

## Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)

### Minutes of a PC meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

#### Present

**Parish Councillors:** - G. Graham, B. Lyons, D. Newrick, G. Parkinson (Chairman) & W. Makepeace

**Others:** - F. Nugent (Clerk), L. Fisher (County Councillor) & S. Bowman (City Councillor)

#### The meeting opened with Parkinson in the Chair

##### 1. Opening Remarks

Parkinson welcomed everybody to the meeting

##### 2. Declarations of Interest

There weren't any

##### 3. Apologies

None were necessary as everybody was present

##### 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

These were agreed as a true and correct record and signed as such by Parkinson

##### 5. Matters arising from the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

- i) **Defibrillator for Gilsland Village Hall (VH)** – This is a non-starter as it can't be placed on the outside of a building. Also there is no mobile phone signal for a 999 call to be made
- ii) **Tourist signs for the routes into Gilsland** – Fisher is having a meeting with the Highways Department this Wednesday and will follow this up
- iii) **Grass Cutting at Gilsland Car Park** – Makepeace has not heard from Richard Chandler at the City Council (CC). Nugent gave Makepeace Chandler's telephone number. Nugent will send Chandler an email reminder
- iv) **New Telephone Mast** – The project has been abandoned. Newrick is still pursuing the matter via MPs Rory Stewart and Guy Oppenheim
- v) **2016/17 Precept** – This was submitted to the CC after the last meeting
- vi) **Payment to Megs towards Bunting Bank for the Gilsland Area** – The payment was made after the last meeting
- vii) **Speed Awareness cameras** – Nothing to report
- viii) **Street Light Number 595 at Mumps Hall Bridge** – Street light Mumps Hall Bridge has not been completed. Light 966 had intermittent fault, now completely out, to be reported to Highways Hotline

##### 6. Correspondence that has not been Circulated

- i) **Undated from Tower Mint Ltd** – Enclosing a commemorative medal for the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Queen Elizabeth II. It was agreed not to purchase any of the medals for parishioners
- ii) **30/11/15 from CC** – Reminder that all Councillors need to complete a new Notice of Interest Form within 28 days if their interests should change
- iii) **December 2015 from HSBC** – Changes to Banking Terms and Conditions and Price List. This will not affect how the PC's account

##### 7. Reports

- i) **Buses** – A new timetable for the 185 service came out last October
- ii) **COGS** – Network Rail have said that the interim consultation report will be out in the middle of this month. The final report should be available in the middle of this April
- iii) **County** - Fisher stated that he had nothing else to report on
- iv) **City** - Bowman reported that the area was still recovering from the December floods

## 8. Finance

### i) It was agreed to make the following Payment

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
• Came & Company	Annual Insurance Premium	£164.25

i) **Account Balances** - The credit balance at the start of the meeting was **£2861.77** and **£2697.52** after the above agreed payment

ii) **Accounts Check** – The accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 were checked by Newrick and found to be in order

## 9. Flooding on Common Land at Denton

Newrick reported on the flooding that had taken place. He ascertained that CC is responsible for the block of land. This information has been sent to Barry Mallinson from Cumbria Highways. The County Highways and CC will have to sort out who will be taking on the job of carrying out the necessary work. Dan will send full details to Bowman

## 10. Audit Arrangements from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

Nugent went over the new audit provisions. It was agreed to opt out of having an auditor appointed on the PCs behalf

## 11. Items for the Next Meeting

- i) Parkinson reported that after 12 years on the PC he felt, because of his failing eyesight, that it is the right time to stand down. He will tender his resignation at the next meeting which is the 2016 AGM

## 12. Next Meeting (2016 AGM)

7:00pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in the Methodist Hall, Gilsland. This will be preceded by the 2016 Annual Meeting at 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by

Signed as a true and correct record

**Frank Nugent**  
Clerk to the PC  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**G. Parkinson**  
Chairman  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2016