

Waterhead Parish Council (PC)

Minutes of a PC Meeting held on 12th February 2018 in the Methodist Chapel Room, Gilsland

Present

Parish Councillors: - D. Horn (DH), J. Nicholson (JN), D. Rackstraw (DR) (Chairman) & E. Woodmass (EW)

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

Absent

Parish Councillor: - E. Packer (EP)

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

The meeting opened with DR in the Chair

1. **Chair's Opening Remarks** – DR welcomed those present
2. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies for absence were received from EP. There were no Declarations of Interest
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 30th November 2017** - Agreed as a true and correct record and signed as such by DR
4. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 30th November 2017:** -
 - i) **Drover's Troughs Refurbishment** – The work has been completed and the final payment installment has been paid
 - ii) **New Telephone Mast** – EW reported that everything was ready for the installation to start however the plug was pulled before the contract was signed. Dan Newrick (DN) from Upper Denton Parish Council is pursuing the matter
 - iii) **New Maps for the Noticeboards** – DH has not yet contacted local graphic designers. She will now pursue the matter
 - iv) **Merger with Upper Denton PC** – DN got the same story from the City Council that FN had got. DN is to write direct to the Boundaries Commission to see what needs to be done to move the merger forward
 - v) **RAF Centenary** – Upper Denton and Thirwell Parish Councils are supportive of the planting of a floor bed in the RAF colours. They will also contribute towards the cost. DR will speak with the Gardening Club to get the matter up and running
 - vi) **Construction work was being carried out at Coombe Crag Farm** – FN contacted the City Council's Planning Department and has not had a response. DR to pursue the matter
5. **Correspondence that has not been Circulated** – There wasn't any
6. **Reports**
 - i) **County** – No report due to LF's absence
 - ii) **City Council** – SB reported that the 2018/19 Council budget has been finalized
 - iii) **Village Hall** – EW reported that: -

- The current bookings are outstanding
- Funding totaling £3900 has been received from Tynedale Council and the Community Chest
- A contract for the necessary roofing work has been agreed at £3500. The work will be done in the summer
- A liquor license has been obtained at a cost of £80. This will allow individuals to bring along their own alcohol to events
- The aim is to be a Village Hall of excellence

iv) Parish Councillors – No reports

7. Finance:

i) Accounts for the period 1st April 2017 to Date – The accounts, showing a credit balance of **£1435.06**, were reviewed, agreed and signed by DR on behalf of the PC

ii) Payments Received since the last Meeting - None

iii) It was agreed to make the following Payments

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
• Andy Hudspith	Drover's Troughs Work (Already Paid) (See 4(i))	£200.00
• Waterhead PC	1/3 rd Annual Play Area Inspection Fee	£16.33

iv) Account Balance - The credit balance after the above agreed payments was **£1418.73**

8. Planning Matters – No planning application have been received since the last PC meeting

9. GoGilsland – DR referred to the newsletter that has been distributed to households. The PC agreed that they were in support of the aim of providing two community electric taxis. DR will put together a letter of support and pass it to FN to pass to GoGilsland

10. Matters for Next Meeting – None were given

11. Next Meeting - 7:45pm on Thursday 17th May 2018 in the Methodist Chapel Room. The meeting will be preceded by the Parish Annual Meeting at 7:30pm

Minutes prepared by

Signed as a true and correct record

Frank Nugent
Parish Clerk
16th February 2018

David Rackstraw
Chairman
17th May 2018