

Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)

Minutes of a PC meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2018

Present

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

Other: - S. Bowman (SB) (City Councillor) & F. Nugent (FN) (Clerk)

Absent: - L. Fisher (County Councillor)

The meeting opened with DN in the Chair

1. Opening Remarks

DN 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 23rd October 2017

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

4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 23rd October 2017

- a. **Telephone Mast** – At a meeting with Rory Stewart (RS) MP, held on 27th January 2018, DN asked why Telefonica were the second company to pull out at the last moment. RS, in an email to DN, said that Telefonica laid the blame on the Contractors employed by them. However, it appears that the matter may be on the move again. It now a case of wait and see
- b. **PC Vacancies** – Still a complete lack of interest
- c. **Merger with Waterhead PC** – DN has spoken to Ian Dixon (ID) from the City Council. ID simply repeated what he had previously said to FN. DN to write direct to the Boundaries Commission to ask why the issue cannot be progressed as Parishes are not included in any proposed boundary changes. Also, after any boundary changes both parishes will still be in the same Ward and Constituency
- d. **Hall Terrace** – DN received a notification from Highways to say the matter had been resolved. As this is not the case DN left an appropriate message on the Highways Hotline
- e. **Road Gullies** – DN has, once again, referred the matter to the Highways Hotline. In the end the PC may have to use some of its funds to employ a contractor to clean the gullies. FN reported that blocked gullies were a major problem for the other three PCs for which he is Clerk
- f. **People Counters** – From 1st April to 31st December 2017 there have been over 44K past the school and 30K past the old station
- g. **RAF Centenary** – The PC were in agreement with Waterhead's plan to plant a flower bed in the RAF colours. The matter will be finalized at Waterhead's meeting scheduled for 12th February 2018

5. Correspondence that has not been Circulated – There wasn't any

6. Reports

- a. **COGS** – Nothing new at the moment. There has been some press coverage since Northumberland County Council (NCC) voted to support the next stage of the process. NCC are currently trying to find the necessary funds to further their support.

COGS plan to install four signs, below the existing Gilsland signs on the entry roads to the village, that say Welcome to Gilsland on Hadrian's Wall. Cumbria County Council have not objected to the three new signs in their area. However, permission is still needed from NCC for the fourth sign that will be in their area

b. County – No report due to Fisher's absence

c. City – SB reported that the 2018/19 budget has been finalised. It is anticipated that £19.5 million will need to be borrowed to facilitate the construction of the new swimming pool at the Sands

d. PC Councillors

DN reported that: -

i) Thirwell PC have applied for funding for the two taxis referred to the Go Gilsland newsheet that was circulated to householders

ii) The company Tilhill are to extract 60K tonnes of timber from the area. This year 10K tonnes will be extracted using six wagons a day, on a Monday to Friday basis, over a 70-day period. 40% of the extraction area will be replenished

iii) A tree to the left-hand side of the Methodist Chapel had to be removed because it had a split trunk and was in danger of blowing over in a storm. The cost of the removal was £175. See **Item 7(d)(i)** below

7. Finance

a. Accounts for the period 1st April 2017 to date – These were agreed and signed by Newrick

b. Receipts since the Last Meeting – None

c. Receipts Due: -

Payer	Reason for Payment	Amount
i) Thirwell PC	1/3 rd Net Play Area Inspection Fee	£16.33
ii) Waterhead PC	1/3 rd Net Play Area Inspection Fee	£16.33

d. It was agreed to make the following Payments

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
i) Neil Sidaway	Tree Removal	£175.00
ii) Amico	Website Hosting Fee (Already Paid)	£50.00
iii) Carlisle City Council	Play Area Inspection Fee	£58.80

e. Account Balance - **£3483.57** credit balance at the start of the meeting and **£3249.77** after the above agreed payments

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

9. Next Meeting – 6:45pm on Thursday 10th May 2018 in the Methodist Chapel Room. The meeting will be preceded by the Parish Annual Meeting at 6:30pm

Minutes prepared by

Signed as a true and correct record

Frank Nugent

Clerk to the PC

11th February 2018

Dan Newrick

Chairman

10th May 2018