**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 20th January 2020.

Present: Councillor Mr. A. Hodgson and

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

Apologies: Councillors: Mr. C. Baker, Mrs J. Grafton, Mr. J. Grafton and Mr. R. Vaughan.

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

The above apologies were accepted. Amended at February meeting to record absence of Mrs. J. and Mr. J Grafton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made with regard to any item on the agenda.

3. PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2020/21

The Clerk reported on the request from Durham County Council to set a precept and gave Members the information necessary through a series of papers circulated with the agenda that were necessary for them to make a decision. These included a likely out turn for the 2019/20 financial year, a draft budget and information about the levels of expenditure in previous years. In addition, he had circulated a summary of the relevant figures drawn from the papers circulated and provided the likely outcome figures for an option that the Council might care to consider.

After discussion Members resolved to approve the budget of the Parish Council at an estimated total expenditure figure of £136,900 (£128,067 net) and set a precept level of £81,635, which given the LCTRS grant gave a total figure of £102,0939, the same level as in 2019/20.

To all Members of the Parish Council.

Yours Sincerely,

Ray Sunman, Parish Clerk: 2nd February 2020.

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