

Waterhead Parish Council (PC)

Minutes of a PC Meeting held on 9th August 2018 in the Methodist Chapel Room, Gilsland

Present

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

Others: - S. Bowman (SB) (City Councillor), F. Nugent (FN) (Clerk) & L. Fisher (LF) (County Councillor)

The meeting opened with DR in the Chair

1. **Chair's Opening Remarks** – DR welcomed those present. He also said that it was good to see LF back in action

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

No apologies were necessary as everyone was present. There were no Declarations of Interest

3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 17th May 2018** - Agreed as a true and correct record and signed as such by DR

4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 17th May 2018: -

a) **New Maps for the Noticeboards** – DH has got a couple of draft plans however she has not had a price as yet

b) **Merger with Upper Denton PC** – No progress on this. Now that the Boundary Commission report is out for consultation. FN will be writing to the City Council to try and get things moving. The Boundary Commission report only covers Council Wards and both PCs will be in the same Council Ward after the report is implemented

c) **RAF Centenary** – DR has not spoken to with the Gardening Club Secretary thus the proposed planned flower bed has been abandoned

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

6. Reports

a) **County** – LF reported that money is currently being spent on fighting obesity, that ownership of the old Moat Street primary school has reverted to the decedents of the original owner in accordance with the original deeds and that there a lot of highways problems

a. **City Council** – SB reported on the Boundary Commission report, that £660K had been spent making the Central Plaza Hotel safe, and that £40 million is to be borrowed to repay a current loan, fund construction of the new swimming pool complex and some units at Kingstown

b) **Village Hall** – EW said that there was nothing new to report

c) Parish Councillors: -

i) Work is being done on Wallholme Bridge. The cost is being meet by central funds provided in the wake of the 2015 flood

ii) FN to write to Spadeadam to ask them to replace the Permissive Footpath sign at Crammel Linn after DR has had a look at the site

iii) FN to write to the Environment Agency to get details of the water quality readings that have been taken at Gilsland Bridge

7. Finance:

a) **Accounts for the period 1st April 2018 to date** – Agreed and signed by DR

b) **Receipts since the Last Meeting:** -

Payer	Reason for Payment	Amount
i) HMRC	2017/18 VAT Refund	£6.00

c) **Receipts Due:** - None

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

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
i) Tyne Valley CRP	2018/19 Subscription (Already Paid)	£10.00

e) **Account Credit Balance** - **£2071.87** before and **£2061.87** after the above agreed payment

8. **Planning Matters** – A letter regarding a complaint re a perceived planning breach was read out. It was agreed that FN should forward the letter to the City Council Planning Department as the PC does not deal with such matters. Details of the complaint have not been included in the minutes for Data Protection reasons

9. **Matters for Next Meeting** – None were given

10. **Next Meeting** - 7:30pm on Thursday 15th November 2018 (date subsequently changed to Thursday 1st November 2018) in the Methodist Chapel Room

Minutes prepared by

Signed as a true and correct record

Frank Nugent
Parish Clerk
13th August 2018

David Rackstraw
Chairman
1st November 2018