

COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2015 AT TE VILLAGE HALL, COTHERSTONE

PRESENT; ALL COUNCILLORS, AS THE CLERK WAS ABSENT CLLR. J WATSON ACTED AS CLERK  
DECLARATION OF INTEREST; CLLRS. D RABBITS AND J WATSON (GRASSCUTTING)  
THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING WERE SIGNED AS BEING A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD  
MATTERS ARISING

THE OFFICIAL COMPLAINT REGARDING THE NAMING OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL  
HOUSING (BIRKETT CLOSE) IS NOW AT STAGE 2. WE SHOULD HEAR MORE BY THE END OF JANUARY  
AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING. WE ARE STILL RECEIVING MANY COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE STATE  
OF THE ROAD, VERGES, ENTRANCE TO THE CLOSE AND THE ALLOTMENTS. WE MUST MONITOR THIS  
TO MAKE SURE REINSTATEMENT IS CARRIED OUT WHEN THE SITE IS FINISHED. AN INVITATION HAS  
BEEN RECEIVED FOR ONE CLLR. TO ATTEND THE OPENING ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY. RH IS TO ATTEND, BUT  
IF THERE IS A PROBLEM JW WILL.

CEMETERY A LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE ALDERSON FAMILY REGARDING THE REMOVAL  
OF KERBSTONES FROM THEIR FAMILY GRAVE, THEY ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT. THE QUOTE FOR THE  
REPAIR OF THE CEMETERY GATES WAS READ OUT – C. PATTERSON £100. THIS WAS AGREED BY ALL  
THAT THE WORK IS CARRIED OUT. DR TO ORGANISE.

GRASS CONTRACT IT WAS AGREED TO RUN THE CONTRACT ON A 3 YEAR CYCLE – THIS BEING THE  
THIRD- THWAITES/WATSON ARE TO BE ASKED IF THEY ARE WILLING TO CARRY ON.

ALLOTMENTS A LETTER FROM D.WILSON(KLONDIKE) WAS READ OUT – HE REPORTED THE SHED ON  
HIS ALLOTMENT HAD BEEN DAMAGED IN THE WIND. IT IS HIS RESPONSIBILITY. FIONA ADDISON  
HAS NOW TAKEN ON PLOT 3 AT THE CLOSE(WHITING) AND R THOMPSON HAS VACATED HER  
ALLOTMENT AT KLONDIKE. THE RENTS ARE NOW DUE ON THE ALLOTMENTS.

PLANNING BRECKHAVEN THE POINTS WE RAISED REGARDING THE POINTS OF INACCURACY IN THE  
APPLICATION WERE READ OUT AND FILED WITH THE APPLICATION.

TREES AT HAGG HOUSE THE LETTER FOR THE FULL TPO HAD BEEN RECEIVED ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, TO  
WHICH RH HAD REPLIED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, ASKING WHO IS RESPONSIBLE AS WE HAD RECEIVED NO  
REPLIES FROM ALL THE CORRESPONDENCE WE HAD SENT ASKING THIS? THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO  
HEAD OF PLANNING. AFTER THE GALES ON SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY A BRANCH IS NOW HANGING  
OFF ONE OF THE TREES ON THE DRIVE SIDE. JW CONTACTED RODGER LOWE AND ASKED ABOUT  
RESPONSIBILITY AND WAS TOLD AS IT IS ON OUR LAND IT IS OURS. RH THEN CONTACTED HIM FOR  
MORE EXPLANATIONS ON THE MATTER AND THEN RECEIVED EMAILS DATED AUGUST AND  
SEPTEMBER IN REPLY TO OUR QUERIES THAT HAD NEVER BEEN SENT TO US! WE HAVE TO CONTACT  
AN ARBORIST TO GIVE A REPORT ON HOW SAFE THE TREES ARE, IF IN DANGER THEN WE CAN RE-  
SUBMIT APPLICATION AND DCC TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR 12 MONTHS. RH IS TO CONTACT 3  
ARBORISTS FOR PRICES ETC.

WATERCRESS IN BECK THIS HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED.

PRECEPT THE AMOUNT PRECEPTED IS £6144 AS OPPOSED TO £6000- THIS LEAVES IT AS A NIL  
INCREASE.

KERBS AT GREENFIELDS THIS IS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE NEXT 3 MONTHS

SPEEDING WAGONS. THIS WAS REPORTED TO POLICE, THE CLERK IS TO BE ASKED TO REPORT  
AGAIN.

GULLIES IN HAGG THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CLEANED OUT. CLERK TO CONTACT DCC AGAIN.

REMOVAL OF TREES AT BROOK HOUSE LETTER FROM DCC READ – THEY ARE TO TAKE NO ACTION.

TEESDALE WAY THE HANDRAIL HAS BEEN REMOVED BUT FENCE BETWEEN BRIDGES NOT FINISHED  
CHRISTMAS TREES ONCE AGAIN THE TREES LOOKED BEAUTIFUL – THANKS WERE RECORDED TO  
THOSE WHO PUT THEM UP AND TOOK THEM DOWN. A LETTER OF THANKS IS TO BE SENT TO MRS  
BEV MARTIN FOR THE TREE FOR THE CLOSE AND TO ROTTERS FOR REMOVING ALL THE TREES FROM  
THE VILLAGE GREEN.

ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT; CROFT TREES £200 – 2 TREES (THIS IS RE-IMBURSED BY XMAS  
TREE LIGHT FUND) B THWAITES £25.20 COPYING FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (THIS IS OUT OF  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MONEY (SEE FOLLOWING MINUTE) A PETTY £25 USE OF ELECTRIC FOX  
AND HOUNDS £25 USE OF ELECTRIC. IT WAS AGREED THAT ALL PAYMENTS BE MADE

THERE WERE NO REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

PLANNING EAST CORN PARK THESE PLANS HAVE NOW BEEN APPROVED

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS RH AND JB REPORTED THAT ALL IS MOVING ALONG WELL. THE GRANT  
HAD BEEN APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED - £5591 (ALTHOUGH THIS IS IN THE PC A/C ONLY RH AND JB  
CAN SIGN CHEQUES FOR THIS) £4000 HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES AND RH IS  
ORGANISING A WEBSITE TO BE SET UP. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE A TRAINING SESSION.

CORRESPONDENCE HEART OF TEESDALE ART WORKSHOP - INFO PASSED AROUND

LETTER FROM STARTFORTH PC ASKING FOR ADVICE FOR FUNDING FOR PLAY PARK – RH TO SEE  
ANNA FROM PLAY@COTHERSTONE AND REPLY

AOB JG REPORTED ON STATE OF PLAY PARK – HOW OVERGROWN AND NEGLECTED IT LOOKS SHE  
ASKED IF ALL CLLRS COULD TAKE A LOOK – RH IS TO ENQUIRE ABOUT MAINENANCE WITH ANNA.  
JB DECLARED AN INTEREST IN ABOVE.  
RH REPORTED THAT ALL AGENDAS AND MINUTES CAN NOW LEGALLY BE SENT OUT ELECTRONICALLY

RH HAD RECEIVED SURVEY FROM LCR WHICH HE WILL FILL IN AFTER DISCUSSION AT MEETING

JG HAD RECEIVED A COMPLAINT ABOUT HEDGE CUTTINGS BEING DUMPED ON ROADSIDE FROM  
STATION TERRACE, SHE ASKED FOR LETTER TO BE SENT TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE

RH REPORTED THAT AN INVITATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED TO ATTEND A MEETING AT COUNTY HALL  
AT WHICH RON HOGG WOULD EXPLAIN WHY THE POLICE WERE WISHING TO INCREASE THEIR  
PRECEPT.

RH REPORTED WE HAVE A TEESDALE REPORTER ON THE NORTHERN ECHO – KATIE RICHARDSON

JG ASKED WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LANE IN FRONT OF LEISURE COTTAGE AS THERE IS A LARGE  
POTHOLE WHICH NEEDS ATTENTION – RH AND JB ARE TO ENQUIRE IS IT FIELD REEVES?

JG ASKED IF WE COULD CONTACT SCHOOL WITH REQUEST FOR MORE CONSIDERATE PARKING NEAR  
THEIR ENTRANCE – SNOW PLOUGHS ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY ACCESSING. JW TO CONTACT SCHOOL

JW REPORTED THAT B. WATSON HAD REMOVED A <sup>FALLEN</sup> TREE FROM TEESDALE WAY (ON MILL TOP)

DR ASKED IF WE HAD RECEIVED ANY INFO REGARDING 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AROUND SCHOOLS  
WHICH IS BEING INTRODUCED TO SOME AREAS IN DURHAM COUNTY.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55P.M RH GAVE HIS APOLOGIES FOR FEBRUARY MEETING.

