

COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Wednesday March 11th 2015.
VILLAGE HALL -COTHERSTONE -7.00PM.

The Chairman opened the Meeting at 7pm.

Present –R Hunter. J Birkett. J Watson. D Rabbitts. A Thorn. J Gill. K Harrow.

Two members of the Public.

1. **Declaration of Interest.** DR.JW.JB.BT.

2.Apologies for Absence--none

3.Minutes of February Meeting-were signed by the chairman as being a true and correct record.

4. Matters Arising

Planning

DM/15/00181/FPA Barn Conversion on land rear to the Poplars.

It was agreed to make inquiries if the Planning Application would go to full committee.

Land South of The Close—Naming. notification received Stage 2 Corporation Complaint –this was an exact copy of previous notification.

The "Birkett Close" name sign-this went up on Monday. It was agreed to write expressing PC disgust at the whole situation.

The Close --verges .road. entance to allotments-reinstatement still to be done.

Clerk to contact DCC Highways. (Gary Surtees)

5.Cemetery –

Gates –DR will speak to Mr Patterson .

Grass Contract— Thwaites and Watson. Contract Form signed.

Note: As agreed this is a three year contract therefore 2016 will be advertised for Tender. JW and DR declared an interest.

Greens –ok.

5 Allotments— Still a vacant plot at Klondyke

RH and Dave Wilson will have a look at the dismantled shed on K5

6. Accounts for Payment –none

7.Reports from Representatives.—none

8.Planning –

DM/15/00408/VOC –DM/14/01151/VOC Plot 2 The Sidings Station Terrace

Change of Porch Style—no objections Agreed by all.

TPO-DM/01253/TCA—Trees Hagg House –(Mr Watson) Machinery for checking Trees still waiting for this to be returned from Germany.

JW reported during the last wild/windy weather a branch had broken off.

APP/X1355/W/15/3002666-Appeal Reference.

Land to the West of Marwood Terrace. Before the meeting with cllrs

agreement - RH drafted a summary letter of PC formal Objections –three

copies of this must/were be sent to The Planning Inspectorate –Bristol –before 22/3/15.(recorded delivery)

8b Open Reach –East Green-re Green Cabinet

No acknowledgement from the company had been received. clerk to write.

9. Neighbourhood plan-update

Richard gave an update – Questionnaire was to go out – then an open day in the Village Hall. Probably – a series of questionnaires. DP had been offered a Coloured Map of the Parish. Cost ? We now have our P/C Website.

The next newsletter will be available end of March for delivery – still trying to acquire e-mail address which would help to cut down on printing costs.

Bye Laws – look in minutes for update. Agenda item April.

10. Correspondence.

Letter from Alex Read – Brook House – proposal for a modest tea room – what would if any be the concerns of the PC.

Clerk to write with thanks and state we await the planning application.

County Durham Open Space Needs Assessment -2015 update.

Clerk sent a map to Josephine Ellis – showing CPC owned – common land

11. A.O.B.

1 Vehicles Parking and still speeding through village

Door Callers – this had been brought up at the last PACT meeting if any concerns contact Liz Finn -

2 JG. Parking near School in front of The Limes-delivery Wagon reversing into School Drive – which is causing traffic build up blocking entrance and obstruction for snow ploughs etc all due to these parked School vehicles – clerk report to Liz Finn.

3. Playpark – RH – look at our Zurich insurance re public Liability-go back to year we owned the Park. Agenda Item April.

Declaration of Interest – JW.AT.JG.

4. Teesdale Way – more funding needed to finish Steps and Gates. still on going.

5. Lane in front Leisure Cottage (Watergate Lane) belongs to Field Reeves. Potholes need attention. RH has volunteered with help to sort this out.

6 Gullies in the Hagg nearest to Pound House been left full of water – running down the road like a river. clerk to contact Highways.

7. Two No Parking Signs – The Hagg – clerk to get a quote from Smiths.

8. JW.- Lifebelt by Balder Footbridge. needs attention no 18. DCC.

9. JW – Tree on the East Green – can this be removed – unsightly.

JW will draft a letter to Trees at Cotherstone.

10. Concerns re Mrs Darke -vehicle parking on South Green also using the green to reverse or turn to enter own Gateway. Clerk to write pointing out please keep to the Tarmac. Also this is a Safety Hazard to children who may be returning from Playpark.

10. DR – Sign post by East Corn Park Gateway leading from C163 it is laid down behind the hedge.

11. K H – request that please can he have paper copies of PC info unless urgent. KH. Apologies for April Meeting. Due to Holidays.

13. Date of Next Meeting will be April 8th 2015 7pm.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm