**Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)**

**Minutes of a PC meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2019**

**Present**

**Parish Councillors: -** D. Newrick (DN) (Chairman) , W. Makepeace (Vice-Chairman) & Tim Gordon (TG)

**Other: -** Sue Hatt (SH) (Clerk), & Raymond Tinnion (RT) (City Councillor)

**Absent : -** Lawrence Fisher (LF) (County Councillor)

**The meeting opened with DN in the Chair**

1. **Opening Remarks** -DN greeted those present to the meeting and welcomed Raymond Tinnion, newly elected member of the City Council.
2. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies for absence were received from LF. The Acceptance of Office and Declarations of Interests were signed by all. .

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2019**

Agreed as a true and correct record and signed as such by DN

1. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 7th February 2019**
2. **Road Gullies** –LF to report from County Council about this matter. The drains throughout the village are full and cause flooding after heavy rainfall. WM reported that the gullies had not been cleared for 7 years. RT to find make enquiries about the matter.

 **Action: LF and RT**

1. **Speed Cameras:** SH has e-mailed Gemma Dawson (PCSO from Brampton) about the matter but has had no response. She will chase this up.

 **Action: SH**

1. **Road Sign at Denton Cross:** The sign has not been replaced and the County Council will not take responsibility. DN to check it again and Guy Timperley (Countryside Access Officer, Cumbria County Council) to be contacted.

 **Action: DN**

1. **Removal of tree:** this has been completed and paid for.
2. **Sign cleaning:** SH to contact Thirwall Parish Council for further details.

 **Action: SH**

1. **Grit Bins:** SH has sent 2 e-mails regarding grit bins but has had no response. She will continue to

enquire about them.

 **Action: SH**

1. **Correspondence:** none received
2. **Reports:**
3. **COGS:** At the moment, the Campaign to Open Gilsland Station (COGS) campaign is keeping a watching brief as the project goes through various processes at Northumberland County Council for the next stage of the scheme to move forward at a cost of £30k & £360k which Northumberland are having difficulty finding.
4. No report from City or County Councillors
5. **Finance:**
6. **Accounts for the period 1st April 2019** **to date** – Agreed and signed by DN
7. **Receipts since the Last Meeting: -** Precept 2019/2020 £1216
8. **It was agreed to make the following Payments**

**Payee Reason for Payment Amount**

1. Sue Hatt Clerk’s expenses £32.16
2. Sue Hatt Clerk’s 4 month salary £176
3. Tyne Valley Annual membership £10
4. **Receipts Due**:
5. Waterhead PC Play Park Inspection fee (1/3) £16.67
6. VAT refund Play Area Inspection £10
7. **Account Credit Balance** - **£3806.40**
8. **The annual Governance Statement was approved in preparation of the Annual Audit.**
9. **Any other business:**
10. **Code of Conduct:** this was approved.
11. **Website and policies:** Policies will be circulated for approval and put on the website.
12. **I-Cloud:** SH will set up an I-Cloud for the PC. This will be shared with Burtholme and Waterhead PCs.
13. **Item for the Next Meeting** – None were forthcoming
14. **Next Meeting** – Thursday 1st August 2019 - 6:30pm in the Methodist Chapel Room

Minutes prepared by Signed as a true and correct record

**Sue Hatt Dan Newrick**

**Clerk to the PC Chairman**

**28th May 2019 28th May 2019**