

## Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)

### Minutes of a PC meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016

#### Present

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

**Others:** - F. Nugent (Clerk) & S. Bowman (City Councillor)

#### Absent

**Other:** - L. Fisher (County Councillor)

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

##### 1. Opening Remarks

Newrick welcomed those present to the meeting

##### 2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Fisher. There were no Declarations of Interest

##### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016

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

##### 4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016

- i) **Tourist signs for the routes into Gilsland** – No update due to Fisher's absence
- ii) **New Telephone Mast** – It looks like there are moves afoot to progress this issue. However no timescale is available. The intention is to reduce non-spots to 2% and partial non-spots to 12%. This would be half of the current position
- iii) **Flooding on Common Land at Denton** – Newrick has not heard anything from either the City or County Councils
- iv) **PC Vacancies** – There has been no interest shown in the vacancies
- v) **Merger with Waterhead PC** – Both PCs are broadly in favour of a merger. Nugent to contact CALC to see exactly needs to be done to facilitate a merger

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

- i) **12/09/16 from Northumberland National Park** – Variation to Hadrian's Path National Trail. See **item 10.** below
- ii) **25/09/16 from Roger Ashman from St. Mary Magdalene Church** – Asking for a donation towards the upkeep of the Church Graveyard. It was agreed to donate £100. Bowman will also donate £150 from his City Council Financial Allocation
- iii) **October 2016 from HSBC** – Changes to Business Banking Terms and Conditions. The changes will not affect how we operate our account
- iv) **26/010/16 from Carlisle City Council** – Renewal of Planning Permission re Change of Use of the Bridge Inn and the Erection of an Adjoining Dwelling. No objections raised
- vi) **09/11/16 from Rory Stewart MP** – Update on Mobile Telephone Mast. See **item 4ii)** above

##### 6. Reports

- i) **Buses** – The Border Rambler service is continuing on a Wednesday
- ii) **COGS** – The process is no further forward at the moment. One proposal is to move the temporary station at Workington to Gilsland for a three year period to see what the footfall would be. The Network Rail report may be passed to a technical consultant for his opinion and for him to rework as necessary
- iii) **County** – No report
- iv) **City** – Bowman reported that the Local Plan has been approved by the Government and the current recycling scheme is to be extended to more rural areas from May 2017
- v) **PC Councillors** – No additional reports

## 7. Finance

i) **Payments Received Since the Last Meeting** - None

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

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
• F. J. Nugent	Clerk's Six Months Net Salary	£176.00
• HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's Six Months' Salary	£44.00
• St. Mary Magdalene Church Donation ( <b>See item 5ii</b> ) above		£100.00

iii) **Account Balances** - **£3531.25** credit balance at the start of the meeting and **£3211.25** after the above agreed payments

iv) **Accounts Check** – The accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were checked and found to be in order. They were signed as such by Newrick

## 8. 2017/18 Precept

It was agreed to precept for £1216. The same amount as this year

## 9. PC Website

In order to comply with the Transparency Code the PC must have a website to publish agendas, minutes, accounts etc. Funding is available to set the website up, purchase the necessary IT equipment and pay Nugent for the work involved. It was therefore agreed that Nugent would proceed with the necessary work under the guidance of CALC

## 10. Re-routing Hadrian's Path National Trail

Newrick had discussed this with as many of the interested parties as was possible. He found the general consensus was in favour of the re-routing as it brought walkers into the village and this will only be good for local businesses. With this in mind he told Northumberland National Park that there were no objections

11. **Item for the Next Meeting** – Hall Terrace Wall

12. **Next Meeting** – 6:30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 in the Methodist Chapel Room

Minutes prepared by

Signed as a true and correct record

**Frank Nugent**  
Clerk to the PC  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**D. Newrick**  
Chairman  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2017