CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Cornforth Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm, in the Community Centre, Cornforth, on Monday 10th January 2011, when your attendance is requested.

AGENDA

1. 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 29th November 2010. (Copy herewith)

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ON THE AGENDA

5. POLICE LIAISON

Beat Report and report of 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

i) An invitation to attend the AAP meeting on Monday 24th January 2011 showcasing AAP activity and priority setting for the 4Together area in 2011/12.

ii) An invitation has been received from the Mayor of Ferryhill to attend a wine-tasting on Saturday 26th March 2011 at 7.15pm. Tickets cost £5.00.

iii) An invitation has been received from the Mayor of Ferryhill to put forward a team of four members at a charity quiz on 25th February 2011 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £3.00 per team member and this includes a broth supper.

8. AAP ISSUES

To receive an update on this matter from Members.

9. PLANNING MATTERS ARISING FROM NOVEMBER’S WEEKLY LISTS

There were no planning applications falling within this Council’s area notified by the Spennymoor Office or the Durham County Office at the time of the despatch of this agenda.

10. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT – POSITION AT 31st DECEMBER 2010.

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.

11. SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS DECEMBER 2010.

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| **Receipts** |  | **£** |
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| Credit interest |  | 66.96 |
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| **Payments** |  |  |
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| Local Clerks Association fee |  | 11.80 |
| R. A. Sunman | Salary | 620.49 |
|  | Allowances and postage | 58.38 |
| West Cornforth & Dist. Comm. Assoc  Art decor  BR Landscaping | Room hire  Framing of Address  Clearing graveyard | 196.00  51.92  1280.00 |
|  | TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE | 2,151.63 |
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RECOMMENDATION: That the schedule be approved.

12. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

i) The Scrap Yard – The Clerk will update the meeting.

ii) Delegated Services Draft Report - The Clerk has attached a paper for consideration by Members.

13. QUALITY PARISH STATUS

The Clerk will update the meeting on progress made on his CiLCA course.

14. HOLY TRINITY GRAVEYARD

The work to tidy the graveyard and provide a new box for the leaving of dead flowers has been completed.

15. NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Christmas lights were installed. It seems that the tree was a success. Members’ views are sought on its hire for 2011/12. The tree-wrap was less successful in that it only worked for a short period. The Clerk is seeking a meeting with the two contactors involved, but has with-held payment until the matter is resolved. A number of the motifs were beyond repair. Members’ views are sought on their phased replacement with energy efficient lights.

16. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

i) To advise Members that the loss on the pantomime was £507.88. The poor attendance was due to extreme weather.

ii) A request as been received from the Learning Library for a donation towards their work in Cornforth.

iii) – A request for financial assistance has been received from Action for Children.

17. 2011 CENSUS: COUNCILLOR HANDBOOK.

Census Day is 27th March 2011. A handbook has been received from the Census Liaison Manager seeking Councillors’ support for the event which is central to future public spending decisions. It suggests that Members could help by keeping up to date on progress, appointing a member of staff to act as a liaison officer, boost awareness or be a ward champion to increase return rates. Members’ views are sought.

18. PRECEPT MEETING 17TH JANUARY 2011

Members are asked to note that the precept meeting is scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 17th January at 7.00pm. The notice of the meeting and accompanying papers will be circulated in advance. Please make every effort to attend.

**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: 5th January 2011.