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Local Government Act 1972

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of the Cornforth Parish Council will be held on Monday 10 March 2025 commencing at 7pm in Cornforth Community Centre, Station Road, Cornforth, DL17 9LA to which members of the council are summoned for the transaction of the under-mentioned business.

Dated this 28th day of February 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Ormerod".

Richard Ormerod - Clerk to the Council

THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

Photographing, recording, broadcasting, or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is permitted however the privacy of (i) persons who object to the same and (ii) children and vulnerable adults must be respected by anonymising the identities of such.

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public notice of the meeting is given in accordance with schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

1	Apologies Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting as, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.
2	Declarations of interest At this point, Members are asked to declare: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests• any prejudicial interests or• any disclosable pecuniary interests which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.
3	Members' dispensation To consider written requests, submitted in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting, for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.
4	Public participation Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances, or which are about a matter where there is no right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or

	government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.
5	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Draft minutes reflect an accurate record of what transpired at that meeting and are put before this meeting for confirmation of accuracy and to consider, resolve to approve and to be signed by the Chairman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinary meeting of the council held on Monday 10 February 2025.
6	<p>County Councillor's report</p> <p>To receive a report by the County Councillor.</p>
7	<p>Chairman's announcements</p> <p>To receive any announcements by the Chairman.</p>
8	<p>Police And Communities Together (PACT)</p> <p>To receive an update from Cllr Coombs.</p>
9	<p>Area Action Partnership</p> <p>To receive an update from the Vice-Chair.</p>
10	<p>Clerk's update</p> <p>To receive updates from the Clerk.</p>
11	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider any planning applications received from Durham County Council which are of interest to the parish council and to make representations if necessary.</p>
12	<p>Financial matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive, consider and approve the receipts and payments analysis for February 2025. To receive, consider and approve the bank reconciliation statement for February 2025. To receive, consider and approve the summary of receipts and payments against budget analysis from 1 April 2024 to 28 February 2025. To approve pending payments.
13	<p>Tree Survey 2025</p> <p>To consider the report of the contractor.</p>
14	<p>Financial Regulations</p> <p>To consider the draft revised Financial Regulations and agree a finalised version.</p>
15	<p>West Cornforth Miners FC</p> <p>To reconsider a request for support from the newly-formed West Cornforth Miners under-14s football club.</p>
16	<p>Barber shop, High Street</p> <p>The Cornforth Partnership has been informed of a possible change of use and has asked the parish council to find out more information and consider objecting. The Clerk to report.</p>
17	<p>Fencing at former bus shelter</p> <p>The Clerk to report. To decide on a course of action.</p>

18	Council newsletter for March 2025 To approve final content for inclusion on the Cornforth Community Partnership's newsletter.
19	Recommendation from Recreation & Amenities Committee – goal posts at Stobbs Cross park and new play equipment for the toddler play area at Bill Wilson Memorial Park To decide on whether to bid for funds from the Ashcourt Durham and Tees Valley Community Fund.
20	Motions on notice. None.
21	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.
22	Clerk's remuneration To decide how to proceed in regard to the Clerk's salary from 1 April 2025.
23	Cornforth Partnership To consider a request for financial support from Cornforth Partnership.
