

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting held 5th December 2019 at 18.00 at Wingates Village institute

Welcome to all

Present: Kirsty Bell (Chair) Gary Scorer Neil Fowler, Louise Kirkwood from 19.00 hrs, Sue Rollitt(Clerk).

Northumberland County Council Update sent from Glen Sanderson as unable to attend -see attached notes.

Parishioners Questions- No parishioners present /No questions forwarded.

Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda other than standard declaration of interest NONE.

Minutes from meeting dated 19th September 2019 approved and signed by Kirsty Bell.

Kirsty informed Councillors that Chris Dickson had resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect due to family commitments. Sue to write thank you letter. Discussed replacement, Councillors feel we need someone from the south west area of the Parish, Sue to ask Chris if he knows of anyone who may be interested and to write to the new Headmistress of Nunnykirk School. Also to write letter to headmistress after next meeting re passing place signs in situ.

Matters Arising

1 Passing place signs/re siting of double bend sign. Site meeting Tuesday 8th October 2019 Kirsty met with Martin King, notes attached. Further email sent on 29th October 2019 to Glen stating still no works commenced. He is chasing this up. Contacted Glen again- works due to be commenced during December. As of today passing place signs in situ but 2 missing from The Chirm lane past the windfarm, SLOW sign on lane approaching Wingates showing slight sign of wearing and z bend still not resited- Sue to contact NCC and Glen.

2 Local Transport Plan response due soon

3. Todburn ford road repairs completed, pothole filled near Forget me Not Caravan Park, others awaiting repair, delay due to amount of rainfall. Other potholes filled during week November 18th. Email sent to Ali Johnson re road to Forestburngate and lane erosion opposite wood yard in Wingates.

4 Fiddlers Elbow flooding. Sue to chase up re depth indicator, discussed re NCC clearing gullies and drainage from farmers fields. (After meeting, Sue realised this had not been on the LTP but on Martin King's site visit - see notes. Sue to contact him in New Year re this.)

5 Update on Polling Station Review -Final Consultation ended November. Wingates Village Institute to continue as Polling Station for now.

6 Grit heap /salt bin map emailed to Ali Johnson 25th September, all now in situ

7 £20.00 sent to GNAA Thank you letter received from GNAA for our donation

8 Ideas for utilising Wingates Wind farm Community Benefit monies.

- Depth Indicator/Post for Fiddlers Elbow.
- Solar powered flashing sign within Wingates indicating Thank You if travelling slowly. Discussion re possible siting. Gary to cost purchase/installation/upkeep
- Neil to look at funding for WVI and PC information.

9 Correspondence re Fontburn Access road between Louise and Glen. Louise reported that a meeting had taken place Thursday 28th November of Fontburn Liaison Group. Funds (Northumbrian Water) have been set aside to resurface lane/access point as soon as possible. Cattle grid needs to be redesigned.

Group have written to Glen re safety signs and Glen reminded Highways that chevrons need replacing.

10 Policies to be readopted at February meeting as updated Disciplinary/Grievance Policies requires reading.

11 Affordable Housing consultation no comments.

Meetings/Training Reports

1 Town/Parish Council Conference Louise attended and found it very informative. Louise reiterated how important it is to retain Wingates Village Institute as a Polling Station. Consultation to be distributed re Library services as NCC wishing to cut back on these services .Digital books can now be borrowed online. Library van visits schools and playgroups.

Online fraud a key interest of NCC. Broadband connection to further areas has come to a standstill, Alncom could bridge gaps between BT infrastructure and themselves.

2 Wingates Windfarm Community Benefits Fund meeting 2nd December, Kirsty reported on this meeting-minutes to follow when approved. Next meeting March 2020 when Louise will be on the committee as well to replace Neil Purvis.

Finances

1 In A/C as of 5th December 2019 £916.20

2 £40.00 rent paid to WVI

3 Precept 2020/2021 discussed. Councillors agreed on requesting 5% increase (£67.20).

4 Clerks wages 25th July 2019 – December 5th 2019 (19 weeks at 1½ hours per week, £8.21 per hour- Total £232.34 plus expenses £6.71. Cheque written for £239.05

5 Repaid Kirsty for black printer ink 20.69

Dates of meetings 2020

February 6th 18.00hrs

May 1st (AGM) 18.00hrs

July 16th 18.00 hrs plus tour of Parish

September 17th 19.00 hrs

December 3rd 18.00hrs

Meeting closed 19.25.