CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cornforth Parish Council held at 7.15pm, in the Community Centre, Cornforth, on Monday 6th September 2010.

Present: Councillor Mr. A. Hodgson and

Mr. T. Cutmore, Mrs. S. Neville, Mr. M. J. Pennick, Mr. R. Poole, Mrs. S. Traynor, and Mrs. P.M. Walker.

Apologies: Councillors: Mr. K. Clasper, Mrs. Rosemary Clewes (illness), Mrs. H. M. Drew and Dr. S.C. Drew (holidays), Mr. S. M. Pennick, Mr. M. Simpson, Mr. W. R. Wilson and Mr. W. H. Woodhall (illness).

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest made with regard to any item to be transacted.

2. MINUTES

Members confirmed as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2010 and they were signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Members were asked to respond through the Clerk on their views on Durham County Council’s policies on taxi licensing and the licensing of premises. Otherwise there were no items arising that did not appear on the agenda.

4. POLICE LIAISON

The Beat Report for July was given by the Clerk. Members noted the recording of traffic speeds on Garmondsway Road. They resolved to monitor the situation as there was concern about the possible use of traffic calming measures.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

6. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

7. AAP ISSUES

The Chairman advised the meeting that the next AAP meeting was to be held on 8th September 2010 and that the Clerk was working with the Chairman of the Community Association on a bid for AAP funds.

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8. PLANNING MATTERS ARISING FROM AUGUST’S WEEKLY LISTS

Members considered the one planning application falling within this Council’s area notified by the Spennymoor Office, there being no applications from the Durham County Office at this time.

i) 7/2010/0238/DM - Variation of panning condition to delete 7 parking spaces at the entrance to The Cornfields development and improve footpaths and landscaping. The Clerk provided details at the meeting and the Members resolved not to make any representations.

9. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT – POSITION AT 31st AUGUST 2010.

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

10. SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AUGUST 2010.

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| **Receipts** |  | **£** |
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| Nil |  |  |
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| **Payments** |  |  |
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| C. Richardson | Strimming Parish Paths | 1190.00 |
| J. W. Smith Power cleaning | Bus shelter cleaning | 120.00 |
| Zurich Insurance | Insurance premium | 5504.77 |
| Local Clerks Association fee |  | 11.80 |
| SLCC | CiLCA enrolment fee | 150.00 |
| Durham County Council | Returfing at Community Centre | 399.50 |
| R. A. Sunman | Salary | 620.49 |
| Cornforth Partnership | Community trip contribution | 250.00 |
|  | Core cost contribution | 6,000.00 |
|  | Allowances and sundries | 97.11 |
| W.R.Wilson | Members’ Allowance | 18.10 |
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|  | TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE | 14210.77 |
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The above schedule was approved.

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11. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

i) The Scrap Yard – The Clerk advised the meeting that he had spoken to Mr. Farren of Durham County Council and that a notice to clear the site was to be posted on site within week. Should no response be received within 28 days, the County Council would take steps to clear the site and recoup their costs from the owner.

ii) Miscellaneous items – The Clerk advised the meeting that he had approached the County Council on the ongoing problem of encroachment of the footpath near Moneys’ Building and the Council’s request for a dog litter bin. He will progress the matter.

12. QUALITY PARISH STATUS

The Clerk has enrolled on the CiLCA course and will attend his first mentoring meeting on 27th September.

13. HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD

The Chairman advised the meeting that a meeting had been arranged with the Rev. Lumsden to seek his agreement to remove the rubbish and surplus soil from the west boundary and rebuild the flower bin on 15th September 2010 at 9.45 am. In the course of arranging the meeting the Rev. Lumsden had indicated that he wished to keep the churchyard open. Members also noted that the section of footpath along Barrett Way joining to the path to the churchyard had been reinstated following a meeting between the builders and Councillor Mrs. M. Walker.

14. NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk reported that following the decision of the Council with regard to Christmas lights a meeting was held with Durham County Council to discuss power supply. The County Council has indicated that it will not provide power to any lights that are not mounted on lamp standards. The proposed Christmas tree will have to be powered from within the Community Centre with an external electricity. The tree wrapping at the school will similarly need an internal supply “kiosk” with an external link and because one of the trees would require the digging up of the road to be connected, this may no longer be feasible. The tree wrapping opposite the Community Centre will need to take its power from the nearby power “pylon” and this will necessitate both NEDL’s agreement and an underground link beneath the footpath.

Lumalite has been informed and asked to make clear how much of the above work has already been included in the company’s quote. The Clerk has sought approval from the land owners and NEDL. Should the overall scheme need to be revised and additional costs met, then the Chairman and Vice Chairman were given delegated authority to agree changes in the interests of a speedy delivery of the project.

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**At the close of business Members were asked if they had any items of business to be included on the next agenda. The following matters were raised.**

i) The Clerk was asked to report to the next meeting on the condition of the garden at 35 Elm Road, which currently had rubbish to be cleared.

Ray Sunman/Clerk: 27th September 2010.