

Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)

Minutes of a PC meeting held on Thursday 12th May 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) & Tim Gordon (Parishioner and Member of the Public)

The meeting opened with Parkinson in the Chair

1. Opening Remarks

Parkinson welcomed everybody to the meeting

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

No apologies were necessary as everybody was present. There were no Declarations of Interest

3. Appointment of Chairman

Parkinson informed the meeting that he was standing down as a Councillor. Graham also stated that he too was standing down.

Newrick was proposed, seconded and elected as PC Chairman for the next 12 months

4. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Makepeace was proposed, seconded and elected as PC Vice-Chairman for the next 12 months

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2016

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

6. Matters arising from the meeting held on 3rd March 2016

- i) **Defibrillator for Gilsland Village Hall (VH)** – It was clarified that one could be fitted to an external wall however there is no mobile phone signal to make a 999 call
- ii) **Tourist signs for the routes into Gilsland** – Cumbria Highways are not keen on these. However Fisher was hopeful that he will be able to secure the necessary funding
- iii) **Grass Cutting at Gilsland Car Park** – Makepeace has agreed a cutting program with the City Council
- iv) **New Telephone Mast** – Newrick reported that MPs Rory Stewart and Guy Oppenheim are hopeful about raising the matter in the House of Commons
- v) **Street Light Number 595 at Mumps Hall Bridge** – Parkinson reported that the repair on the light has still not been finalized. Fisher will speak to Cumbria Highways
- vi) **Flooding on Common Land at Denton** – Newrick reported that we are no further forward on resolving this

7. Correspondence that has not been Circulated

- i) **April 2016 from HSBC** – Changes to Banking Terms and Conditions and Price List. This will not affect how the PC's account is run

8. Reports

- i) **Buses** – The 185 service to Carlisle will cease in two weeks
- ii) **COGS** – The draft report that was due in March is still awaited. The delay in publication was down to there being outstanding information
- iii) **County** - Fisher has received details of all Cumbria Highways works for this financial year. He will extract the details for the Brampton area and pass them to Nugent for circulation
- iv) **City** - Bowman reported that after the recent elections the makeup of the City Council has basically stayed the same

9. 2015/16 PC Annual Accounts and Report

The 2015/16 accounts, that had been circulated, were agreed and signed by Parkinson on behalf of the PC. The annual report was also agreed by the PC and signed by Parkinson

10. 2016/17 PC Meeting Dates

It was agreed that all but the February meeting will be on the same cycle as last year. At Nugent's request the February meeting will be held in the first week of that month. Nugent will circulate the meeting dates to everybody

11. Finance

i) **Review of Clark's Salary** – It was agreed to increase this by £20 per annum

ii) **It was agreed to make the following Payment**

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
• F. J. Nugent	One Year's Clerk's Expenses	£24.05
• F. J. Nugent	Six Month's Clerk's Salary	£176.00
• HMRC	PAYE on Six Month's Clerk's Salary	£44.00
• Carlisle City Council	Play Area Inspection Fee	£56.78
• CALC	Annual Fee	£63.00

Waterhead and Thirwell PCs have each been invoice for 1/3rd of the Play Area Inspection Fee

iii) **Account Balances** - The credit balance at the start of the meeting was **£3913.52** and was **£3545.69** after the above agreed payments

iv) **Accounts Check** – The accounts from 1st April 2016 were checked and found to be in order

12. Parish Council Vacancies

Nugent will draw up a poster, for the noticeboards, advertising the two vacancies

13. Resignation of Graham and Parkinson

George and Gordon were thanked for all their efforts for the PC over the years

14. Items for the Next Meeting

- i) Possible PC merger discussions with Waterhead PC
- ii) Draft letter to Jason Gooding re the derelict house

15. Next Meeting – 6:30pm on Thursday 11th August 2016 in the Methodist Chapel Room

Minutes prepared by

Signed as a true and correct record

Frank Nugent
Clerk to the PC
21st May 2016

D. Newrick
Chairman
11th August 2016