

Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)

Minutes of a PC meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017

Present

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

Other: - F. Nugent (Clerk)

Absent

Others: - S. Bowman (City Councillor) & 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 Bowman and Fisher. There were no Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2016

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

4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 28th November 2016

- i) **Tourist signs for the routes into Gilsland** – This appears to be a dead duck as no progress has been made
- ii) **New Telephone Mast** – This is back on the cards with Vodafone looking to take over responsibility. Currently Vodafone are seeking to ensure that there are no impediments to them taking over responsibility
- iii) **Flooding on Common Land at Denton** – There has been no flooding this year and it was agreed not to pursue the matter any further
- iv) **PC Vacancies** – Still no interest being shown
- i) **Merger with Waterhead PC** – This is working with the City Council. It appears that this may be a lengthy process
- ii) **Website** – With the merger with Waterhead in mind a joint website is now up and running. The web address is upperdentopc.gov.uk and there are separate pages for the Upper Denton and Waterhead documents. The cost of setting up the website etc. has been paid by this PC and will be reclaimed from CALC

5. Correspondence that has not been Circulated

- i) **28/11/16 from Roger Ashman** – Thank you for the £100 donation to St. Mary Magdalene Church

6. Reports

- i) **Buses** – No report
- ii) **COGS** – Network Rail (NR), in their report, have come up with a price of £26.4M to reopen the station. They refuse to talk directly with COGs and all communication is being conducted through Northumbria County Council. The Big Lottery Fund has paid for an Independent Consultant to go through the NR report to see if they could reduce the cost. The Consultant managed to reduce the £26.4M cost in half however NR won't budge on the £26.4M. In two weeks' time a NR Engineer will be making a site visit to look at the station and the level crossing sites
- iii) **County** – No report
- iv) **City** – No report
- v) **PC Councillors** – No additional reports

7. Finance

i) Payment Received Since the Last Meeting

Payer	Reason for Payment	Amount
• Thirwell Parish Council	1/3 rd Net Play Park Risk Assessment Fee	£15.78

ii) It was agreed to make the following Payments

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
• City of Carlisle	Play Park Risk Assessment Fee	£56.78
• Amico Ltd	Website and Domain Hosting	£45.00
• Gilsland Village Hall	COGS Meeting Room Hire	£10.00
• Tesco	Laptop for Transparency Code Work	£299.00
• CALC	Website Design and Setup	£235.40
• Came and Company	Annual Insurance Premium	£165.00

iii) **Account Balances - £2800.47** credit balance at the start of the meeting and **£2400.07** after the above agreed payments

iv) **Accounts Check** – The accounts from 1st April to 14th February 2017 were checked and found to be in order. They were signed as such by Newrick

8. Hall Terrace Wall

Newrick and Fisher are trying to get someone from Highways to come out and look at the problems

9. Highways Issues

i) **Parking Outside the School** – The difficulty has been resolved

ii) **Gullies Outside the Car Park** – These are blocked and Newrick has been unable to get a response from Highways. He will continue to pursue the matter

iii) **Meeting with Spadeadam Base Commander** - Newrick met with the Commander re speeding traffic passing through the village. The base has its own speed gun which they will use to see how fast the traffic is going through the village. They will also fund a flashing speed awareness sign for a two-week period

10. Other Items

i) **Hadrian's Path National Trail** - Newrick had received an objection to the re-routing of the trail after Northumbria National Park had been given the go ahead. The objection was given too late to be taken into account. It should have been made when the proposals had been publicised in the Parish Newsletter etc.

ii) **Car Park Maintenance** – The School Head Mistress has stated that she is more than happy with Makepeace's work

iii) **Empty Tubs Near the School** – The Gardening Club no longer want them

11. **Item for the Next Meeting** – No items were given

12. **Next Meeting** – 7:00pm on Thursday 11th May 2017 in the Methodist Chapel Room preceded by the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting at 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by

Signed as a true and correct record

Frank Nugent
Clerk to the PC
15th March 2017

Dan Newrick
Chairman
7th May 2017