

COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of a meeting of Cotherstone Parish Council held on 14th September 2016 in Cotherstone Village Hall.

PRESENT: J Birkett (Chairman), R Hunter, J Watson and J Gill

Also in attendance: A Sabey.

1. APOLOGIES: D Rabbitts, A Thorn, K Harrow

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: JW declared an interest regarding grass cutting matters and the planning application for Four Winds

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY 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 to action

Brook House Cafe – Parking issues continue – AS to inform community police

Blocked drains outside Mere Beck Farm, Baldersdale and on the Booze Wood Road – This had been followed up but unsure as to whether the work had been carried out.

5. CEMETERY/VILLAGE GREENS/ALLOTMENTS

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 instructed to further raise these issues with the stonemason.

Hazel bush behind No 3 The Close – now trimmed

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

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

7. FINANCE

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

G Thwaites (August Grass cutting) £400.00

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Village Hall (from precept) £500.00

A Sabey (3 months' salary) £300.00

Village Hall Hire £161.00

(£42 Parish Council £119 Neighbourhood Plan)

BDO External Audit £120

Petty Cash £5.00

An additional cut of the greens was agreed

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

(c) External Auditors AS reported that following the audit the auditor's certificate had been approved.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

DM/16/00769/FPA – Greystones – erection of detached single storey annex. Amended access plans had been submitted and awaiting planning decision – planning approval had been given

DM/15/02632/TCA – **Fitzhugh Court** – Tree now felled

DM/15/02095/FPA – **The Four Winds** – Planning granted on appeal

DM/16/00848/FPA – **Fern House** - pending consideration

DM/16/00981/FPA – **The Hideaway** – pending consideration

DM/16/02844/VOC – **Greystones** – application to remove access conditions – lodged 31/8/16

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Street Lights – The repairs to Pole No 22 was **still** outstanding having been 10 weeks since it was first reported – AS to action

Landslip – Following the recent storm a landslip on common ground at the Hagg had occurred, and in close proximity to the road – AS to contact Highways

Road gullies – Following the recent storm the gullies are now blocked throughout the village. AS to contact Highways Department to request they are checked and physically cleared out

Village sign – Following a recent complaint with regard to the condition of the village sign (on the south side) an inspection had taken place and the sign found to be of a reasonable standard – AS to inform Highways

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: RH reported that the Draft Housing Policy was now complete and had been circulated for comments.

11. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES – Nothing to report

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Trees on Balder Bridge – Now in the process of being dealt with

Electricity Pole J Gill informed the PC that the pole was no longer going to be re-sited

Insurance increase – Zurich increasing insurance by 0.5% from 1/10/16

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:20pm

Signed

Date