**Waterhead Parish Council (PC)**

Minutes of a PC Meeting held on 1st August 2019 in the Methodist Chapel Room, Gilsland

**Present**

**Parish Councillors: -** D. Rackstraw (DR) (Chairman), E. Packer (EP) & E. Woodmass (EW) (Vice-Chairman)

**Others: -** S. Hatt (SH) (Clerk) Lawrence Fisher (LF) (County Council) & Mike Mitchelson (MM) (City Council)

**Absent:** Keith Meller (KM) & Raymond Tinnion (RT) (City Council)

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

1. **Chair’s Opening Remarks** – DR greeted those present to the meeting and welcomed Mike Mitchelson, newly elected member of the City Council.
2. **Co-opting of Jovan Nicholson:** this has been done. DR has not yet met Richard Barwick to ask about joining the Parish Council.
3. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest:** none received.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 16th May 2019** - Agreed as a true and correct record and signed as such by DR.
5. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 16th May 2019 –**
6. **Permissive Path:** DR confirmed that the signpost is still in place.
7. **New Maps for the Noticeboards** SH to contact Brenda Hebson about the maps and get them put on the noticeboards. Jovan has a key for the Coombe Crag noticeboard and Elizabeth has the key for the Gilsland Junction noticeboard.

 **Action: SH**

1. **Gilsland School :** no further action.
2. **Water Quality Reading:** SH found out about the readings on the Environment Agency website. It records that the Longbyre Stw was last checked in January 2016 and the Gilsland Stw Strom Overflow in February 2004. There was no other information available.
3. **Correspondence that has not been Circulated** – There wasn’t any
4. **Reports**
5. **County Councillors**: LF has provided a list of contacts at the County Council which will be shared with Upper Denton and Burtholme PCs.

 **Action: SH**

1. **City Councillors:** MM explained about the new Borderland Inclusive Growth Deal ([www.borderlandsgrowth.com](http://www.borderlandsgrowth.com)) which brings together the five cross-border local authorities of Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Northumberland County Council and Scottish Borders Council to promote the economic growth of the area that straddles the Scotland-England border. It has secured a £394.5 million investment package for the benefit of the region. One of the projects would involve Hadrian’s Wall and the wider Roman Frontier and would invest in routes, infrastructure and visitor attractions to attract new audiences and greater visitor spend along the length of the wall. They will be holding the second Borderlands Conference in Charlton Hall, Northumberland on Monday 7 October 2019. The conference will provide the opportunity for stakeholders to engage in the next stage of development of the projects and programmes in the Deal.
2. **Village Hall** – EW reported that the Village Hall was doing well. She will give SH the banking details so that the donation for the bench can be made.

 **Action:** EW to give SH banking details

1. **Parish Councillors:** EW expressed concern about the planning permission for the erection of a bird poultry unit in West Hall (ref: 19/0499). There were issues over the size of the development, the impact on local residents of noise, access and traffic and the general environmental damage of the development. Although the planning proposal was not in the Waterhead Parish, It was agreed to express the concerns of the PC.

 **Action:** SH to write to the planning department

1. **Finance:**
2. **Accounts for the recent period 1st April 2019 to date** –
3. **Account Credit Balance** - **£2123.83**

**Payments due:**

**Payee Reason for payment Amount**

Village Hall Donation towards Christine Dixon’s bench £100

Came and Company Annual Insurance £218

Tyne Valley Community Annual Membership £10

Rail Partnership

**Receipts due:**

None

1. **Planning Matters** – None
2. **Matters for Next Meeting** – None were given
3. **Any other business:**
4. **Policies:** The policies were approved to be posted on the website.
5. **Merger with Upper Denton:** It was agreed to write to the County Council about the urgency for a merger between the two parishes.

 **Action :** SH

1. **Dates for next meetings:** to be held on Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm at the Methodist Chapel Room

Minutes prepared by Signed as a true and correct record

**Sue Hatt David Rackstraw**

**Parish Clerk Chairman**