

Nicholforest Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Nicholforest Parish Council

7.00 pm on Wednesday 19th September 2018 at Nicholforest Village Hall

Attendees

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

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1. **Apologies for absence:**

Val Tarbitt

2. **Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations -**

None

3. **Minutes and Meetings -**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th May 2018 were signed by Cllr 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 was previously agreed that it could be sited at the end of Station Road if the Highways department agreed that it was a suitable. After a discussion the committee agreed that Jane Edmond (Clerk) would write a letter to Cllr Tarbitt to thank her for acquiring the bus shelter and ask her to organise a meeting with the Highways agency as we need advice on the siting and also whether the Council were able to transport it to Nicholforest. Cllr Hammond advised that there was nobody at Kershopefoot that who would use the bus service.

5. **Planning Matters**

5a Information received regarding – Proposed Garage/workshop at the Coop, Easton from Mr David McCluskey – No objection

5b Information received regarding – Extension comprising 2 bedrooms & 1 bathroom, erection of porch to side and conservatory to rear at Thorney Knowe, Penton from Alanzon Chan of Carlisle City Council – No objection

5c Enquiry to City Cllr Shepherd as to why the planning permission for the car park at Pentonbridge Inn had been withdrawn? This was retrospective – are they planning to reinstate it to a field.

6. Correspondence

6a Letter from Carlisle City Council re Electoral Review and posters

7. Financial Matters

7.a Approve Payments: Clerk's remuneration – It was agreed that it will be paid monthly and P L Gauntlett would administer the PAYE.

7.b Calc membership £165 to be paid

7.c Bus Service £500 to be paid

7.d It was agreed that money should be spent on the Cemetery wall as it is a danger to the public. Cllr C Dunn is waiting for a price for a tree survey. The attached tree roots are causing damage to the underpinning of the wall which is making it unstable and damaging the adjoining path. Once that had been done then the damaged path can be updated with a sub base with gravel on top. Cllr Dunn is liaising with the land owner

8. Village Matters

8.1 Highways update from issues raised at last meeting. City Council David Shepherd will be meeting with County Cllr V Tarbitt and has advised that he will ask about the state of the road at the crossroads as it very uneven since the works were done earlier this year.

8.2 Broadband – City Cllr Shepherd advised that he was attending a meeting to discuss rural issues. He is frustrated that funding for Nicholforest is not available as it is outside all the boundaries. Cllr Hammond asked Cllr Shepherd to bring up with Cllr Tarbitt that the area is being stone walled by the system.

9. Councillor Matters

9.1 Waverley line to Hawick from Galashiels. Members attended from all the local Parish Councils and all expressed their support in the extension going ahead. Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal are proposing to sponsor a feasibility study on the plan. Cllr Hammond will send bullet points to Jane Edmond to put together a letter of support from Nicholforest Parish Council.

9.2 Cllr D Carlyle advised that local residents to the site have complained about the sign outside Liddel Lodges that is permanently illuminated. It was asked whether it required planning permission? If not, can it possibly have movement sensor so that it is not on permanently?

9.2 Cllr E Smith advised the felt had lifted on the bus shelter and needed mended.

10. Date of next Meeting

A date was not decided for the next meeting in January 2019

Meeting ended 8.30pm