**MINUTES OF CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

**JANUARY 2020**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cornforth Parish Council held at 7.00pm, in the Community Centre, Cornforth, on Monday 13th January 2020.

Prior to the meeting, the Chairman asked those present if anyone other than the Clerk was going to record the meeting. No one disclosed their intention to do so.

Present: Councillor Mr. A. Hodgson and

Councillors: Mrs. P. Crathorne, Mrs. H. P. Drew, Dr. S.C. Drew, Mrs. M. Poole, Mr. R. Poole, Mr. P. Mayhew, Mrs. S. Traynor, Mr. R. Vaughan and Mrs. M. Walker.

Apologies: Councillors: Mr. C. Baker, Mrs. J. Grafton, Mr. J. Grafton, Mr. C. Hodgson, and Mr. P. Metcalfe.

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

The above apologies were accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made as 12 (ii) was deferred.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December, which had been circulated with the agenda, were agreed, with an amendment to the meeting date and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ON THE AGENDA

There were no other matters arising that were not covered on the agenda.

5. POLICE LIAISON

The next PACT meeting will be held on 15th January 2020 and the Vice Chairman will make a record.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were in attendance at the meeting. None asked to speak on any item on the agenda.

7. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

There were no matters to report under this item.

8. AAP ISSUES

The Chairman reported that the AAP Older People’s Fund was to be £25,000 for the New Year and would be expanded. The Assistant Commissioner reported that the election had delayed the report on police finances for 2020/21 and that the public consultation period would be reduced to 10 days as a result.

9. COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

Our County Council representative reported that:

1. The Private Sector Licensing Scheme had gone out for public consultation.
2. The County Council was to help with concessionary bus passes to women with delayed state pension payments.
3. The closure of ward 6 of Bishop Auckland Hospital was out to public consultation and needed to be commented upon, as centralising services was causing problems to patients and their families.

10. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS FROM DURHAM COUNTY’S WEEKLYLISTS.

At the time of the despatch of this agenda, which included applications up to and including 6th January 2020, the following application had been received by Durham County Council, which was of interest to the Parish Council:

1. DM/19/03809/VOCMW – Tarmac – Thrislington Quarry – Variation of Condition 7 (duration of use) to Planning Permission No. DM/14/03145/VOC to permit the use of the aggregate packing plant for a further 10 years.

Members resolved not to comment upon the application, but asked the Clerk to write to Tarmac and ask for the date of the next liaison meeting, as there hadn’t been one since October 2019. Members noted that a close watch was being kept on the condition of the roads around the quarry.

No decisions had been made by the County Council which were of interest to this Council.

11. REFURBISHMENT OF THE MEMORIAL PARK.

Following the working group meeting on 9th December 2019, the Chairman and The Clerk reported that they had met on site with Kompan and discussed alterations to the design and the costs, as requested. The company had been asked to provide a single plan covering the whole of the park, for clarity and better public understanding. The actions were approved.

12. ISSUES FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2019.

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| **Receipts** |  | **£** | **Cheque**  **No.** |
| NIL |  |  |  |
| **Payments** |  |  |  |
| St. John’s Ambulance Supplies | Defibrillator | 2,526.00 | 102026 |
| Lumalite (2 of 3) | Christmas tree | 783.29 | 102027 |
| Premier Traffic Management | Remembrance Sunday closures | 380.00 | 102028 |
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|  | **Total Expenditure** | **3,689.29** |  |
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The schedule was approved.

1. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Cornforth Partnership seeking financial assistance for its work in many fields in the village including family support, employment and training, community activities and environmental improvements. The Parish Council has included a sum of £6,000 in its budget to help the Partnership and this sum is much appreciated by its staff as it demonstrates local Council support for its work. The Members resolved to defer a decision so that The Clerk could circulate the letter and the relevant pages of the Partnership’s accounts to Members with the next agenda

1. DESIGN AND PRINTING OF THE PARTNER.

The design and printing of “The Partner” is organised by Cornforth Partnership and paid for, in part, by the Parish Council so that it can include details about the village show and Council issues. A quote for the design and printing of the next edition has been received from “Digital Dog” at a total cost of £324 for 1200 copies of an 8 page full colour paper. Mr. Cook, who will carry out the work also manages our web page. Members’ views were sought on meeting the costs of this work, which will provide a much higher quality publication in a more timely manner. It was agreed to meet half of the costs of production and to ask the Partnership to publicise the deadline dates so that more organisations and individuals could contribute articles.

1. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT – POSITION AT 31st DECEMBER 2019.

The bank reconciliation statement was circulated at the meeting, approved and signed by the Chairman and Councillor Mrs. M. Poole.

**NOTE: At the close of the meeting Members were asked if they had any items**

**for inclusion on a future agenda. The following matters were requested:**

1. An allotments meeting following the January meeting.
2. The working group on Christmas lights to meet.
3. That Parish Council policies be reviewed during the year.

To all Members of the Parish Council.

Yours Sincerely, Ray Sunman, Parish Clerk: 23rd January 2020.

**Signed: …………………………………. Dated: …………………………………**