

MITFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 December 2018 in The Village Hall, Mitford.

Present:

Councillors Mrs S Hudson, Mrs E Ridley, W Rodger, M Sharp (Chairman – presiding) and Mrs A Young

Also present:

SE Rickitt – Clerk

NB: "NCC" means "Northumberland County Council"

Part One – Public Session1: Chairman's opening remarks.

All were welcomed to the meeting.

2: Public Participation.

No members of the public were present.

3: Apologies for absence.

Councillor M Skillen

PC A Teasdale

NCC Councillor G Sanderson

Rev. A Lamb

4: Declaration of any interests and the grant of any dispensations

Councillor	Item	Reason
None		

5: Report from the Beat Manager

PC Teasdale had presented here apologies and had given the following written report

We are still having reports of poaching across the area and we do have extra patrols coming up. Please report any suspicious behaviour via 101. We are also having reports of scam calls and emails from the Met Police, BT Internet and mobile phone companies. Do not give any bank details to anyone over the phone!

We have seen an increase in crime across the area and a quad was stolen last night from Stannington but following a police pursuit 3 males were arrested, and the quad bike was recovered. Please make sure your property is locked and secured at all times.

6: Report from the County Councillor

Councillor Sanderson had presented his apologies and had indicated there were no substantive updates from the details provided at the previous meeting.

7: Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2018

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

8: Any matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda

8.1 - Item 9.1 – Camera Van - The clerk informed the Council that NALC is discussing a series of demonstrations across the county in 2019.

Action SER

8.2 - Item 9.2 – The Telephone Box and Defibrillator – The Plough are waiting for an electrician to advise on the best position for an external connection for a defibrillator box. The fate of the telephone box would remain in abeyance as the phone would be needed given poor mobile reception in the village.

8.3 – Item 9.3 – River Bank Erosion – The clerk has emailed Northern Powergrid about the potential danger to the supply lines

8.4 – Item 9.4 – Former garages at Fontside – Karbon Homes have indicated they have no plans for the site. Cllr Mrs Young will measure the site to see if there is a potential opportunity for a suitable low-cost home.

Action AY

9: The Boundary Review being suggested by Morpeth Town Council

The Chairman advised the Council that no further information had been received from the Town Council.

10: Planning

10.1 The Council considered Application *18/04068/PRUTPO – 2 East Edington Farm – Pruning application* – and considered no response to the LPA was required.

10.2 *Application 18/03394/REM _ Land West of Lancaster Park - Development of Phase 1 of proposals which include Trunk Road Service Area, Hotel and Innovation Centre plus associated access, parking, landscaping and other associated infrastructure* – There was no information on the date of likely determination by the LPA.

10.3 There were no further current applications to consider.

10.4 The Council endorsed the clerk's action in writing to the LPA's enforcement team regarding the apparent car port/garage being constructed at New Cottages, Mitford

11: Highways and Street Lighting

Councillors asked the clerk to report/chase up the following

- Street Light MF 24 remains out again
- The "No Tipping" signs
- The "Private Road" sign at Tranwell Court

Action SER

12: Financial Matters

12.1 The Council noted the current accounts for 2018/2019, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes.

12.2 One BACS payment was approved

- HMRC – PAYE Q3 - £112.50

13: The Website

The clerk advised that NALC will be circulating a note following his attendance at a Social Media workshop on 1 December.

14: The Village Warden

The post for the former dog waste bin on the Mitford Road requires removal. The Chairman will see if a local farmer could pull it out. **Action MSh**

15: The Village Hall

15.1 The clerk has spoken to the Chairman of the Village Hall trustees who had confirmed the play equipment was theirs and the Committee wished to retain it. The Trustees are arranging for inspection and any necessary repairs and will check it is on their insurance.

15.2 Cllr Mrs Ridley informed the Council that estimates were still awaited for the improvement work.

16: Correspondence

The clerk drew attention to the County Council's proposal to introduce charges for work arising from events.

17: Any Other Urgent Business

None

18. Time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 February 2019. There will be no meeting on 2 January 2019

In closing the meeting, the Chairman wished all a Happy Christmas.

Confirmed as a true record

and signed by the Chairman..... Date.....