

COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Cotherstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th October 2017 in Cotherstone Village Hall

Present: J Birkett (Chairman), J Watson, J Gill, D Rabbitts. Also in attendance: R Tarn (Clerk)

1. Apologies: R Hunter & A Thorn

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 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 chase this up.

5. Cemetery/Village Greens/Allotments:

DCC have now been out to the ruts on the village green and these have now been tarmaced.

RH has been and bagged up and removed the contaminated top soil from K3 allotment. Due to the weather; J.G doesn't think the Gill's will be getting any more top soil in to replace it. RH has some in his main garden which he will organise when he is back from holiday with DR.

R.T has prepared further letters to the three allotment holders to inform them that if no satisfactory work is carried out; they will be evicted at the end of the year.

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

RT received phone call from the son of Joseph Wilson who is buried in the cemetery over concerns that a neighbouring grave is encroaching on his fathers. After investigation by the PC; it has been decided that Joseph Wilsons headstone has been positioned part way down the grave and not at the head. To avoid further headstones being positioned incorrectly; it has been decided that the PC will take care of the repositioning of the headstone. RT to contact the family member to let him know the findings.

Garden of Remembrance – there is potential in the future; if required to expand the garden of remembrance; either to the field wall or to Hodgsons.

The wording on the cemetery price list is misleading for the internment fee. RT has proposed to change this which was agreed by all.

RT has informed us that David Atkinson has two Christmas trees for the village. AT is to go and look at them for sizing for the third tree.

Gerry Thwaites and Barry Watson have resigned from the grass cutting contract. The three year contract is now up. RT to dig out contracts and bring to the next meeting and to write to Gerry and Barry and thank them for their work.

JW reported a lot of water cress in the beck on the East Green. JB and RH to look at.

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

- Mr R Hunter – Costs for Cemetery Painting – £31.19

- Mr G.B Thwaites – Grass Cutting - £420.00 (2 x cuts for Greens/Cemetery & 1 Klondyke)

- J & J G Gill & Son Ltd – Grass Cutting the Hagg (twice) - £48.00

7. Planning Matters:

(a) DM/17/02357/FPA – Mr & Mrs Whitburn – The Limes – No objections – Approved

(b) DM/17/02724/FPA – Miss S Bainbridge – Briscoe Farm – No objections – Pending

(c) DM/17/03213/LB – Mr Bernard Robinson – Lancelands Lodge – Replace single storey side extension – No objections.

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 – Pending Decision.

- Blocked drains at West Park – Pending Decision.

- Paving at Four Winds – DCC have been out to look at this and there is nothing which can be done as this is not council adopted road. R.T to contact Northumbrian Water.

- Road damage from the bottom of the Baldersdale Road – Balder Croft (Gas Mains Work) – Pending Decision

- Blocked drains at Booze Wood Road – Pending Decision

- Blocked drains at Mere Beck – Pending Decision

- Ruts around the village green – needs to be kerbed – This has now been resolved.

- Balder View – Sunken part of the road – Pending Decision

- Fence Repairs at Church Corner – Pending Decision.

- Bus Stop Sign & Timetable needs replacing from 2 Balder Cottage – R.T spoke to Kieran from DCC who said they were not willing to put a new bus stop sign up as the place where it is was too dangerous. The only thing they will do is look into finding a new place for it. J.B to contact Richard Bell for his opinion.

- Fly tipping of Garden Waste up the Moor Road – DCC came out and couldn't find the garden waste; it is however still there. R.T to re raise with DCC with photographic evidence.

- Pot hole damage down the Hagg – Fork upwards. RT to raise with DCC.

- Split Ash Tree at the end of Briscoe Road. RT to raise with DCC.

9. Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing to report.

10. Reports from Representatives: Nothing to report.

11. Correspondence: Emails circulated.

12. Any other Business:

- A sign has been put up for Nicholson Terrace; CPC were not informed about this. R.T to contact someone from Highways at DCC to ask why there was no consultation.

- RT handed her notice in as the Clerk due to other work commitments. RT is happy to continue in her role until the end of November. She is going to put some signs up in the notice boards and on the website to advertise the post.

14. Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 07:00

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

Signed Date