

COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of a meeting of Cotherstone Parish Council, held on Wednesday, 8 June 2016 in Cotherstone Village Hall.

Before the start of the meeting, the annual inspections of the cemetery, The Close and the allotments behind The Close, were undertaken. Matters raised to be discussed within the meeting.

PRESENT: Cllrs. J Birkett (Chairman), R Hunter, A Thorn, D Rabbitts, K Harrow and J Watson.

In attendance K Towler and A Sabey.

APOLOGIES: J Gill

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - DR AND JW made their declaration of interest in matters relating to grass cutting.

MINUTES OF THE 2016 AGM – The minutes had been circulated, taken as read and signed.

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MATTERS ARISING:

Trees on the Teesdale Way – JW reported that the fence had been repaired.

Bin beside seat near Balder Bank – As this bin still had not been returned by DCC – KT to follow up.

Brook House Cafe – The car parking issues to continue to be monitored and KH to report to the PACT meeting. It was also noted that there were parking issues around the school corner, some parking on the yellow lines.

Blocked drains outside Mere Beck Farm, Baldersdale and the Booze Wood Road -KT to follow up.

Website – This to be updated by AS

Commemorative medals for Queen's Birthday – RH reported that these had been received and to be given to the school.

Baldersdale Road – Potholes – DR reported that from the road junction to his property, the potholes created by work done by the utilities had not been repaired. DCC to be asked to chase up the Utilities for the pothole repairs.

The potholes on The Hagg, Back Lane and up to Clove Lodge had been repaired.

Heart of Teesdale Project – JW reported that the fence at the top of the steps still needed to be repaired. KT to follow up

The Hagg – The grass had been cut.

UPDATE OF STANDING ORDERS

KT had updated the Standing Orders, these to be circulated and to be confirmed at the July meeting.

CEMETERY/VILLAGE GREENS/ALLOTMENTS

Gardhouse Grave – Following inspection, the levelling of the grave still outstanding – KT

to follow up with the Undertaker.. Also to follow up with the Stonemason regarding the letter colouring.

Plot Numbering – This was in the process of being done.

Cemetery Wall - Repaired.

Village Greens - Grass cutting continues.

Klondyke Allotments – Following information regarding asbestos being found on an allotment, JB and RH had met with the allotment holder. A course of action to dispose of the asbestos was agreed and to be undertaken.

RH to have a discussion with another allotment holder regarding asbestos around a shed.

Allotment Waiting List – This to be updated .

Allotments behind The Close – Following the inspection it was noted that one allotment had not been touched. The allotment holder to be informed of the inspection and the allotment to be inspected again in September

FINANCE

Payments – The PC authorised the following payments:

County Durham Ass. Of Local Councils (£97.84) G Thwaites (£420) and Tower Mint (£152.28)

The Close – Flower Tubs– Following the inspection of the tubs and the possible replacement tubs at The Village Hall. PC agreed to replace the tubs – DR agreed to construct new tubs, PC to pay for materials. DR to inform RS when completed for the planting of the tubs.

Future Audit Arrangements -The Parish Council had been given the opportunity to reconsider the decision regarding opting out of the new audit arrangements from 2017. It was agreed that the PC should now remain opted in with SAAAL and they had been informed regarding the PC change of decision.

A letter of thanks to be sent to C Butler for the auditing of the accounts.

PLANNING MATTERS

DM/16/00769/FPA - Greystones – erection of detached single storey annex - KT reported that notification had been received today of revised plans regarding the access – Councillors to check the website. RH reported that the access could possibly be through the existing driveway.

DM/16/00771/FPA – Greystones – erection of two glamping pots – Planning permission refused.

DM/15/02632/TCA - Fitzhugh Court – Felling of a sycamore tree – no further information

DM/16/01316/LB – Towler Hill Farm Lartington – replacement windows and doors, internal repairs and internal alterations to ground floor layout – No objections had been raised and awaiting the planning decision.

DM/15/02095/FPA – Land to the west of Four Winds – This planning permission refusal was now subject to a planning appeal – decision to be monitored.

HIGHWAY MATTERS – No current issues.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS – RW reported that all the topic papers had been completed and he was to have a meeting with the Planning Consultant to look at the housing policy.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

KH reported that he had attended a PACT Meeting and reported the parking issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

Teesdale Viewmarkers – The ownership of the Teesdale Viewmarkers had now been confirmed Landscape and Arts Network (LAN) and the installation of the pieces will now begin.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Notice Board at the Chapel – Owing Morrison's Utilities placing a new pole beside the notice board, the notice board had to be moved. A letter of thanks to be sent to R Quick and J Lynn for undertaking this work.

Street Lights – Poles no 16 and 17 – the lights on permanently during the day
Pole No 22 is now missing the lamp equipment. KT to report

Bridge on Low Green – JW reported that the bridge had been hit, causing minor damage.
KT to report.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING 7PM Wednesday 13 July 2016

D Rabbitts gave his apologies for this meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:15pm

Signed Date