

Minutes for Meeting held Thursday 17th February 2022 at 18.00hrs at Wingates Village Institute

Present: - Chris Tait (Chair) Louise Kirkwood Nigel Fisher Sue Rollitt (Clerk)

Apologies: - Glen Sanderson County Councillor

Welcome all

Minutes of Meeting held Friday 10th December 2021 approved and signed by Chris Tait (Chair)

Declaration of interest on any items other than standard declarations of interest NONE

No parishioners present, no questions forwarded prior to the meeting.

Report sent from Glen Sanderson.

1.NCC review into Storm Arwen underway and involves many interviews and have taken a lot of evidence.

2.Budget to be announced next week the key point is that frontline services will not be cut. County looks well compared to many others and the staff have continued to deliver despite covid and storms etc and this is a way of saying thank you.

3.NCC have put a in a new sum of over £2 million extra for C and U roads and many people say how much better our roads are looking but still a lot to do especially on the smaller roads.

4.Also spending around £10 million on the landslips at Todstead-a huge amount but NCC feel it needs to be done once and for all. Very complicated engineering job and will be expensive and difficult

5.Two key priorities are around supporting business to invest is bearing fruit with British Volt and other companies making enquiries, and to do all we can to help existing business-that means keeping car parking free in town centres- this costs a lot of lost income, but it is felt it does help the market towns.The other one is to simply work for our residents and especially help those people who most need our help especially given the increases coming in the cost of living.

Matters Arising

1. Storm Arwen Enquiry response from ourselves discussed and to send to NCC. WVI ideas and Emergency Contingency Plan discussed. Chris and Louise reported from the Wingates Village Hall committee meeting. It was suggested that the Hall should be an Emergency Hub for Committee members/Parish Councillors primarily to access along with designated parishioners to enable other parishioners wishing to utilise the hall and to encourage neighbours to check on each other. There is a need to build more community relationships. A contact list for the PC to hold needs to be drawn up for as many residents in the parish as possible. A few people within the Parish still have the old fashioned phones and could contact some residents as well and where possible parishioners could travel to check on others if safe to do so. The committee feels that a generator for the Village Hall could be a problem, where to store it, who has the knowledge to safely run it .

Louise mentioned that CAN are conducting their first round of surveys regarding village halls having solar panels/back up batteries installed. At present the Village Hall is solely reliant on electricity and oil. Chris and Louise all for having initial contact to find out more and that the people in the village should be able to give their views. Nigel can do a letter of support for such an application.

2. Parish Council Newsletter is progressing albeit slowly. Hopefully ready for the Village Hall coffee morning on Saturday March 26th. Included so far: -

- Bridge repairs complete over the burn between East Wingates farm and East Todburn farm, initiated by Chris- thank you Chris.
- Co-option onto Parish Council
- New members sought for Village Hall Committee
- Parish Councillors attending the Village Hall coffee morning if anybody wishes to have a chat
- Update on success of speed limits on approach and within Wingates.
- People to sign up for emergency 'cascade' contact list. To assess people's views on this
- Platinum Jubilee day.

Newsletters to be hand delivered due to lack of funds for stamps

Nigel told councillors about the initiative for halls to be open as community hubs and the Communities Together Team at NCC will contact Parish Councils regarding this.

3. Notice of Vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors by co option to be advertised on the 2 notice boards at the Village Hall and on our website.

4.Hedgerows and trees have been cut back recently. Louise stated that trees require attention from Fontburn down the hill to Coomb Hill bridge. Also very large pothole at bottom of the hill. To be reported to Highways.

5.No further information at present from Stephen Rickitt regarding by election costs.

Correspondence

1.Various correspondence e mailed to all prior to meeting re Storm Arwen enquiry, Platinum Jubilee fund, Climate emergency information, Rothbury to Weldon Bridge Road for major repairs.

Plans

1.Wingates Moor plan withdrawn

Finance

1.In A/C as of 17th February 2022 £398.14.

2. Coquetdale Cluster fee £6.46 paid.

3.Precept request for 20% increase sent 06/01/2022. Amount rising from £1.471.00 to £1.765.00 per annum to help cover last years unexpected by election costs.

4.Cheques for £45.00 by election costs sent 14/12/2021 and 20/01/2022. Cheque written for 21/02/2022 costs. March payment will be the last one.

Next meeting AGM 19th May 2022. Meeting closed at 19.15 hours.

Meeting dates.

Thursday July 7th 2022 at 6pm

Tuesday September 13th 2022 at 6pm

Tuesday December 6th 2022

Tuesday February 2022 at 6pm

