

COTHERSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting
Wednesday, 10 June 2015: 7.30pm
Cotherstone Village Hall

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm following the annual village walkabout/inspection.

Present: Cllrs J Birkett, J Watson, J Gill, D Rabbits, K Harrow, A Thorn

In attendance: B Thwaites (clerk), E Gill (clerk)

1. Declaration of interest DR/JG/JW/BT

2. Apologies for absence R Hunter

3. (a) Minutes of the AGM 2015 were signed by the Vice Chairman as being a true and correct record.
(b) Minutes of the May meeting were signed by the Vice Chairman as being a true and correct record.

4. Matters arising

Station Terrace: concealed entrance sign refused by DCC as not part of adopted public road network, no injuries at junction and too many signs in rural areas lead to people ignoring.

Watergate Lane: potholes need further attention RH and AT to do further work on this.

No Parking signs at The Hagg: now in situ. EG to write letter of thanks to Barry Watson and Robin Quick – JB to check.

DCC Footpaths: EG to follow up Mike Murton email re cutting back wild flowers.

Flippy lids still missing: EG to chase Gary Surtees/Clean and Green.

Village pump: DR cleaned up cement/plaster left on top – no further damage done, happy to leave at that.

Broken tree branch at The Hagg: R Gill will attend to before Fun Weekend.

Tree at boundary of Fitzhugh: BT reported that a surveyor is to take a look and report back.

Tree on East Green: Letter to be sent to 'Trees for Cotherstone' explaining that the rest of the PC would like the fence removing and not replacing with another one (EG write/JB check).

Bus shelter damage: KH priced up new supplies from B&Q, Perspex and timber will be no more than £35. All agreed. KH happy to see to this.

(a) Standing orders update (attached): new points 10 (NALC Code of Conduct) and 19. Signed by Vice Chairman.

5. (a) Cemetery, Greens, Allotments

Removal of kerbstones on grave: JB to speak to Rosemary's son, Eddie to see whether any further progress on this issue.

Grass cuttings: EG to write letter to Mr and Mrs Morgan explaining that cuttings need to be taken away.

Thank you: a letter has been received re cemetery thanking for work done and stating how lovely it looks.

Allotments: has parking area been tidied up? Nothing done yet – reassess next month.

F Addison: BT (clerk) spoke to her and she still wishes to continue with allotment – rubbish now in builder's bags awaiting removal.

C Hutchinson: can have K3 – letter sent by BT.

(b) Playarea: all noted that looking nice and tidy.

(c) Byelaws: JW been looking at re dog fouling and litter fines – very vague on what PC can and can't do. JB to see if he can glean further information. BT presented letter from DCC (Highways/Street Scene) re neighbourhood wardens – might be a useful contact.

6. Accounts for payment: Roy Siswick, flower tubs - £30. Clerk's salary, 3 months: £300. Community Development Foundation, returning unused part of grant: £206.00. Grass cutting contract: £360.

7. Reports from representatives: No reports

8. Planning:

DM/14/01322/FPA 8 new houses – Land to West of Marwood Terrace – planning passed

DM/15/00884/FPA Brook House Tearooms – approved – to keep an eye on parking

9. Neighbourhood plan: Questionnaires going out and responses coming in – grant money £7237 confirmed in bank (18 May 15) from Groundwork UK.

10. Appointment of parish clerk: All welcomed EG to new role.

11. Correspondence:

BT received confirmation letter of road closure for Fun Weekend.

Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan (DRWIP) email from Victoria Lloyd-Gent – JB to review

Governors letter from Cotherstone School – JB to review

12. AOB

Open Day at Field Barn: Bruce Dinsmore requested details be put on PC website. Cllrs declined this idea.

Rotters bags in path/road in front of Marwood Terrace: write letter to Jo Hall politely asking not to put out until night before collection – pedestrian, traffic hazard.

Retiring parish clerk: all thanked Brenda Thwaites for all her work over the last 18 years.

13. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th July at 7pm in the Village Hall.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed