

## Thirlwall Parish Council Meeting

### Meeting held in Gilsland Village Hall

On 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Sue Seymour (Vice Chair – Councillor), Judith Armstrong (Councillor), Anthony Stewart (Councillor), Alan Sharp (NCC Councillor), Catherine Jarvis (Clerk)

1. **Absent: Christine Dixon (Chair) – Apologies & declarations of interest (grass cutting – C. Dixon). In light of Christine’s absence Sue Seymour (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting.**
2. **Minutes of previous meeting from 15/11/17 – approved.**

### 3. Matters arising:

#### 3.1 B6318

Potholes – all paid out of Alan Sharp’s (NCC Councillor) membership scheme.

Traffic calming scheme etc. – all in hand.

Road behind the Gap – Alan Sharp to look at.

Potholes: New Hall and New Hall Gardens (Old Nursery) and outside village hall. B6318 to be resurfaced out of 2017-18 budget.

#### 3.2. Crammel Rigg

Water running out of field onto road.

Highways to Inspect.

Irthing House (left) and over hill belongs to Irthing House.

Anthony Stewart (Councillor) proposes to Council to put channel in at the gateway. Village to be advised of when Tilhill work will take place.

Meeting with Tilhill and then inform village of what conditions are agreed with Tilhill (John Lees). When meeting is set up with Tilhill. Councillors and Clerk to be invited from Waterhead and Upper Denton PCs. Catherine Jarvis (Clerk) to contact John Lees, Senior Forestry Manager, Tilhill, to set up a meeting ASAP.

#### 3.3. Defibrillator Scheme

Successful installation of both defibrillators. Training went well (28 people attended). Pat Robinson mixed up times of training. Is there to be another session for training? If village hall pays for it – A. Stewart will organise another session. Catherine Jarvis to check funding from PCs - Waterhead/Upper Denton.

Howard House (mobile mast) – starting work in 2018?

#### 3.4 Gilsland Play area

Catherine Jarvis (Clerk) has been given name of Flight Lieutenant Senior Air Traffic Controller (SATCO)- Mike Lyddon. Catherine Jarvis to contact Julie Gibbon re: Network Rail and area beside railway beside play area – embankment to be tidied up.

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### **3.5 Haltwhistle Joint Burial Committee Report**

Meeting is next week. All is going well.

The October 2017 payment (£238.22) still outstanding – Catherine Jarvis (Clerk) is to pay that amount on behalf of Council.

### **3.6 Longbyre**

All fine. Nothing to report.

### **3.7 Parish Council Policy Checklist**

Sue Seymour (Councillor) is in contact with Susan Saunders, Clerk to Haltwhistle Parish Council for policies and has received them from her. Sue Seymour is working with Catherine Jarvis (Clerk) to get these sorted to present these to the TPC and then when agreed by the councillors to put them on the forthcoming TPC website.

### **3.8 Public Transport**

Kirsten Francis, NCC Transport, to be approached again. Catherine Jarvis (Clerk) to invite her to next meeting, for an update.

Train frequency is increasing to half hourly on Tyne Valley (Northern) Railway.

### **3.9 COGs/PC Website**

COGs – Gilsland station – Alan Sharp (NCC Councillor) had attended the 09/01/18 recent cabinet: Northumberland County Council and Cumbria County Council are very supportive. A permanent station at Gilsland – the cost would be circa £7m (best case scenario). The emerging Borderlands Growth Deal is the best way to secure funding for the station at present – especially to progress the project through the GRIP project (stage 4). The GRIP stage 4 design project would cost c. £450K-£750K.

#### **Thirlwall Parish Council Website:**

Catherine Jarvis (Clerk) is applying to NALC (Northumberland Association of Local Councils) re: Compliance with The Transparency Code for Smaller Councils for funding for website. Steve Gibbon has been working with Sue Seymour (Councillor) and Catherine Jarvis (Clerk) to get this up and running. CJ met with Steve Gibbon in December 2017 to gain some more insight in the project and how it can be moved forward.

### **3.10 Replacement of Councillor on Committee**

Advertise vacancy – councillor on committee

Catherine Jarvis (Clerk) to contact Nicola Milne, NCC, re: how to advertise the casual vacancy.

### **3.11 RAF Flowerbed – other parish councils**

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Contact Francis Nugent (Clerk) to Waterhead and Upper Denton Parish Councils to give our support and confirmation that it can go ahead. Flowerbed to be planted with RAF colours to celebrate 100 years of RAF. F. Nugent had contacted TPC for approval by email.

#### **4.0 Accounts**

Main account (TPC) Current Balance: £5,822.81 in credit.

#### **Recent Expenditure:**

08/11/17 defibrillators: £4,490; Defibrillator training: £135. Grass Cutting: £525; Hire of Village Hall: £20; Clerk monthly salary £110; Clerk's expenses (half yearly £79.93). Clerk's expenses were agreed by the councillors and signed by Judith Armstrong.

TPC Playground Account: £1,887.29 in credit

#### **4.1 Precept submission/approval**

Agreed by all Councillors unanimously Precept is to be submitted £6,000 per annum.

Judith Armstrong (Councillor) signed the precept application form.

Catherine Jarvis (Clerk) to submit precept to NCC Finance Department (Matthew Mason/Alison Elsdon).

#### **4.2 Banking – signatures and controls**

Banking mandate and online banking mandate/application/submission – all the Parish Councillors (Sue Seymour, Judith Armstrong, Anthony Stewart) signed the mandate including the Parish Clerk (Catherine Jarvis).

#### **5.Planning**

All fine – Tree Preservation Order (S. Warren) – not agreed

#### **6 Correspondence/AOB**

Catherine Jarvis detailed recent email correspondence: in particular the Gordon Allan Presentation (Being Active Matters) was noted on 20/02/18 at 6pm in Haltwhistle Library. Councillors and Clerk will attend the presentation.

**AOB:** Electricity pole (Cartwheels)

#### **7 Matters to be placed on next agenda**

Gilsland Village- Pumphouse maintenance

Steve Gibbon (website) to be invited to next meeting to present.

Kirsten Francis (NCC) to be invited to next meeting to present.

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