: That the schedule be approved.

8 GRASS VERGE STATION ROAD, OPPOSITE CORONATION TERRACE
(6.8.07 Minute 16 Refers)

An estimate in the sum of £500 has been obtained from Sedgfield Borough Council for cutting the grass at the above verge raking, removing and disposing of arisings.

9 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - THE CORNFORTH PARTNERSHIP -
THE CORNFORTH PARTNER (8.5.07 Minute 7(c) Refers)

In May 2006 the Council agreed to make an initial contribution of £600 towards the production costs of the Partner estimated at £300 per quarter and requested The Cornforth Partnership to contact the Council should further assistance be required.

The Partnership has requested further assistance with the cost of producing the publication. The estimated cost of printing and delivering one issue of the Partner is approximately £350. The Partnership is looking at ways of attracting subscriptions and advertising.(enabling legislation Local Government Act 1972, Section 137)

To consider.

10 ANNUAL VILLAGE SHOW, WEST CORNFORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE
SATURDAY 8TH & SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2007.

Members are reminded that the Village Show will be held on the above dates. Winning entries will be on display from 4.30 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Saturday and 2.00p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Sunday.

11 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

A Member has suggested that it would be a good idea for the Council, to acknowledge the importance of marriage by presenting a bouquet of flowers to the residents of the village who are celebrating their Ruby Anniversary onwards. The cost would need to be met from the Chairman's Allowance.

To consider.

12 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP, 15 YEARS CELEBRATION, SATURDAY 29TH
SEPTEMBER 2007, THE DURHAM ROOM, COUNTY HALL, DURHAM

The Council has been invited to send two representatives to the above event hosted by Durham County Council.

To consider.

13 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Two storey extension to form additional bedrooms and enlarged kitchen; detached garage and porch to front 64, Garmondsway Road, West Cornforth. S. Bowerbank
- b) 1 - 8 Joseph Hopper Terrace, West Cornforth - installation of new boundary treatment to existing wall. Durham Aged Miners Association.
- c) Change of use from shop to residential, 34, High Street, West Cornforth. Euro Properties, Sunderland.
- d) Durham County Council - The Rights of Way Improvement Plan for County Durham 2007-2011 Consultation draft.

E. G. Hurrell
Clerk
30th August 2007

To all Members of The Parish Council.