

**COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2015.  
VILLAGE HALL -COTHERSTONE -7.00PM.**

**The Chairman opened the Meeting at 7pm.**

Present –R Hunter, J Watson, D Rabbits, A Thorn.

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

2.Apologies for Absence—JB, JG, KH.

3.Minutes of March 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. Amended Plan It was agreed to make inquiries if the Planning Application would go to full committee. DCC Reply this would not be going to full committee as PC request was received after closing date –it had been noted that all concerns would be carried forward as previous plan.

**Land South of The Close—Naming.** Quote from Corporate Complaints Durham—Vanessa Reed.—"Conclusion having investigated the complaint I am satisfied that the Current Street Naming and numbering policy has been properly followed. The highways team have reconsidered matters and have extended an invitation to your PC to provide them with possible names to consider within any future housing developments in Cotherstone. If you are not satisfied with the council's final response, the local government ombudsman may be able to help.' "

The PC are not happy with the outcome– It was agreed to accept this time.

**The Close/East Green**—work has been done on verges but not Close Allotment entrance or corner of East Green.

Clerk to contact DCC Highways. (Gary Surtees )

**5.Cemetery –Gates** –DR has spoken to Mr Patterson .

**Grass Contract**— Thwaites and Watson. –It was confirmed that the insurance cover had been signed and completed with NFU.

**Greens** –ok.

**a.Bye Laws**—clerk to contact Steve Ragg DCC quoting we need to update our Byelaws what is the correct Procedure.

**5 Allotments** RH spoke to Dave Wilson he will assist to remove shed if needed.

**6. Accounts for Payment** –clerks 3months final 2014/15 £300.00– CV Hall 3 meetings N/Bourhood Plan Acc.£135.00 –C V Hall 3 Parish Meetings £39.00 N/Bourhood Plan Acc.–Mark Armstrong WebSite 2x£250.00 –this includes future maintenance and training.

7.Reports from Representatives.—none

**8.Planning –**

**TPO-DM/01253/TCA**—Trees Hagg House –RH reported an Inspection had been done drilled into center of Base – await report.

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

Land to the West of Marwood Terrace. No other information on planning decision date etc.

**DM/15/00884/FPA Tea Rooms Brook House Mrs Alex Reed.**

Comment DR this idea has been tried many times over the years never succeeded in the long term.

Cllrs Approved the Application, only concern Parking facilities

**Open Reach -East Green-re Green Cabinet**

This was to remain where it is.

**9.Neighbourhood plan-update**

Richard gave an update -The latest Newsletter had gone out.

Content and format of the Questionnaire "Another Meeting to Finalize" before going to a Planning Inspector. -

**10.Correspondence.**

a,Letter from Angela Watson-10 Fitzhugh Court-re Tree in 10/11 Garden -roots causing concerns -whose responsibility to have this removed -RH will ask JB.

b Letter from Tim Morris re Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium

Management—asking the PC to complete survey re available grave spaces in the cemetery—Cllrs agreed to ignore this request.

c. Clerks resignation—Our clerk has decided to resign --this would be at the end of June. Unless any unforeseen circumstances.

Application for Clerk an advert would be placed on the notice boards and in the T/Mercury also include on both our Website and DCC-CDALC

"Cotherstone Parish Council and Cotherstone Cemetery Administration"

Closing date 27th April.-Interview --Mid June.

**11.A.O.B.**

1 Vehicles still speeding through village— The Police have been seen at both ends of the Village today.

2 Playpark— Zurich insurance re public Liability-very little extra cost £53.00 including IPT. Leave until we hear back from Anna.

3. Lane in front Leisure Cottage (Watergate Lane)

Potholes need attention. RH will sort out when weather improves and lane dries up.

4. Wm Smith -Two No Parking Signs-The Hagg - order—no need to deliver collect ourselves.

5.Tree on the East Green -letter been sent to "Trees at Cotherstone" waiting reply.

6. Vehicle parking on South Green still a problem.clerk to type an official letter for Alan to have ready if required.

7. DR—Sign post by East Corn Park Gateway missing.

letter received from Mike Murton F/P officer. new one will be placed.

8.JW request to use the East Green and Hagg Ground for the Fun Weekend. Agreed

12. Date of Next Parish Meeting /AGM will be May 13<sup>th</sup> April 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7pm.

**As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm**

Signed

*R. W. Hester*

*13/5/15*