**Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)**

**Minutes of a PC meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2019**

**Present**

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

**Other: -** Sue Hatt (SH) (Clerk), & Mike Mitchelson (MM) (City Councillor), Raymond Tinnion (RT), Keith Meller (KM) (City Councillors) & Lawrence Fisher (LF) (County Councillor)

**Absent :**

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

1. **Opening Remarks** -DN greeted those present to the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest:** none received
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2019**

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

1. **Matters arising from the meeting held on 1st August 2019**
2. **Road Gullies** – These were cleaned shortly after the meeting. The curbs at Hall Terrace have also been repaired and some lights were reported as faulty and have been replaced. Darren Snowden (Brampton Highways Network Engineer) has been contacted about attending the P.C. meeting but was unavailable this time. It was suggested that he be invited to the next meeting from 7.15 to 7.45pm to deal with concerns from both Upper Denton and Waterhead PCs. A list of issues will be sent to him beforehand so that he can prepare. Traffic through the village is also a concern and will be mentioned to him.

**Action: SH**

1. **Speed Cameras:** Still no response from Gemma Dawson (PCSO from Brampton). The e-mail about the logging route has not be answered and will be followed up.

 **Action: SH**

1. **Road Sign at Denton Cross:** DN has not yet spoken to John Lee about this matter but will report back at the next meeting.
2. **Grit bins:** Darren Snowden will be asked about whose responsibility this is at the next PC meeting.

 **Action: DN**

1. **Correspondence:** has been forwarded
2. **Reports:**
3. **COGS:** There is a Borderlands meeting this month at Slaley Hall  and MM recommended that the Carlisle City Council be approached through Jane Meek to enlist their support in persuading CCC to offer at least written support for funding to reopen Gilsland station -as the station site is just over the border in Northumberland, they would have to be the lead council, but all support is valuable and so far CCC have failed to provide any. It was agreed to ask Waterhead Parish Council to also write about possible funding for the station. DN will invite John Stevenson to the next DNV-GL Open Day at Spadeadam.

 **Action:** **DN**

1. **County Councillors**: None

1. **City Councillors:** It was reported that the work on the Central Hotel would be starting shortly. The project would take 3 month and cost approximately £1.1 M.

 Sally Little ( (Electoral Services Officer) has been in touch about the merger between Upper Denton and Waterhead PCs and will be in touch at the end of the year with further detail.

 The GoGilsland Community Transport Service is having difficulty establishing a profitable winter service – people have made alternative arrangements for transport as the project was only launched in mid-September.

 KM reported that the Border Ramblers Rural Transport Services had taken 327 fares from Gilsland in the first 6 months, which did not cover the cost of the service. However, other profitable routes are subsidising the service to allow it to continue. Funding was being sought to run a twice daily return route along Hadrian's Wall Footpath. Support for this service can be registered on the website at <https://www.borderramblerbus.co.uk/>. DN has send the information about numbers crossing Willowford Bridge to Lawrence Fisher in support of the bid (approx. 46000 walkers on a running year basis) recorded in the last 6 months).

 It was agreed that the Parish Council would support any scheme to provide regular buses to and from Gilsland. A link to the Border Ramblers Bus website will be put on the Parish Council website.

 **Action: SH**

1. **Parish Councillors:** It was noted that the House of Meg Tea Rooms were finalist in the Carlisle Living Awards 2019 for Best Village Café.

The Gilsland Spa has been put up for sale after its owners went into administration.

1. **Finance:**

**Accounts for the period 1st April 2019** **to date** – Agreed and signed by DN

1. **Account Credit Balance** - **£3564.91**
2. **Receipts since the Last Meeting:** none
3. **It was agreed to make the following payments:**

**Payee Reason for Payment Amount**

Sue Hatt Clerk’s 6 month Salary £250

Sue Hatt Clerk’s expenses £58.06

1. **Receipts Due**:
2. SH reported that she was still having difficulty changing the Primary User on the bank account. The previous clerk is helping to sort out the problem as soon as possible.
3. **Any other business:**
	1. **Policies:** DN to approve policies so that they can be put on the website.

**Action: DN**

* 1. **Parish Precept:** It was agreed to keep the Parish Precept and Council Tax unchanged for 2020-2021.
	2. **Financial Regulations:** These will be prepared for approval by SH

**Action: SH**

1. **Item for the next meeting** –
2. **Dates for future meetings:**

Thursday 14th May 2020

Thursday 30th July 2020

Thursday 5th November 2020

Thursday 4th February 2021

1. **Next Meeting** – Thursday 6th February 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**

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