

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 14th January 2008, when your attendance is requested.

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To consider declarations 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 3rd December 2007.

... (Copy herewith)

4 WEST CORNFORTH CCTV REPORT APRIL 07 TO NOVEMBER 07

... Report of Andrew Aitken (Copy herewith)

Andrew Aitken will be present at the meeting to present the report.

5 POLICE LIAISON

Beat Report

Policing Priorities 2008/09

County Durham Association of Local Councils has been requested by the Police Authority to identify the three most important priorities for inclusion in the 2008/09 Policing Plan from a list of seven and has requested the views of Parish Councils before responding. The proposed priorities are:

Improve the efficiency of the force by making better use of available resources.

Make our communities safer through effective Neighbourhood Policing and tackling anti social behaviour, working in partnership with other agencies.

Protect our communities from the threat of terrorism.

Protect vulnerable people from serious harm e.g. abuse, assault, injury.

Provide an effective citizen focused approach to our service delivery which is responsive to the needs of the individual, ensuring that we engage with the diverse communities within County Durham and Darlington.

Reduce the harm caused to our communities by organised crime groups.

Reduce the harm to our communities caused by the effect of alcohol and drug abuse.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

7 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

8 MINUTES, RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE 13TH DECEMBER 2007

... Copy herewith

RECOMMENDED: That the Minutes be received and the recommendations adopted.

9 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

<u>Receipts</u>		£
Nil		0.00
<u>Payments</u>		£
B. Kennedy	Members Allowances	21.64
W. R. Wilson	Members Allowances	21.64
HM Revenue & Customs	Income Tax/NI contributions Oct-Dec	772.24
E. G. Hurrell	(Salary including arrears from April	711.73
	(Stationery and Materials	21.28
	(Tel Calls	19.33
	(Postage	14.34
The Learning Library	Donation	50.00
Sedgefield Borough Council	Donation SASY awards	50.00
Northumbrian Water	Water Charges Allotments	132.07
JWS Power Wash Cleaning	Cleaning Bus Shelters Nov & Dec	120.00
West Cornforth Comm. Association	Hall Hire Jan - Dec 2007	239.00
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RECOMMENDED: That the schedule be approved.

10 BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT 31ST DECEMBER 2007

... Report of Clerk (Copy herewith)

11 INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2007/08

J. A. Armatage Accounting have confirmed that the firm will be able to undertake the internal audit of the Council's 2007/08 Accounts at a cost in the region of £120.

RECOMMENDED: That the Council appoints J. A. Armatage Accounting as its internal auditor for the 2007/08 Accounts.

12 RAILWAY ALLOTMENTS REMEDIAL WORKS TO BRIDGE STRUCTURES

(3.12.07 Minute 9 Refers)

In accordance with the recommendations of Building Design Northern, quotations were invited for remedial works to the two bridge structures at the above site from WJM Quigley Ltd, Sedgefield Borough Council and H. Wren Maintenance Services. Details of quotations received will be reported to the meeting.

13 DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL, THRISLINGTON ALLOTMENT SITE (9.2.04 Minute 2 Refers)

Durham County Council has written to inform the Council that it is considering the disposal of garage and allotment sites in its ownership. As an initial step in the disposal process it has enquired whether the Parish Council would be interested in purchasing the Thrislington Allotment and Garage sites.

This matter was last considered by the Council in February 2004 when it was agreed that the alternative of working in partnership with Durham County Council and allotment holders in

respect of allotment provision and management in West Cornforth be explored.

To consider.

14 RAILWAY TERRACE, WEST CORNFORTH, STREET SIGNS (3.12.07 Minute 21 Refers)

Sedgefield Borough Council has confirmed that it has arranged for the street signs on the village green to be amended to read 'leading to Railway Terrace'.

RECOMMENDED: That the information be received.

15 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- a) Victim Support County Durham.
- b) West Cornforth and District Community Association (5.11.07 Minute 15c Refers) - In November the Council agreed to underwrite any loss that may be sustained in staging the pantomime Cinderella at the Community Centre. Information on the event and details of the contribution required from the Council will be reported to the meeting.

16 THE PARISH COUNCILLOR'S GUIDE

A Member has suggested that the Council obtains a copy of the above publication for each Member of the Council at a cost of £13.78 each from [www. Amazon.co.uk](http://www.Amazon.co.uk).

To consider.

17 RISK MANAGEMENT AWARENESS TRAINING

County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership have invited the Council to participate in a risk management awareness training event to be held at County Hall, Durham from 10.00 a.m. till noon on Thursday 7th February 2007. The event will focus on raising awareness of the understanding of the basic principles of risk management in the context of Parish Councils. David Marshall (Corporate Risk Manager, Durham County Council) will be the trainer. The event is free and restricted to one attendee per Parish Council.

To consider.

18 TEMPORARY HIGHWAY CLOSURE, MAUGHAN CLOSE, WEST CORNFORTH

Notification has been received from Durham County Council that an Order has been made under the provisions of Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effect of which is to close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic from Monday 7th January 2008, a 360 square metre area of highway adjacent to the garages and hard standing area east of No.1 Maughan Close, West Cornforth. The closure is necessary to enable new drainage works, which will probably take some 8 weeks to complete, to be carried out to that area of road. Throughout the period of closure no alternative route will be available to vehicular traffic.

19 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority, 'Safer Places Safer People' Integrated Risk Management Planning: draft Year 5 Improvement Plan 2008/09.

E. G. Hurrell
Clerk
10th January 2008

To all Members of The Parish Council.