

Nicholforest Parish Council

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Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.00pm at Nicholforest Village Hall

Attendees

Cllr J Sisson (Chair), Cllr C Dunn, Cllr D. Hammond, Cllr E. Smith, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr G Noble, City Cllr David Shepherd, Clerk Mrs Jane Edmond

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MINUTES

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies received after meeting from Cllr V Tarbitt
2. **Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations -**

Cllr D Hammond declared an interest in the planning application at Kershope Lodge, Kershopefoot.
3. **Minutes and Meetings -**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th September 2018 were signed by J Sisson as true
4. **Report on Activities of the Parish Council**
 - 4a Cllr V Tarbitt acquired the bus shelter previously sited in Longtown. It is currently being stored and a meeting is in course for the siting of this. Cllr Tarbitt is to liaise with Jane Edmond about a meeting with Highways department.
 - 4a Updates on Road works taking place at this time. Update from Val Tarbitt that the uneven surface at the Crossroads will be done before April. Further update available post meeting
5. **Planning Matters**
 - 5a Information received regarding – Overflow car park on across B6318 on Haithwaite land for Penton Bridge Inn – questions and comments sent in to Stephen Daniel in the council planning department
 - 5b Information received regarding – Change of use of byre and sunroom to enable keeping of 100no cats at Kershope Lodge, Kerhopefoot, Penton, CA6 5QL – the council made no objection.
6. **Correspondence**
 - 6a Precept for 2018/2019 – discussed in detail and agreed for the precept to remain at £6,000 as previous year due to current unsettled climate
 - 6b For information - Cumbria county council library services annual report from the Penton Exchange Book drop – the council were impressed with the large number using the service

6c Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements from The Local Government Boundary Commission in England – Cllr D Shepherd explained that the new arrangement will not have an impact on Nicholforest Parish Council.

6d Email received re increased precept for Police and Crime commission – this was discussed in full and Cllr Shepherd advised that there is a drop-in session at the Civic Centre to discuss issues in the local community. However, in the meantime he advised that he would contact the police and ask if there is a crime report issued for the area which can be brought to the meeting.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Approve Payments: Clerk's remuneration, Liability insurance, Bus shelter repair, postage, Cubby's signs, Cemetery maintenance, Cemetery wall repairs, Beacon Fire Safety (Cllr G Noble advised that there should be a log book covering visits to the hall for insurance and audit purposes)

7.2 Donation of £250 to be made to the air ambulance

8. Village Matters

8.1 Highways update from issues raised at last meeting. No update as Cllr V Tarbitt was absent from the meeting.

8.2 Broadband – It was agreed that a meeting will take place between Cllr Hammond, Cllr Dunn, County Cllr V Tarbitt and City Cllr D Shepherd and Broadband Provider.

9. Councillor Matters

9.1 Update from Cllr Hammond regarding Border Rail extension. Letter of support has been sent by Jane Edmond. Feasibility study Tweedbank to Carlisle 2020-2021

9.2 Update re graveyard wall as discussed at last meeting. A decision has been deferred as there is a new vicar arriving in the Parish at the end of January so no decision can be made presently. The cemetery will need to be closed therefore it will be discussed at the next meeting.

9.3 Update re Liddel Lodges sign – Cllr D Shepherd to arrange a meeting with the local residents concerned & the property owner to discuss way forward.

9.4 Cllr Hammond advised that a large fallen tree had been cut up at Kershopefoot. The remnants of which had been thrown in a nearby field. The road numbers are C1007/01 & C1007/02. The tree was causing a hazard however there was no thought put into disposing of the remnants. Can this be looked into by Cllr Tarbitt?

9.5 Cllr Hammond wondered if it would be possible for the bus service run by Telfords coaches could go via Kershopefoot a couple of days a week. Can this be looked into by Cllr Tarbitt?

10. Date of next Meeting

The date was not decided for the next meeting in May 2019 however the clerk advised that she will set a date and advise accordingly.

Meeting ended 8.55pm