

DRAFT**Cornhill Parish Council****Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 8th November 2018,
at the Village Hall at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllrs. Barbara Richmond (Chair), Mick Plunkett, Tina Ayre, David Richmond, Eddie Barrowman, Clerk Angela Hallam-Baker.

In attendance: Rev'd Rob Kelsey, Elizabeth Devon, Ann Brown,
Malcolm and Maureen Farrey.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Joan Easton and Rev'd John Carr.

2. Police Report:

There was no report from PC Perry, but a meeting had been held with him to discuss how to contact the Police in an emergency. This followed the break-in at the Village Shop in September when the owners had difficulty in getting in touch with the Police.

The problem arose due to the Cornhill side of the border having a Scottish telephone area code and a Scottish post code. Dialling 999 goes through to Police Scotland and then has to be transferred to England and Northumberland.

In an effort to have this sorted out, a letter would be sent to Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP and Vera Baird, the Police and Crime Commissioner.

3. Parishioners' Questions: None received.

4. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2018 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters arising from the minutes:

- **Horse Chestnut tree in Knowe Head** – this is to be inspected by a tree expert.
- **Interactive speed sign outside Tweed Meadows** – the radar unit has been damaged by the wind and the sign is therefore not working. This was inspected by the supplier who informed the PC that the repair would cost in the region of £855. This had been installed in July 2015 – the clerk would check the terms of the warranty.
- **Double parking outside the village shop** – it was reported that trucks had parked up against the houses beside the shop and some were left with their engines running while the drivers were in the shop.
The question of a pedestrian walkway was again raised, and Barbara and Tina agreed to speak to Lynda about it.
- **Street light CJ38** – the clerk had asked for the tree branches to be pruned.
- **Play Area** – Mick was thanked for again carrying out a monthly inspection.

6. Confidentiality:

A letter had been received from NCC informing that in certain circumstances Parish Council minutes can be kept confidential.

7. Financial Report:

The clerk distributed a statement of the income and expenditure account since the last meeting. This showed a balance of £3,460.77 with an amount of £1,846.62 ring-fenced for the festive lighting, and £466.30 for the Cornhill Community Action Group. This left an actual balance of £1,147.85.

Due to impending expenses for items to be purchased from the County Councillor's Member's Fund which would have to be paid for before the grant money is received, it would be necessary to borrow from the ring-fenced fund for a matter of days.

Parish Precept – the amount requested for 2019/20 is due to be submitted by 25th January 2019. This will be discussed at the next meeting on 10th January 2019.

8. Planning Application Ref: 17/03894/FUL:

The above application for 23 dwellings on the Cornhill School site was refused, the two main reasons for which are that the well-used playing field would have been destroyed, and the density of housing would destroy the character of the village. Three letters have been received by the Parish Council from neighbouring residents expressing their gratitude to the Councillors for fighting this proposed development. These were much appreciated by the PC.

Whereas the footprint of the school building might be built on, the Parish Council intends to apply to register the playing field area as a village green, thus protecting it as an amenity area.

9. Report on meeting with County Cllr. Glen Sanderson on 22nd October:

The Parish Council was very grateful to Cllr. Sanderson for coming to Cornhill and accompanying them on a walk round the village to view the outstanding work required. Due to Cllr. Sanderson's immediate intervention, the following work was put in hand where possible. Funding for items which NCC would not be able to afford would be discussed further by the Parish Council.

- **Restoration of the playing field** after digging of archaeological trenches – this was subsequently carried out on 31st October, and is due to be re-seeded. Four vertical pipes remain on the field, and the clerk will request that these be removed.
- **Street lighting** – removal of the old redundant lamp posts and completion of new LED lights.
- **Speed Camera alert notices** on the 30mph signs – will be erected as soon as checks have been completed with the State Compliance Regulations.
- **Chestnut tree** at entrance to Knowe Head – this is to be checked by a tree expert to ascertain whether the extent of horizontal root growth can be stopped by pruning the branches.
- **Lighting columns** obstructed by tree branches – these to be pruned.
- **Footpath** from the roundabout to the three properties beyond the railway bridge parapet – the residents of two of the properties rely on wheeled help to get around. In order that they do not have to cross the busy A697 road twice, the Parish Council has requested that the grass verge be converted to a tarmac pavement. This would also be an easier route for the residents of Station Gardens to avoid crossing the road alongside the roundabout.
- **Pavement repairs** – these to be attended to.

- **A new street light** on the footpath between the roundabout and Station Gardens – NCC has agreed to fund this and start work soon.
- **Potholes in Knowe Head** – these to be filled.
- **Double white lines through Donaldson's Lodge** – requested.
- **Pavement along A698 Berwick Road** – requested that this be cleared .
- **Footpath on B6350 Cornhill to Wark road** – requested due to volume of heavy traffic.

Subsequently, it was agreed that an additional dropped kerb is required at the top of the C21 road to East Learmouth in front of Cross House.

10. Local Transport Plan 2019-20 – amendments:

Following Cllr. Sanderson's visit, the three priority LTP requirements were amended as follows:

- i) B3650 Cornhill to Wark road – request for a footpath.
- ii) Double white lines through Donaldson's Lodge.
- iii) A697 footpath from roundabout to the three properties beyond the railway bridge parapet – request for tarmac pavement.

11. Cornhill Community Action Report:

Barbara reported that a meeting of the Committee and any interested parties will be held on 21st November to review the 2018 activities and plan for 2019.

There will be festive lights on 11 columns in the village, and these will be plugged in at the beginning of December. The Village Hall will put up their own external lights, and Martin and Elizabeth have kindly offered to put up festive lights inside the church.

The Bell View Christmas Lunch is to be held on Saturday, 8th December, in the Village Hall, and helpers are requested to assist with setting up the tables and chairs, and tidying up afterwards.

The Social History Project will be discussed at a meeting on 15th November.

12. The Remembrance Day Service on the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War will be held at St. Helen's Church at 10.15am on Sunday, 11th November, followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11.00am. It was agreed that George Forrest, who fought in the Great War and has lived in Cornhill for most of his 85 years, should be invited to lay the Parish Council's poppy wreath.

In the evening the beacon behind the Village Hall will be lit, accompanied by some short reflections of remembrance, followed by soup in the Hall.

13. County Councillor's Members' Fund:

It was confirmed that the defibrillator for Tillmouth Village Hall is definitely on the list of items to be purchased from the Members' Fund. It was also agreed to purchase four flower tubs for the village, and paving slabs for hopscotch in the play area in Station Gardens.

14. County Councillor's Report – none received.

15. Footpaths:

Mick confirmed that all the footpaths in the parish are now walkable. However, two in Donaldson's Lodge need some re-instating since seeding, and the bridge over the Deddo Burn is due to be re-built.

It was noted that the Carham Parish latest walk will take place on Saturday, 10th November. A map has been posted on the notice board.

Mick said he would organise another Cornhill walk in January.

16. Correspondence:

Letters have been received from the Great North Air Ambulance and from Community Action Northumberland asking for donations. It was agreed to donate £35.00 to the GNNA, and £25.00 to CAN.

17. Any other business:

A request had been received by Coldstream Community Trust for land in Cornhill Parish to be set aside for travellers. A reply will be sent informing them that the Parish has no spare land.

Litter pick – the next litter pick was arranged for Monday, 7th January 2019, from Donaldson's Lodge to Twizel Bridge. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Village Shop at 9.30am.

18. Date of next meeting: Thursday, 10th January 2019, at 6.00pm at the Village Hall.

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