

## Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)

### Minutes of a PC meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016

#### Present

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

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

#### Absent

**Other:** - 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 Fisher. There were no Declarations of Interest

#### 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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

#### 4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016

- i) **Tourist signs for the routes into Gilsland** – No update due to Fisher's absence
- ii) **New Telephone Mast** – No further forward with this. Newrick to write to Rory Stewart for an update
- iii) **PC Vacancies** – No interest has been shown as yet. Councillors to push the matter between now and the next meeting
- iv) **Flooding on Common Land at Denton** – Bowman reported that the City Council say that this is not their responsibility. Newrick to look into who is responsible

#### 5. Correspondence that has not been Circulated

- i) **07/07/16 from Game and Company** – Internal reorganisation within their company. This will not affect the PC's insurance cover
- ii) **05/08/16 from Carlisle City Council** – Enclosing posters advertising the "Tour of Britain" and the "Carlisle Pageant". Newrick took the posters for circulation

#### 6. Reports

- i) **Buses** – The new Border Rambler service is good. However the timetable has been changed and twice and additional villages have been added onto the route. Bowman will make contact with the service provider and pass on the PC's concerns
- ii) **COGS** – The Network Rail report, which was commissioned by Northumberland County Council, has been received. The report estimates that the total cost of re-opening the station will come to £28.64million. The report will be considered further at the September COGS meeting
- iii) **County** – No report
- iv) **City** – There isn't lot going on at the moment as we are in the annual holiday season
- v) **PC Councillors** – Lyons has stood down as the PC's representative on the Village Hall Committee (VHC). It was agreed not to replace him on the VHC

#### 7. Finance

##### i) It was agreed to make the following Payment

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
• Gilsland Methodist Church	2015 Room Rental Fees	£50.00

**ii) Payments Received**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payer</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>Amount</b>
• 22/05/16	Waterhead PC	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> net cost of Play Area Inspection	£15.78
• 06/07/16	Thirwell PC	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> net cost of Play Area Inspection	£15.78

**iii) Account Balances - £3581.25** credit balance at the start of the meeting and **£3531.25** after the above agreed payment

**iv) Accounts Check** – The accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 checked and found to be in order. They were signed as such by Newrick

**v) 2015/16 Annual Return** – The audited Return, which had been returned from BDO, was agreed by the PC. No issues from the Return had been reported by BDO. The notice of the conclusion of the Audit will now be posted on the noticeboards by Newrick

**8. Possible Merger with Waterhead PC**

It was agreed in principle that the PC were in favour of such a merger

**9. Possible Letter to Jason Gooding re Derelict House**

It was agreed not to send a letter

**10. Items for the Next Meeting** – No items were given

**11. Next Meeting** – 6:30pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 in the Methodist Chapel Room

Minutes prepared by

Signed as a true and correct record

**Frank Nugent**  
Clerk to the PC  
13<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**D. Newrick**  
Chairman  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2016