CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cornforth Parish Council held at the Community Centre, West Cornforth at 7.00 pm on Monday 7th June 2010.

Present: Councillor Mr. A. Hodgson and

Mr. K. Clasper, Mr. T. Cutmore, Mrs. H.P.Drew, Dr. S. C. Drew, Mrs. S. Neville, Mr. M. J. Pennick, Mr. S. M. Pennick, Mr. R. Poole, Mr. M. Simpson, Mrs. S. Traynor, Mrs. P.M. Walker, Mr. W.R.Wilson and Mr. W. H. Woodhall.

Apologies: Councillors: Mrs. Rosemary Clewes.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that were not covered on the agenda.

4. POLICE LIAISON

The Clerk had received apologies from the Police for neglecting to send the reports in March and April and he delivered the beat report for May. It was noted that the Police has targeted the Green, but had now reverted attention to Barrett Way. The Police were to be advised that there was under-age drinking taking place along the railway-line and in the Maughan Close area.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

6. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised Members of the new mayors appointed to the Chilton and Sedgefield Town Councils and of events on the Civic announcements of those two Councils.

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7. PLANNING MATTERS ARISING FROM MAY’S WEEKLY LISTS

Members noted that there were no planning applications falling within this Council’s area notified by the Spennymoor Office or Durham County Office. An application of interest had been received within the Ferryhill area:

i) 7/2010/169/DM – Former coal yard, Rudds Hill north of Ferryhill High Street – Change of use to form a site for five travellers’ caravans.

Members noted that the public meeting to discuss the application had been over-subscribed and would be repeated. They declined to make any comments on the application, but noted the development with interest.

8. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT – POSITION AT 31st MAY 2010.

The Clerk had not received a bank statement in time to progress this item because of the Bank Holiday.

9. SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS MAY 2010.

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| **Receipts** |  | **£** |
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| Nil |  |  |
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| **Payments** |  |  |
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| Northumbrian Water | Allotment Water rates | 15.46 |
| Durham Miners’ Gala | Page in Gala Book | 75.00 |
| Durham C.C. | Ground Maintenance | 4967.07 |
|  |  | 16429.33 |
|  |  | 7538.51 |
| JWS Cleaning | Bus Shelter cleaning | 120.00 |
| R. A. Sunman | Salary | 620.49 |
| W.R.Wilson | Members’ Allowance | 18.10 |
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|  | TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE | 29783.96 |
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RECOMMENDATION: The schedule was approved.

10. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

i) Parish Paths – The Clerk has drafted an application for work to four paths in the Parish and will be discussing them with Mrs. Elaine Field. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk will investigate the creation of a new footpath along the railway-line with Network Rail.

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ii) The Green - Members noted that a site meeting had been held with Mr. Kataky on 27th May 2010. It was his final visit to Cornforth as he retired from the County Council the next day. Most of the work has been completed and the remainder will be finished in late summer. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Mr. Kataky and our other partners for the achievements on the Green over the past few years. Members resolved not to carry out further work on the Green at the expense of the Parish Council for the foreseeable future.

iii) Bus Stop on Station Road – Members noted that the request for a new or replacement bus stop had been logged by Durham County Council and will be considered.

iv) Web site – Members noted that the County Council was working on the Parish Council web site.

iii) The Scrap Yard – The site meeting arranged with Mr. Mark Farren for 10.30 am Thursday 3rd June 2010 was attended by Mr. Ian Coulthard and Mr. Steve Teesdale of the County Council, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk, but Mr. Farren was absent. The Clerk will attempt to progress the matter with Mr. Farren. It was noted that the building on site was being used by under-age drinkers. The existence of a pit in the building made this dangerous. Members discussed the options open to the County Council, including C.P.O., but matters were complicated by the contamination on site. The olice were to be advised of the practice and Cornforth Partnership would investigate the provision of a youth shelter as an alternative.

11. AAP ISSUES

Members were advised that Councillor Cutmore had been elected Chairman of the AAP and he received the congratulations of the Parish Council.

12. QUALITY PARISH STATUS

Members noted that the Clerk had advised Mr. Waterson that he wishes to enrol for the CiLCA course in September 2010.

13. HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD

Members were advised that no reply has been received from The Rev. Lumsden about a firm site meeting date, but the Clerk has discussed the matter with the Church Council Secretary and awaits a response. The maintenance of the graves and the longer term future of the graveyard remain issues.

14. ANY FURTHER BUSINESS

i) Parish Council involvement in ceremony and celebrations – The Clerk was asked to draft a policy paper on this issue for the July agenda.

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14. ANY FURTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

ii) Following the drafting of the address for the presentation to Mrs. Pat Pennick, Members asked that the Clerk investigate a design for a Common Seal for the Parish Council.

iii) Following discussion, Members resolved not to take any action with regard to a complaint received about the growth of dandelions on the Green on grounds of safety, cost and practicality.

iv) Councillor Mrs. Walker and the Clerk were to investigate the reinstatement of a section of footpath from the Green to Barrett Way.

v) The Clerk was asked to have the County Council remove the frosted palm tree from the High Street and investigate the loss of trees in the wood west of the Community Centre.

vi) Cornforth Partnership was to investigate the possibility of a clean-up of litter along the railway-line with the help of the Probation Service and permission of Network Rail.

vii) Members asked that the County Council be asked to action its clean-back of the footpath from Moneys’ Building as previously agreed.

viii) The Clerk was asked to action a clean-up of glass in the Community Park and graffiti on the rock wall.

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Ray Sunman/Clerk: 28th June 2010.