**CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 2012**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Cornforth Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm, in the Community Centre, Cornforth, on Monday 5th March 2012, when your attendance is requested.

**AGENDA**

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To consider declarations of personal or prejudicial interest with regard to any item to be transacted.

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meetings held on 6th February 2012. (Copy herewith)

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ON THE AGENDA

5. POLICE LIAISON

To receive a report on the PACT meeting.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to facilitate public participation and resume it following public participation.

7. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

The Clerk has received the following invitation addressed to the Chairman:

a) Ferryhill Town Council Charity Dinner – 7.00 pm. Friday 13th April 2012 at the Masonic Hall, Ferryhill – tickets £24.00.

8. AAP ISSUES

To receive an update on this matter from Members.

9. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT – POSITION AT 29th February 2012.

The Clerk will circulate the current bank reconciliation statement and a comparison of this year’s budget to actual expenditure for this period at the meeting.

10. SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FEBRUARY 2011.

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| **Receipts** |  | **£** |
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| CCTV Monitoring and running costs refund | Durham County Council | 5,038.80 |
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| **Payments** |  |  |
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| R. A. Sunman | Salary | 640.75 |
| R. A. Sunman  Society of Local Council Clerks | Allowances and sundries  Fees | 80.23  10.60 |
|  | TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE | 731.58 |
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RECOMMENDATION: That the schedule be approved.

11. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS FROM FEBRUARY’S WEEKLY LISTS.

The following application has been notified by the Spennymoor Office of Durham County Council.

a) 7/2012/0015/DM - the conversion of a double garage to a residential annex at Lyneholme, Cornforth Lane (Mrs Wendel) – an objection has been lodged on the grounds that the proposal lies outside of the village development boundaries and creates both road safety and privacy problems. The last date for objections is 28th February 2012 and a decision will be taken by officers by 23rd March 2012.

12. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CORNFORTH VILLAGE SHOW.

a) A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Village Show seeking financial support for the show which is to be held on Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd September 2012. The Parish Council has included a sum of £1,000 for this item in its 2012/13 budget.

b) A letter has been received from the Durham Miners, Gala Association seeking the Council’s support to run an advertisement in the 2012 Souvenir Brochure. The Council usually places an eighth page advertisement at the cost of £75.

13. MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS SUB COMMITTEE AND TENANTS.

The Allotment Sub Committee met with 12 of the 16 allotment tenants on Wednesday 22nd February. A copy of the Minutes is enclosed. Members are asked to approve the Minutes and in particular the increase to rentals and amendments to the work to be carried out in the spring.

Members are asked to agree the appointment of a Chairman and Vice Chairman following the death of Councillor Woodall.

14. GROUND MAINTENACE CONTRACT.

Members are requested to extend the above contract by one more year and to seek tenders for the work during 2012 for March 2013 and beyond.

15. UPDATE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a) Closure of Thurston Grange – The Clerk has requested a meeting with representatives of “Livin”.

b) Cornforth in Bloom – Members are asked to agree a date for the first meeting. In the meantime approaches have been made to the owners’ solicitors about painting May’s shop.

c) Travellers policy – The Clerk has written to Durham County Council following the last meeting.

d) Dog fouling - The Clerk has written to Durham County Council following the last meeting, requesting action and new bins in the Money’s Building area.

e) Bus Service 113 – The Clerk has sent a letter of support to Scarlet Band Motor Services to be forwarded to the Traffic Commissioners. In the meantime, initial publicity on the availability of the service has been posted on the Parish Council’s notice board.

f) Footpaths 10 and 15 – A meeting was held with Mr. Shaw, a Rights of Way officer from Durham County Council following Members’ concern about tree clearance alongside the above footpaths. The paths have not been damaged. The situation on land ownership remains ambiguous at this time.

g) Footpaths at Moneys Buildings - The Clerk has written to Durham County Council following the last meeting.

h) Community Park – Groundwork has been commissioned to provide a design to replace the three entrance ways to the Community Park, renaming it “The Bill Wilson Memorial Park”. The wording for a plaque rededicating the park has been sent to Mr. Wilson’s family for agreement.

i) Trees in the Church-yard - The Clerk has made application to Durham County Council for consent to fell 12 trees and cut back others. The Rev. Lumsden has been sent a copy.

j) Healthy Cornforth Project – Continuing our support for the community, the Clerk has acted with Cornforth Partnership, submitting an application to “Awards for All” for a grant of over £9,000 for this project and has received approval.

**NOTE: At the close of business Members will be asked if they have any items**

**of business to be included on the next agenda.**

Ray Sunman/Clerk: 27th February 2012.

To all members of the Parish Council.