

DRAFT**Cornhill Parish Council****Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 10th January 2019,
in the Village Hall at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllrs. Barbara and David Richmond, Mick Plunkett, Tina Ayre, Eddie Barrowman, Clerk Angela Hallam-Baker.

In attendance: Rev'd John Carr, Martin Devon, Ann Brown.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Joan Easton, County Cllr. Roderick Lawrie, Rev'd Rob Kelsey, PC Dan Perry.

2. Police Report:

The following report was sent by email later in the evening:

My apologies for not attending the meeting this evening. I did in fact arrive early, but whilst waiting to see everyone was sent to a high priority incident. As such the update that I was due to provide is as follows. There have been two crimes recorded in Cornhill since the last meeting. Neither of which require further elaboration. There have been no incidents of disorder and no further crime messages to relay. If there are any other matters then please let me know.

3. Parishioner's Questions: none.

4. The minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2018 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters arising from the meeting:

- **Horse chestnut tree** - no further information – the clerk to contact NCC again.
- **Interactive speed sign** - equipment breakdown is not insured. Cornhill may be able to access £1,000 from the County Councillor's Members' Fund, and while repairs and maintenance cannot usually be paid for from the Fund, we will investigate whether our circumstances would merit an exception being made.
- **Parking outside village shop** - a notice asking for engines to be switched off has been posted outside the shop. It is noted that wagon drivers appear to be complying with this.
- **Branches obscuring street light CJ38** have been pruned.
- **Play Area inspections** – Mick was thanked for again carrying out monthly inspections.

6. Financial Report:

The clerk distributed a statement of account to date – attached.

Precept for year 2019/2020 - although no major expenses, which could not be funded by community events, were anticipated, it was agreed that the precept should be increased by the 2018 UK Inflation Rate of 3.21% to help with rising costs of usual annual payments. This would increase the current precept of £2,835.00 by £91.00 to £2,926.00.

7. County Councillor's Members' Small Schemes grant:

With the help of, and thanks to, Cllrs. Sanderson and Lawrie, and Programmes Officer, Ruben Morgan, it had been agreed that a sum below the statutory £2,000 could be awarded. The amount requested was £2,149.78, but VAT of £322.30 (which can be reclaimed by the PC) was deducted, leaving a sum of £1,827.48. This will allow for the purchase of a defibrillator + installation for

Tillmouth Village Hall, 5 flower tubs for the village, and 10 stone slabs for hopscotch on the Station Gardens play area.

8. School Playing Field:

A meeting took place on 8th January 2019 between the Parish Council, Paul Urwin – NCC Senior Surveyor Strategic Estates, and County Cllr. Glen Sanderson, to discuss the action plan for the school playing field.

As reported in the minutes of the 8th November 2018, the Parish Council had intended to apply to register the field as a village green, leaving it in the ownership of NCC, but Mr. Urwin's preferred course of action appeared to be to asset transfer the entire site, including the school building, to the Parish Council. However, Mr. Urwin and Cllr. Sanderson accepted that we could have only the field if that is our preference. Obtaining the entire site was something the Parish Council had not anticipated, and would require careful consideration and the opportunity for the local community to be alerted to this proposition. There followed various suggestions as to what use the school building or its site could be put to.

Mr. Urwin agreed to contact the Parish Council with further information, and it was therefore agreed to wait until this had been received before taking further steps.

9. Lighting:

Barbara reported that the new LED lights had been completed in St. Helen's Gardens. Cllr. Sanderson was asked to hurry along the installation of the extra light in the alleyway between Rickerbys and Station Gardens, and try to ascertain when all the new lights in the village would be completed.

Tina reported that lights 19CJ and 20CJ between St. Helen's Gardens and the school site were not working, and the clerk would inform NCC.

10. Cornhill Community Action Group Report:

Barbara circulated the Report listing the Group's ongoing initiatives:

Summer Fair - Sunday, 28th July 2019

Churchyard Project - thanks to volunteers, NCC trimming hedges

Bell View - successful Christmas Lunch – thanks to helpers

Village walks - thanks to Mick for arranging and leading 4 per year – people have requested more

Talks - various suggested speakers

Festive lighting - thanks to Paul Smith, David Waite and Tom with the forklift for putting up and taking down the lights; also to the Village Hall, St. Helen's Church, Rickerbys and householders for adding to the lighting and creating a good display.

History Project - this now has a page on the Cornhill Community Website, thanks to Elizabeth Devon. This may be given its own domain name, or a link from the main website.

Lynda Waite has kindly offered to run a Bingo Evening on Thursday, 31st January, at the Village Hall to raise funds for this.

Calendar - the Group has produced a monthly calendar of events – the January edition attached.

New initiatives being considered - Welcoming Brochure - this was first considered in 2007 - Angela would search the old files.

Finances - £421.30 ring-fenced at 10th January 2019.

11. Cornhill Social History Project:

A new project initiated by Eric Grounds to create an archive of births, marriages, and deaths, for public access. A candidate is invited to apply to provide the research - for details contact:

cornhillcommunityactiongroup@btinternet.com and look at the web page.

12. Cornhill Community Website:

Whereas Alan Cater has indicated that we will discontinue his work on websites, including Cornhill, at the end of 2018, the site is not yet live for Eddie to access. The test website which Eddie is currently using will cease to exist at the beginning of February, so he will receive access to the live site before then. Alan has kindly agreed to continue to upload stuff until everything is settled. The domains need to be transferred to the administrator, either the clerk or Eddie. It was agreed that this should be the clerk who will be responsible for registering domain ownership and paying the bills.

Eddie said that he is intending to move house from Cornhill in the not too distant future. He will remain a member of the Parish Council until the next Council Elections in 2021 if he so wishes.

13. Footpaths:

Mick has arranged a Walk on Saturday, 26th January, Cornhill Walk No. 2 along the railway line to Learmouth.

Lower Tweed Trail - Mick attended the meeting on 27th November 2018 hosted by Norham Parish Council to discuss further the proposed Lower Tweed Trail. He said there was a lot of enthusiasm for the path and a few problems with muddy sections still had to be dealt with. Full minutes of the meeting had been sent to Cornhill PC.

14. Planning Applications:

Applications 18/03119/VARYCO & 18/03121/FUL – clamp roof and new manure shed at New Heaton Farm have been granted.

15. County Councillor's Report:

Cllr. Lawrie informed the clerk by email that he has nothing to report this month.

16. Correspondence:

- A letter from Susan Hales, Tillmouth Village Hall Secretary, was received thanking the PC for its purchase of a defibrillator, via the County Councillor's Members Small Scheme. This has now been installed, and a training session will be arranged as soon as possible.

17. Any other business:

- **Litter pick** - from Cornhill to Donaldsons Lodge – meet at the Village Shop at 9.30am on Monday, 11th February 2019. David Richmond kindly offered to drive up to the layby by Goslaw Cut on the A697 to retrieve the litter deposited there, it being unsafe to walk up the road.
- **Brick wall outside No. 5 Station Gardens** - this needs rebuilding and repainting. The clerk to contact Four Housing.

18. Date of next meeting: Thursday, 14th March 2019 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall.

This concluded the business of the meeting which closed at 7.30pm.

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