MINUTES

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING** held on Monday 11th April 2022.

Meeting opened at 7.00p.m.

**Present:** Councillor: Dr. S.C. Drew **(Vice Chairman) \***

Councillors: Mrs. H.P. Drew, Mr R. Vaughan, Mr. P. Mayew, Mrs J. Grafton

In attendance: Mr D. Snowball (Parish Clerk)

***\* Note: The Chairman was absent and the Vice Chairman Councillor Dr. S. Drew took the Chair for this meeting.***

**193\_21/22 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors;

Mrs. P. Crathorne (Chairman), Mrs M Poole, Mr R Poole, Mrs M Wilson,

Mr P Metcalfe.

and council noted and accepted the apologies.

**194\_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.

**195\_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.

**196\_21/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was one member of public present.

A resident enquired on who should be contacted in connection with parking issues. The chairman explained that this is the responsibility of the County Council and to contact the County Councillor Mrs Elaine Peeke. The resident asked how to obtain contact details and the chair explained that the details for all County Councillors are available on the County Council website.

**197\_21/22 MINUTES**

1. Ordinary meeting: Monday 14th March 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Grafton and seconded by Councillor Mrs H.P. Drew and

***RESOLVED:***

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

1. Allotment Sub Committee Monday 21st March 2022

It was proposed by Councillor Mr P. Mayew and seconded by Councillor

Mr R. Vaughan and

***RESOLVED:***

That the minutes and recommendations of the Allotment Sub Committee held on Monday 21st March 2022 be noted and received

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

County Councillor Mrs E. Peeke had contacted the Clerk explaining that she would not be attending the meeting due to illness and asked for the Clerk to inform the meeting that she had attended a ‘Bus’ Board meeting on the 25th of March, and had asked if the chairman of Cornforth Parish Council could attend but was informed that the meeting was only for County Councillors. She will provide a copy of the report of this meeting to the Parish Clerk.

This was noted by members.

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

The chairman was not present at this meeting.

This was noted by members.

**200\_21/22 POLICE LIAISON**

Councillor Dr. S. Drew informed members that at the recent PACT meeting it was mentioned that there had been an increase in minor incidents including breaking into vehicles, anti-social behaviour and the taking of number plates from vehicles.

The next PACT meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st May 2022.

This was noted by members.

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

Councillor Mrs P. Crathorne was not present at this meeting.

This was noted by members.

**202\_21/22** **NOTICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR MR. P. MAYEW FOR A MOTION FOR MEMBERS TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

Councillor Mr P. Mayew presented the following items for the GREEN area as per complaints: -

1. Lights on the tree on the village green are in need of replacing as many of them have failed.

***The Clerk is to contact an electrical company to identify the costs for replacement.***

1. Signage around the green is in need of repair due to damage. Street signage/Public footpath etc

***The Clerk is to meet with Councillor Mr P. Mayew and walk the green area to determine the various signs and possible other issues that can be picked up at the same time to be sent into Durham County Council highways for action.***

c) Stile gate accessing the railway line at Railway Terrace needs repaired

d) Stile on the railway line where it meets the A177 Thinford road has still not been repaired by the LCC which is a disgrace giving the cost and time scale.

***Councillor Mr P. Mayew mentioned that the General Power of Competence stated that it gave “the power to do anything that individuals generally may do and the Council can carry out repairs. The Clerk explained that he still did not think the Council should carry out repairs but would clarify the point to members after further reviewing the G.P.C.***

e) Receiving complaints about dog mess on the Green.

***Councillor Dr S. Drew will bring this issue up at the next PACT meeting.***

**203\_21/22** **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Clerk provided a verbal update on the arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting 2022 that is due to be held on Friday 13th May 2022 at 6.00pm in the Main Hall at Cornforth Community Centre.

This was noted by members***.***

**204\_21/22** **BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Clerk provided final details for members in connection with who to invest an amount from its main bank account to spread the risk.

The Clerk also explained the requirement to move to internet banking to enable the transfer of money and make future payments easier.

Councillor Mr H. P Drew informed the meeting that a system of the clerk and then a separate councillor processing the payments is usually used.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Dr S. Drew and seconded by Councillor Mrs H. P. Drew and

***RESOLVED:***

That;

1. £50,000 is transferred into a new account, The Public Sector Deposit Fund, provided by CCLA Investment Management Ltd.
2. That the decision on internet banking is deferred until the June meeting.

Note: The clerk explained that this would delay the opening of the account unless another method of payment, for example a cheque, could be accepted and contact would be made with CCLA to discuss this.

**205\_21/22** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

This was noted by members***.***

**206\_21/22 BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT – February 2022**

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mr P. Mayew and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Grafton and

***RESOLVED:***

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

**207\_21/22 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS – February 2022**

Following discussion, it was proposed by councillor Mr R. Vaughan and seconded by councillor Mr P. Mayew and

***RESOLVED:***

To receive the Income and Expenditure analysis for February 2022.

***Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.***

Signed (Chairman):

Date: