

CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Cornforth Parish Council held at West Cornforth Community Centre at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 4th February 2008.

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

Councillors: Mrs. H. P. Drew, Mr. A. Hodgson, Mr. M. J. Pennick, Mrs. P. Pennick, Mr. S. M. Pennick, Mr. R. Poole, Miss. J. Snowball, Mrs. S. Traynor, Mrs. P. M. Walker, Mr. W. R. Wilson and Mr. W. H. Woodhall.

Apologies: Councillors: Mr. K. Clasper, and Mr. M. Simpson.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs. H. P. Drew, Mr. A. Hodgson, Mr. S. M. Pennick, Mrs. S. Traynor, Mrs. P. M. Walker and Mr. W. R. Wilson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 14 Application for Financial Assistance 2008/09 , The Cornforth Partnership.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 14th and 28th January 2008 were confirmed as a correct record.

3 POLICE LIAISON

Consideration was given to the Beat Report for January 2008.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that he had received invitations to a Valentine Dance organised by Chilton Town Council and the Mayor's Charity Dinner, Sedgfield Town Council on 7th March 2008.

6 POLICE LIAISON

At this juncture Police Constable Ken Barclay and PCSO Louise Armstrong entered the meeting, discussed with Members current policing issues and commented on the Beat Report for January.

PC Barclay and PCSO Armstrong then retired from the meeting.

7 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

£

Nil 0.00

<u>Payments</u>		£
W. R. Wilson	Members Allowances	18.10
E. G. Hurrell	(Salary	617.43
	(Postage	16.38
Sedgefield Borough Council	CCTV Costs	12,005.00
Sedgefield Borough Council	Playgrounds Annual Inspection	50.00
West Cornforth Comm. Association	Donation re Pantomime	277.87
N Power	Electricity Charges CCTV	399.91
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		13,384.69

RESOLVED: That the schedule be approved.

8 WAR MEMORIAL FORMER METHODISTS CHAPEL - STATION ROAD , WEST CORNFORTH (5.11.08 Minute 17 Refers)

It was reported that the owner of the premises had consented to the war memorial being relocated to an appropriate place within the village. West Cornforth Community Centre had been suggested as a suitable location and the Community Association were to consider the proposal. Should the Community Association agree, estimates for relocating the memorial could be obtained from monumental masons and an application for up to 50 % grant could be submitted to the War Memorial Trust.

RESOLVED: That the views of West Cornforth and District Community Association be obtained.

9 ROAD C24 -THINFORD ROAD, JUNCTION WITH ROAD A177 AT TURSDALE - APPLICATION TO PLACE STRUCTURE IN HIGHWAY VERGE. SEAT NEAR AGED MINERS HOMES (3.12.07 Minute16 refers)

Consideration was given to a form of indemnity and acceptance of conditions received from Durham County Council.

RESOLVED: That the form be signed and returned.

10 CORNFORTH COMMUNITY PARK, PROVISION OF FIXED PLAY EQUIPMENT (6.8.07 Minute 6 Refers)

It was reported that confirmation had been received from Sedgefield Borough Council that its bid to the Children's Play Lottery Fund had been successful and £70,000 had been earmarked for Cornforth Community Park. The original scheme had been altered slightly to bring the overall cost within the £70,000 budget. The revisions to the original scheme were then examined.

RESOLVED: That the proposals be approved.

11 PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKS

The Clerk commented on current maintenance works required at Cornforth Community Park and Stobb Cross Community Park in respect of which costings were being obtained through Sedgfield Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to sanction repairs to the value of £500.

12 COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CONSULTATION ON ORDERS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS IN ENGLAND.

Members were informed that the Council had been invited to comment on proposals for a revised ethical conduct regime for local government with revised roles for the Standards Board and standard committees. Consideration was given to the consultation document.

RESOLVED: That no comments be made on the document.

13 THE RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR COUNTY DURHAM 2007-2011, PASSIONATE ABOUT PATHS -SUMMARY.

It was reported that Durham County Council had forwarded a copy of the above document.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item Councillors Mrs. H. P. Drew, Mr. A. Hodgson, Mr. S. M. Pennick, Mrs. S. Traynor, Mrs. P. M. Walker and Mr. W. R. Wilson took no part in voting thereon.

14 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2008/09, THE CORNFORTH PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to a letter from The Cornforth Partnership requesting a contribution of £6,000 towards its core running costs for 2008/09. (Enabling legislation Local Government Act 1972, Section 137)

RESOLVED: That a contribution of £6,000 be made to The Cornforth Partnership.

15 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Durham County Council (Footpath No.11 Cornforth Parish) Public Path Diversion Order - Members were informed that the Council had received a copy of the notice of confirmation of the making of the above order the effect of which was to divert a section of the footpath over land at Brandon Hill Farm.
- b) Building our Future, County Durham Economic Strategy 2008-2013 - consideration was given to the draft Economic Strategy.

RESOLVED: That no comments be made on the document.

- c) County Durham Primary Care Trust and Darlington Primary Care Trust, Operational Plan 2008-09, Commissioning Intentions - consideration was given to the proposals.

RESOLVED: That no comments be made on the document.

16 GROUND MAINTENANCE, HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD

Members referred to the ground maintenance arrangements in respect of Holy Trinity Churchyard.

RESOLVED: That the Reverend Keith Lumsdon be invited to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to discuss this matter.

17 CCTV REPORTS

Discussion took place on the CCTV service.

RESOLVED: That Andrew Aitken be requested to attend the Parish Council meeting when the next CCTV report is considered.

18 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY - FOOTPATH NO 2

A Member reported that wire had been fixed across a stile on footpath No. 2.

RESOLVED: That further information be obtained and the matter referred to Durham County Council.

19 RAILWAY TERRACE, WEST CORNFORTH, STREET SIGNS (14.1.08 Minute 12 Refers)

Members enquired when the proposed street signage would be erected.

RESOLVED: That Sedgefield Borough Council be contacted for further information.

20 STREET SIGNAGE, EAST VIEW, WEST CORNFORTH

Members noted that no street signage was in place for East View.

RESOLVED: That this matter be drawn to the attention of Sedgefield Borough Council.

21 PARISH PATHS

It was noted that three Members had undertaken an initial survey of footpaths in the Parish and were to undertake further survey work with Elaine Field of Durham County Council with a view to proposals being presented to the March meeting.