

**MINUTES FOR NUNNYKIRK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
7TH DECEMBER 2017 AT 18.00 HRS AT WINGATES VILLAGE INSTITUTE**

Welcome

Present: Kirsty Bell, Louise Kirkwood, Barry Frost, Gary Scorer, Sue Rollitt (clerk)

Apologies for absence : Chris Dickson - ill

Minutes of last meeting held on September 11th 2017 read, approved and signed by Kirsty Bell

10 minute slot for parishioners questions. No parishioners present and no questions forwarded

Declaration of interest in items on the agenda other than the standard declaration of interest None

Matters Arising

1 Audit completed 18/09/2017, matters arising discussed. Error in completion of Boxes 4 and 7 due to paying 1 cheque to Kirsty Bell including repayment of BT Direct Debit and photocopying. Audit fee for £36.00 paid 24/09/2017

2 Policies adopted—Model Standing Orders for Smaller Parish Councils, Model Code of Conduct for local councils, Disciplinary and Grievance Arrangements, Model Publication scheme, Model Complaints Procedure for Smaller Parish Councils. All above policies to be adhered to, to the best of our abilities within our resources. Sue to ask for clarification re Complaints Policy section 6.1 (if there are communication problems what is the policy?). Also as we are such a small committee, if we require another person can we ask NALC for assistance?

3 Local Transport plan sent 18/09/2017

4 Gary Scorer's Declaration of Interests sent 20/09/2017

5 Confirmation received from Planning Department on 26/09/2017 re Pele Cottage alterations not needing Planning Permission, Building Regulations only.

Website

1 Some information now on website, to continue updating. Also discussed information to be forwarded to Julia Plinston for the front page of website – Wingates name derived from ‘the wind blowing through the gates’, how many residents in parish, how many properties, area we cover, WVI only community building in our parish and was built in 1915 by the Straker family, then owners of the Wingates estate, to commemorate the 21st birthday of their daughter. The Wingates history atlas is located in Wingates Village Institute.

Correspondence

1 Data Protection will need budgeting for 2018/2019 approx £35.00

2 Precept 2018/2019 discussed and finances assessed. Insurance may increase by £40.00.including IPT,Clerks wages increased from £7.50 per hour to £7.88 per hour, Data Protection approx. £35.00 (not confirmed),Website hosting £75.00.Therefore would work at a loss of £35.45. All agreed on 5% increase in precept.

Meetings/Training reports

1 Broadband. Kirsty met with Simon Robeson BT, and owners of roadside properties. Viewlaw to The Birks installation approx. £30.000. Costs needed for self- dig for 2 miles. Questions raised re basis of costings. Kirsty left parishioners to continue with progress of work from now on. Majority are in Longhorsley,9 households in Nunnykirk Parish.

Louise attended Glen Sanderson broadband meeting. Installation grant subsidy discussed. Next meeting March 23rd 2018 9.30-11.30.

Alcam have completed installation into WVI, and are giving free service, for how long?

2 Parish/Town Council meeting. Kirsty and Sue attended 09/10/2017. Discussed Neighbourhood Services, Kirsty to email re Southward edge to Wingates verges and overhanging branches. Kirsty to email highways re verge cost outside WVI again. Planning Training sessions may commence again Jan 2018.Planning comments to be in bold whether agree or object, Planning Policy starting place -does it comply with it or not, noise, contamination and highways to also consider

3 Kirsty and Chris attended the Town and Parish Council Conference. Organisation/content well managed by Glen Sanderson. £500.000 available for each area of highways to be done properly. 5 million from government to upgrade rural roads. Morpeth parking problems being looked at. 2nd cut important for verges. Quad bikes purchased for weed control. Income from recycling and waste service provision to NHS

4 Wingates community Benefit fund meeting attended by Kirsty, Infinis now taken over by Variant Energy. 2 applications 1. Woodland at Longhorsley for park benches and seat. 2. Emily Davison book, Local history Society require money. Next year is commemoration of 100 years since suffragettes movement ensured women's right to vote. Both applications total approx. £4,000. Next meeting March 2018

Finances

1 In Account £1.148.31

2 Precept received 17/09/2017 for £606.00

3 Wi fi village hall/grant monies - Cheques written £320.00 WVI final wi fi rent. To ensure there was sufficient funds in the account prior to the receipt of the precept Louise paid the amount below (final payment due from Wind Farm Fund) to cover the rent cheque. This has now been reimbursed : £274.00 to Louise Kirkwood. Income – final grant money £273.

4 Rent for WVI for pc meetings of £40.00 paid 10/10/2017

5 Laptop repair costs of £60.00 paid by Kirsty refunded also BT Feb direct debit costs £43.99. Total £103.99

6 Air Ambulance Donation request granted for £20.00

7 Clerks wages and expenses paid. Wages £210.00, Expenses £34.35

Total £244.35

8 £100.00 donation to WVI

Plans

1 Reservoir House, Fontburn Cottages, Ewesley plans comments emailed 30/10/2017. Permission granted 30/11/2017

Any other business

1.Sue to email re grit heaps

2.Louise raised issue of Fontburn service road and main road surfaces and broken cattle grid. Conditions of planning approval for Goats on the roof, Fontburn dated 09/07/2015 ,stated this problem had to be resolved.So far with continued complaints, nothing has been achieved. Sue to write to planning officer highlighting the problems.

3.Nunnykirk School 10k run Wed 15th August 2018 at 19.00hrs

Meeting closed 19.30hrs

Date of next meeting Monday 5th February 2018 at 18.00 hrs