

## COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of Cotherstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Cotherstone Village Hall

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

**1. Apologies:** J Gill & A Thorn

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

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 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.

R.H has now completed the work to re-do the numbers on the cemetery walls and has repainted the cemetery gates.

#### **5. Cemetery/Village Greens/Allotments:**

The ruts on the Village Green are still an issue. R.T has raised the issue with DCC but a response is pending. RH to spray allotment K3 with weed killer again.

Letters have been sent to the three allotment holders raised in the June walk around asking them to strim the weeds and spray with weed killer. R.T to send a further letter to the allotment holders before the November meeting informing 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.

Memorial plaque for John Hill – approved by all – R.T contacted Teesdale Memorials and this has been fitted.

Memorial plaque for Christopher Bainbridge – approved by all – R.T to contact Teesdale Memorials to confirm this can be fitted.

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

- Cotherstone Village Hall – Village Hall Hire – (Neighbourhood Plan - £14.00, CPC £42.00) – Total - £56.00

- Mr G.B Thwaites – Grass Cutting - £400.00 (2 x cuts for Greens/Cemetery)

- BDO – Annual Return Review - £120.00

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**Finance:** R.T has received a response from BDO confirming that the audit for year ending 31/03/2017 has been completed. The annual return and certificate have been approved and accepted. R.T has displayed a copy of the annual return and the notice of conclusion of audit on the website.

#### **7. Planning Matters:**

(a) DM/17/01773/FPA – Mr & Mrs Hunt – North Corn Park – Approved 11/08/2017

(b) DM/17/01818/FPA – Mr S Crowe – Greystones – Approved 31/07/2017

(c) DM/17/02092/VOC – Mr N Colegrove – Land West of Four Winds – Approved 15/08/2017

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

(e) DM/17/02724/FPA – Miss S Bainbridge – Briscoe Farm – No objections - 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 – Pending Decision.
- Blocked drains at West Park – Pending Decision.
- Pot Holes on the road leading to the bridge below Hury Reservoir – This work has now been completed.
- Pot Holes on the road from Willoughby to Clove Lodge – This work has now been completed.
- Pot Hole at the entrance to Hodgsons field – This work has now been completed.
- 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 – Pending Decision
- Balder View – Sunken part of the road – Pending Decision
- Bus Stop Sign & Timetable needs replacing from 2 Balder Cottage – R.T spoke to someone 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. They were considering moving the bus stop. R.T to get back in touch with DCC and ask them to come out and look at it.
- 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.
- Broken Kerbs & Loose Paving Stones outside the Post Office – This work has now been completed.

**9. Neighbourhood Plan:** A second village walk around was done on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September and a meeting has been held regarding the village design statement. These should be almost complete by the end of September. Another meeting with the consultant for formal review is to take place around November.

**10. Reports from Representatives:** Nothing to report.

**11. Correspondence:** Emails circulated.

**12. Any other Business:**

- J.W reported on the 28/06/2017 – Cement was delivered to Four Winds by Low Grange Quarry. R.T wrote to Low Grange and this has now been removed.
- Robin Quick has repainted and oiled the seat opposite The Hagg top. R.T to thank Robin for his work and ask for an invoice for the oil.
- Repairs have still not been made to the fence at the Church corner. R.T to contact DCC.
- A sign has been put up for Nicholson Terrace; CPC were not informed about this. R.T to contact DCC to ask why there was no consultation.
- D.R & J.W have both reported an ash tree at Briscoe Road end to DCC as it is on council land. Pending decision.
- Apologies were made by R.H for the October meeting.

**14. Date of Next Meeting:** - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 07:00

There being no further business; the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 08:25.

Signed ..... Date .....