

COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cotherstone Parish Council held on 12th July 2017 in Cotherstone Village Hall

Present: J Birkett (Chairman), R Hunter, J Watson, J Gill, A Thorn

Also in attendance: R Tarn (Clerk)

1. Apologies: D Rabbitts

2. Declarations of Interest: J.W declared an interest regarding grass cutting matters.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2017: These had been circulated, accepted by all and signed by the chairman.

4. Matters Arising:

Blocked drains in Baldersdale; these are still being monitored and waiting for Martin Holland (DCC) to come and assess these.

Footpath in the Bogg Field; Mike Murdon has confirmed that remedial work is to be carried out; and will obtain access through J & J G Gill & Son. This is still pending.

Drains on the village green; JB has written to Brian Featherstone; there is now a loose stone on top off one of them. J.B to take a photo to send to DCC.

R.H has now borrowed the stencils to number the cemetery walls; work to be carried out is pending.

Cemetery Spreadsheet; this is now completed and to be saved on to a memory stick. Thank you to R.H & R.T for the work on this. R.H proposed a payment of £250.00 to R.T and this was agreed by all.

5. Cemetery/Village Greens/Allotments:

The ruts on the Village Green are still an issue. R.T to raise this with DCC

RH to spray allotment K3 with weed killer again.

As a result of the June walk around; it was agreed that a number of letters to be sent to the following allotment holders asking them to strim the weeds down and spray with weed killer as they are spreading to neighbours allotments; Fiona Addison (Close), Ken Fairless & Teresa Wilcox (Klondyke). There is a waiting list for both of these allotments.

The boundary wall at Klondyke is in need of repair on Demesne Lane side; this is to be left pending until vegetation dies down.

Memorial plaque for John Hill – approved by all – R.T to contact Sue at William Allison.

Memorial plaque for Margaret Allinson – this is pending – R.T to respond to Teesdale Memorials and ask for a sketch/diagram.

6. Accounts for Payment: The following payments were authorised by the PC:

- Mr G.B Thwaites, Grass Cutting - £420.00 (2 x cuts for Greens/Cemetery and Klondyke.)

- Mr R Siswick - £30.00 (Supplying plants and planting tubs at The Close)

- Mrs R E Tarn - £300.00 (3 x month's clerk salary)

- Mrs R E Tarn - £250.00 (Work Carried out on putting the Cemetery on to a spreadsheet)

7. Planning Matters:

(a) DM/17/01755/TPO – Mr Nick Read – Brook House – Approved 06/07/2017

(b) DM/17/01644/FPA – Mr Andrew Colling – 4 Marwood View – Approved 29/06/2017

(c) DM/17/01733/FPA – Mr & Mrs Hunt – North Corn Park – Pending

(d) DM/17/01818/FPA – Mr S Crowe – Greystones – Pending

(e) DM/17/02092/VOC – Mr N Colegrove – Land West of Four Winds – No Objection - Pending

8. Highway Matters: The following highway matters have been reported by R.T: -

- Blocked drains on the bridge below Hury Reservoir – this has been closed by DCC. This is be raised again as it is a grade II listed structured and will get damaged.
- Blocked drains at West Park – further action required by DCC.
- Pot Holes on the road leading to the bridge below Hury Reservoir – pending a decision by DCC.
- Pot Holes on the road from Willoughby to Clove Lodge – pending a decision by DCC.
- Pot Hole at the entrance to Hodgsons field – further action required by DCC; escalated.
- Paving at Four Winds – pending a decision by DCC.

The following highway matters are to be reported by R.T.

- Road damage from the bottom of the Baldersdale Road – Balder Croft (Gas Mains Work)
- Blocked drains at Booze Wood Road
- Blocked drains at Mere Beck.
- Ruts around the village green – needs to be kerbed.
- Balder View – Sunken part of the road.
- Bus Stop Sign & Timetable needs replacing from 2 Balder Cottage.

9. Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing to report on the Neighbourhood Plan.

10. Reports from Representatives: Nothing to report.

11. Correspondence: Emails circulated. RT to respond to Draft Revised Charter between DCC and local councils in County Durham to confirm we are in agreement with the proposals and to CDALC Subscription fees.

12. Any other Business:

- J.W had attended the meeting held by Northumbrian Water regarding work done on the pipe over the Balder. Footpath No 75 is going to be temporarily closed while the work takes place. There is to be no other impact to water etc. If there are any problems; the telephone number is 0345 717 1100.
- J.W reported on the 28/06/2017 – Cement was delivered to Four Winds by Low Grange Quarry. They emptied/cleared out the shoot below the building site on the grass verge. This has been brought to the attention of Low Grange by a local resident twice and has still not been cleared. R.T to write to Low Grange to ask for action to be taken or will be reported to DCC.
- A.T reported fly tipping of garden waste up the Moor Road – R.T to report to DCC.
- J.W reported a broken kerbs and loose paving stones between the Chapel and the Post Office.
- Robin Quick has repainted and oiled the seat opposite The Hagg top. J.W has asked Robin to send us a bill for the oil etc.
- Apologies were made by J.G and A.T for the September meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 07:00

There being no further business; the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 08:05.

Signed Date