

Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)

Minutes of a PC meeting held on Thursday 10th August 2017

Present

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

Other: - F. Nugent (Clerk)

Absent: - 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

No apologies for absence were received. There were no Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2017

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

4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 11th May 2017

- i) **Telephone Mast** – This is going ahead and should be installed by the end of the year
- ii) **PC Vacancies** – Still a complete lack of interest
- i) **Merger with Waterhead PC** – Nugent contacted Ian Dixon at the City Council re this. Dixon said that it had dropped off his radar due to other commitments. He will now review what needs to be done next
- ii) **Hall Terrace and Road Gullies** – Still no response from the County Council. We need Fisher to be more proactive is seeking solutions
- iii) **Parking Outside the School** – Newrick has spoken to the School Head and two Police Community Support Officers re the ongoing difficulties. It was agreed that Newrick will speak to the drivers concerned when the School reopens in September
- iv) **People Counters** – The counter at Willowford is clocking 6000 users per month and the one under the station is clocking 4000 users per month. An application has been made for two additional counters. One for the other side of Willowford and one for the access road to the Station
- v) **Over Denton Churchyard** – John Lee has purchased the Church and the Basle House. He has said that he is prepared to take on the responsibility for the upkeep of the Churchyard. This will have to be looked at further before the responsibility for the Churchyard passes to the PC

5. Correspondence that has not been Circulated

- i) **June 2017 from The Pensions Regulator** – Minimum contributions for eligible employees
- ii) **04/07/17 from The Pensions Regulator** – Confirming our compliance with the Pensions Regulations i.e. we don't have any eligible employees

6. Reports

- i) **Buses** – Nothing new to report
- ii) **COGS** – The AGM has been held. There is a move to install a temporary station. To facilitate this applications for funding have been submitted to various organisations. If a temporary station is installed it will be in place for a minimum of five years. This will allow for a detailed usage survey to be compiled
- i) **County** – No report due to Fisher's absence
- ii) **City** – No report due to Bowman's absence
- iii) **PC Councillors** – No additional reports

7. Finance

i) **Accounts for the period 1st April 2017 to date** – These were agreed and signed by Newrick

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

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

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
• TVCRP (see item 9 below)	2017/18 Subscription	£10.00

iv) **Account Balance** - **£3853.57** credit balance at the start of the meeting and **£3843.57** after the above agreed payment

8. Vehicles Speeding through the Village

As a follow, up to the DVGL speed camera report it was agreed to put something in the Village Newsletter re speeding through the village. The camera spotted one driver doing 54mph in a 30 mile an hour zone and a delivery van constantly doing 40mph in and out of the village

9. Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership (TVCRP)

It was agreed to join TVCRP at a cost of £10 a year

10. Larger / Additional Waste Bin for the Car Park

It was agreed that additional waste disposal facilities were needed. Newrick to pursue this with Fisher

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

12. Next Meeting – 6:30pm on Wednesday 25th October 2017 in the Methodist Chapel Room

Minutes prepared by

Signed as a true and correct record

Frank Nugent
Clerk to the PC
18th August 2017

Dan Newrick
Chairman
25th October 2017