MINUTES

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING** held on Monday 14th March 2022.

Meeting opened at 7.00p.m.

**Present:** Councillor: Mrs. P. Crathorne **(Chairman)** and

Councillors: Dr. S.C. Drew **(Vice Chairman)**, Mrs. H.P. Drew, Mr P Metcalfe, Mrs. M. Poole,

Mr R. Poole.

In attendance: Mr D. Snowball (Parish Clerk)

**176\_21/22 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors; Mr R. Vaughan and Mr. P. Mayew.

and council accepted the apologies.

Councillor Mrs M. Walker was not present.

**177\_21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest.

**178\_21/22 MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there were no dispensations for this meeting.

It was noted that there were no dispensations.

**179\_21/22 CCLA – PRESENTATION**

A presentation was made to members by Kelly Watson from CCLA providing a background of the company and an appropriate short term investment fund, the public sector deposit fund, that is used by many local authorities, for members to consider to spread the risk of funds that it currently holds. Kelly left the meeting after the presentation and prior to discussion by members.

Members discussed the information provided it was proposed by councillor Mrs M. Poole and seconded by Councillor Mr R. Poole and

***RESOLVED:***

That the clerk is to provide a final report to be brought to the April meeting of council including further details of other accounts available to enable members to make the final decision on how best to invest the council’s funds.

**180\_21/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was one member of public present and no public questions were raised.

It was noted that there were no public questions.

**181\_21/22 MINUTES**

1. Ordinary meeting: Monday 14th February 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Dr S Drew and seconded by Councillor Mrs M. Poole and

***RESOLVED:***

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 14th February 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at this meeting.

1. Allotment Sub Committee Monday 21st February 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. P Metcalfe and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Grafton and

***RESOLVED:***

That the minutes and recommendations of the Allotment Sub Committee be noted and received

**182\_21/22** **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

County Councillor Mrs E. Peeke was not present at this meeting. The clerk informed the meeting that Councillor Peeke had sustained an injury to her foot.

This was noted by members.

**183\_21/22** **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The chairman had no announcements to make.

**184\_21/22 POLICE LIAISON**

Councillor Dr. S. Drew informed members that a meeting had been held on 9th March and he had attended the meeting. There was not much to report and it was stressed that residents must report issues to raise police awareness of incidents in Cornforth.

This was noted by members.

**185\_21/22 A.A.P. REPORT**

Councillor Mrs P. Crathorne informed members that a meeting had been held with Angela Blanchard to discuss concerns with the town centre and how best to prepare a bid for funding from the Towns and Village fund. Members will be kept up to date on progress.

This was noted by members.

**186\_21/22** **ALLOTMENT RENT 2023**

The Clerk presented the report to the meeting and following discussion it was proposed by councillor Dr S. Drew and seconded by councillor Mrs J. Grafton and

**RESOLVED**

That the Allotment rent fees per plot for the financial year 2023/24 are to be increased by £5.00 to £25.00 and that this information is included in the correspondence that is being sent to allotment plot holders in connection with the collection of rents for the financial year 2022/23.

**187\_21/22** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there was one planning application that was notified on Monday 14th March 2022.

DM/22/00738/FPA Single Storey Extension

A copy of the application and plan of the extension was distributed prior to the meeting and members agreed that there were no objections or comments to be made.

***RESOLVED:***

That there were no comments or objections made to this planning application.

**188\_21/22 BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT – January 2022**

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Dr S Drew and seconded by Councillor Mr R Poole and

***RESOLVED:***

To receive the Bank Reconciliation statement for January 2022 and for it to be signed by the Chairman Councillor Mrs. P. Crathorne and Councillor Mrs M. Poole.

**189\_21/22 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS – January 2022**

Following discussion, it was proposed by councillor Mr. R. Poole and seconded by councillor Dr. S. drew and

***RESOLVED:***

To receive the Income and Expenditure analysis for January 2022.

***EMERGENCY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION***

**190\_21/22 UKRAINE ASSISTANCE**

The Clerk issued a one-page document to members explaining the situation in Ukraine and informed members that the council could make a financial donation via the ‘Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal’ if it so wished. Members took time to read the document and following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mrs M Poole and seconded by Councillor Mr P Metcalfe and

***RESOLVED:***

That Cornforth Parish Council make a donation of £500 to the ‘Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal’

**191\_21/22 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified

It was proposed by Councillor Dr S Drew and seconded by Councillor Mr P Metcalfe and

***RESOLVED:***

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

The Clerk was also requested to leave the meeting for the deliberation of this item.

**192\_21/22 NATIONAL PAY AWARD**

Members received confirmation that the National Salary Award for April 2021 has been agreed and this is to be applied at the earliest opportunity and backdated accordingly.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr P Metcalfe and seconded by Councillor Dr S Drew and

***RESOLVED:***

That the Council complies with the National Pay Award.

**RE-ADMISSION OF THE CLERK**

To re-admit the Clerk and inform him of the decision of this agenda item.

**RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To re-admit the Press and Public to the meeting.

***Meeting closed at 830p.m.***

Signed (Chairman):

Date: