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 29th November 2010, 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 1st 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

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 OCTOBER 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 NOVEMBER 2010.

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| **Receipts** |  | **£** |
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| Nil |  |  |
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| **Payments** |  |  |
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| Local Clerks Association fee |  | 11.80 |
| R. A. Sunman | Salary | 620.49 |
| W.R.Wilson  Royal British Legion  Royal British Legion | Allowances and sundries  Member’s allowance  Wreaths  Donation | 91.13  36.20  90.00  60.00 |
| R.A.O.B. Sphere Lodge  Salvation Army  Co-operative Women’s Guild  Lumalite Ltd.  Durham County Council  International Rescue Corps  The Parish of Cornforth and Ferryhill  Coronation Press  JWS Powercleaning  Zurich Insurance  West Cornforth & District C.A. | Donation  Donation  Donation  Christmas lights  Inspection of Lamp Standards  Donation  Donation  Art work for seal  Bus shelter cleaning  Additional liability premium  Donation | 25.00  30.00  25.00  3,021.35  1,204.54  20.00  20.00  176.25  60.00  135.02  25.00 |
|  | TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE | 5,651.78 |
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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) The Green – The work on the final phase is now ongoing. The mounds at the south end of the Green will be lowered when material is needed to repair work done elsewhere.

13. QUALITY PARISH STATUS

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

14. NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A quote has been received through Durham County Council from Tomlinson Longstaff for the work to provide power from the school to the tree-wraps already installed by Lumalite. The cost will be £798.62 plus VAT. Members are asked to approve the quote.

Lumalite will install the tree in week commencing 22nd November and Durham County Council will put up the motifs in the same week. An inspection fee of £1200 was made to the County Council to cover the cost of the structural inspection, which lasts for three years.

Lumalite has confirmed it is safe to go ahead with Cornforth Partnership’s suggestion of the tree being a wishing/remembrance tree and having “gift-tags” hung upon it. We have had no firm date suggested by either the Partnership or the Community Association for a switch-on ceremony.

15. LAND AT MIDDLEHAM ROAD

The above land is owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk and the Chairman have received two complaints in two months about land collapsing around the large man hole chamber on the above land. The first incident was reported to Durham County’s Action Line after the Water Authority had refuted its involvement. The County Council acted quickly and filled in the hole with soil. The problem recurred after recent heavy rain. On this occasion the County denied responsibility after examination with a camera. The chamber receives storm water from three sources. The first is from the highway and is clearly a County responsibility. The second is from an overflow from houses to the south and west: this is a Water Board drain. It was this drain that the camera showed was leaking and causing the problem. The Water Authority acted quickly and its contractor has filled in the hole. The third drain is from the field to the east and appears to be a Church Commissioner’s drain. However, the issue of who is responsible for the chamber should it need repair, is less clear cut.

The structure is on Parish Council land and we may be liable for its upkeep. The site was a source of nuisance and the Parish Council first took possession of it in May 1977. In the mid eighties it fenced off the land and eventually obtained title to it in January 1999. Except for a brief reference to Sedgefield Borough Council draining and tidying up the land the files are silent with regard to drains and manholes. The chamber has a lid to it marked Durham County Council, but that is no guarantee that this sizeable structure would be repaired by them. Members are advised to make further investigations about this issue, but no immediate action is necessary as the chamber is in good repair.

**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: 22nd November 2010.