**Upper Denton Parish Council (PC)**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held by conference call**

**on Thursday 4th February 2021**

**Present**

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

**Other: -** Sue Hatt (SH) (Clerk) Mike Mitchelson (MM) (City Councillor)

**Absent :** Keith Meller (KM) (City Councillor) and Raymond Tinnion (RT) (City Councillor)

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

1. **Opening Remarks** -DN greeted those present to the meeting and welcomed everyone to the conference call.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Raymond Tinnion and Keith Meller
3. **Notification by Members of Pecuniary and other Registrable Interest:** none received
4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2020**

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

1. **Matters Arising:**
2. **Highways:** The sleepers at the car park have been replaced but no signs have yet been put up**.** The village sign has not been replaced either.

**Action:** DN to write to John Mallinson about the matter

1. **Crammel Linn:** Due to the pandemic, no further issues have arisen so it was agreed that TG would send a letter thanking the County Council, Cumbria Police and the MOD to thank them for their actions in sorting out the situation and asking them to ensure that action would be taken promptly if the problems arose again this year.

**Action:** TG to draft letter for approval

1. **Noticeboard, Silver Jubilee seat and Jubilee stone**: The issue of the Highway boundary outside the Bridge Inn has now been resolved and this means that the noticeboard, Jubilee Stone and bench can stay where they are until the end of lockdown. When it is practical, the Jubilee Stone will be relocated next to the bus shelter as agreed by Thirlwall PC.

**Action:** SH to liaise with Thirlwall PC

1. **Village Hall:** Following the letter sent to Thirlwall Parish Council and the reorganising of access to the Post Office, there have been no further problems at the village hall. TG informed the PC that the Post Office was now open on Tuesday afternoons as well as Thursday and Friday mornings.
2. **Communications:** none received
3. **Reports:**
4. **COGS:** There have been a couple of articles in the Courant and News and Star reporting that the Railways Minister Chris Heaton Harris has expressed his support in a letter and an application to re-establish the station has now been submitted as part of the Restoring your Railway fund. A more accurate cost for the repair of the station is also being sought as the current estimate is deemed to be too high.
5. **County Council:** Not much change at the County Council. Consultation on the Local Government reform is still ongoing and the Local elections are still planned for May but may have to be postponed because of COVID.
6. **City Council:**. MM reported that most City Councillors were working from home, providing support to businesses and residents during the pandemic. The Climate Change Strategy has been published online, giving target dates for Carlisle to be carbon neutral. The budget is being prepared and will be presented in February. The City Council and County Council have been awarded money from the Borderlands Fund and the Towns Fund to help with the redevelopment and regeneration of the railway station and the viaduct site. MM is still chasing sources of funding for Gilsland Station through Hadrian’s Wall Tourism.
7. **Finance:**

**Accounts for the period 1st April 2020** **to date** –Credit balance of £3011.04

1. **Receipts since the Last Meeting:**

**Payee Reason for Payment Amount**

Thirlwall PC Play Area Report £16.67

Waterhead PC Play Area Report £16.67

Waterhead PC Website Hosting £47.50

1. **It was agreed to make the following payments:**

**Payee Reason for Payment Amount**

Came and Company Annual Insurance £218

1. **Receipts Due**: none
2. **Planning Matters:**

**20/04415/FUL** Proposal Resubmission: Development of 4no. 2 storey, 3 bed, 5 person dwellings and associated housing Location Land East Of Riversdale Riversdale Gilsland Northumberland. This application was brought to the attention of councillors although it mainly concerns Thirlwall PC. TG reported that the Village Hall had expressed concerns about safety issues and that the owner of Poltross Enterprises had done a lot of research the last time planning permission was applied for and may be able to provide useful information.

1. **Any other business:**
2. **Hadrian’s Wall 1900:** It was agreed to find out more about the celebrations planned for 2022. SH to ask Tim Coombe to keep the Parish Council informed.

**Action:** SH to contact Tim Coombe and express interest.

1. **Fibre Broadband:** Although there was not much interest from the local homeowners, it was felt that more information would be useful so SH would send TG the name of someone to contact about the scheme.

**Action:** SH to send TG the contact details.

1. **Cumbrian Coastal Tour and North Link Tour**: SH explained that she had receivedan email from Ian Lones about a proposed Northern Link Tour going through Carlisle, Brampton via the Hadrian’s Wall corridor. It involves creating locations for motor caravans to stay overnight in the area. In view of the problems already caused by motor homes at the school car park and in laybys, it was agreed that CALC be approached about the implications of this project.

**Action**: SH to send details to CALC

1. **City of Carlisle – Public Spaces Protection Order:** SH explained that she had received notification of a Protection Order form the City Council for the purpose of reducing crime or anti-social behaviour. The Protection Order covers Talkin Tarn Country Park, where dogs will have to be kept on leads at all time and dog waste must be removed and disposed of appropriately. The Order comes into effect on the 22 March 2021.
2. **Noise from Spadeadam:** TG reported that there had been frequent loud bangs from Spadeadam but that no advance warning had been given. DN would send an email to the person in charge and enquire about this.

**Action:** DN to email Spadeadam

1. **Dates of future meetings:** Thursday 29th July 2021

Thursday 4th November 2021

Thursday 3rd February 2022

1. **Next Meeting** – The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th May 2021 at 6:30pm followed by a Parish Council meeting, either in the Methodist Chapel Room or by conference call.

Minutes prepared by Signed as a true and correct record

**Sue Hatt Dan Newrick**

**Clerk to the PC Chairman**