

# COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting of Cotherstone Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Cotherstone Village Hall

**PRESENT:** J Birkett (Chairman), J Watson, J Gill, R Hunter, D Rabbitts, K Harrow

Also in attendance: A Sabey.

**1. APOLOGIES:** A Thorn

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** JW declared an interest regarding grass cutting matters.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

These had been circulated and taken as read

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

**Bin beside the seat – Balder Bank** – The bin still had not been returned – AS follow up

**Brook House Cafe** – Parking issues continue – Community police monitoring

**Blocked drains outside Mere Beck Farm, Baldersdale and on the Booze Wood Road** – JB reported still blocked

**Guardhouse Grave** – No reply had been received from stonemason following a letter requesting the headstone be made compliant with cemetery rules. No fee had been paid. AS to make final attempt before further action taken. AS to seek advice from DCC.

**Klondyke Allotments** – JB reported that the asbestos had not been removed

**No 3 Allotment – The Close Allotments:** Situation to be monitored

**Landslip** – No further activity

**Boundary Fence at The Close** – AS liaising with Teesdale Housing

### **5. CEMETERY/VILLAGE GREENS/ALLOTMENTS**

Waiting list updated. AS to write to allotment holders and update website with allotment information.

### **6. FINANCE**

**(a) Payments** – The following payments were authorised by the PC:

G Thwaites - £400 grass cutting

**(b) Future Audit Arrangements** – JB to contact CB regarding the change in audit arrangements.

### **7. PLANNING MATTERS**

**(a)** DM/15/02095/FPA – The Four Winds – Approved – issues raised regarding removal of trees that were subject to being retained and protected, also felled trees were burnt on site contrary to current regs and understand an Enforcement Officer has visited for Site inspection, awaiting Enforcement officer report.

**(b)** DM/16/00848/FPA – Fern House - Approved

**(c)** DM/16/00981/FPA – The Hideaway - Approved

**(d)** DM/16/02844/VOC – Greystones - Refused

**(e)** DM/16/02586/FPA – 1 Marwood View - Approved

### **8. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Proposed new gully work discussed. AS to request village walkabout with DCC to determine finer detail

**9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** RH reported that the Housing Policy Draft is now complete subject to final comments.

**10. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES** – Nothing to report

**11. CORRESPONDENCE** – Leaflets circulated. Thank you letter received from Village Hall Committee for donation, circulated.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – JW informed PC that defibrillator pads are coming up to expiry date.

RH – website fees due in January

Discussion regarding Christmas tree purchase, funding and siting.

JB query grit deposited next to grit bins in Baldersdale – JG to follow up

**13. Date of next meeting** – **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:30pm

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