

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2018

Members present:

Cllr A Barrell
Cllr G Huntley
Cllr A Iley
Cllr J Rowell
Cllr P Vaughan

In attendance:

Mr D L Nicholson, Parish Clerk and Mrs A Brindley, Deputy Parish Clerk and 2 local residents.

CD&E 025/17 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr H Allsopp (prior commitment), Cllr J Foster (family commitment), Cllr K Grimes (holiday) and Cllr L Watson (family commitment). The meeting accepted that these were valid reasons for absence.

CD&E 026/17 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTERABLE INTEREST(S).

No declarations were made.

CD&E 027/17 3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

A copy of a petition to Northumberland County Council asking for urgent attention to be given to problems arising from sub-standard housing management at Riversdale House. Members were sympathetic to the aims of the petitioners and appreciated the impact on residents and the local environment.

RESOLVED: Members were sympathetic to the aims of the petition and requested the Parish Clerk to support residents when petitioning Northumberland County Council and to report any progress to a future meeting.

CD&E 028/17 4. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2017.

The minutes were received and accepted as being a true record.

CD&E 029/17 5. MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising.

CD&E 030/17 6. FORWARD PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

Members considered the programme approved by the Residents Panel as part of the budget process.

RESOLVED:

- 1. Members agreed that the Finance Committee should be requested to approve the earmarking of funds for the development of improved facilities in Guide Post, Scotland Gate, Stakeford and West Sleekburn as part of the 2018/19 delivery plan.**
- 2. The Parish Clerk was asked to present a report on the funding principles to be adopted for the delivery of joint projects.**

CD&E 031/17 7. LOCALITY SIGNS.

In consideration of Standing Order 46a and commercial confidentiality arrangements for purchasing should be considered in the absence of press and public.

Members received a list of suggested locations for the installation of locality signs following consultation through annual surveys and from individual requests received from residents.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the first tranche locality signs should be identify:

- i. Old Red Row**
- ii. Bomarsund**
- iii. West Sleekburn**
- iv. Stakeford**
- v. Guide Post**
- vi. Scotland Gate**

- vii. North Farm and Johnson Villas
- viii. Gateway sign to be installed on the Hepscott parish boundary
- ix. Improved Parish Council and directional signs to be installed at the Parish Council offices.

2. Members asked that the installation of additional signs be considered at a future meeting.

CD&E 032/17 8. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

In consideration of Standing Order 46a and because of the special and confidential nature, this item would be considered following in the absence of press and public.

Agenda – Part 2. Members resolved that in consideration of Standing Order 46a and because of their special and confidential nature, the following items would be considered following the exclusion of press and public.

CD&E 033/17 1. CONSIDERRATION FOR REQUESTS FOR GRANTS.

CD&E 034/17 2. LOCALITY SIGNS.

The Parish Clerk reported that the commissioning process had revealed the need to undertake full market testing with alternative quotations being sought.

RESOLVED: Members considered the results from the market testing exercise and agreed that signs should be purchased from PFI Sign Solutions, who will be added to the list of preferred suppliers.

CD&E 035/17 3. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

The Parish Clerk sought approval for the purchase of additional equipment to improve winter surface management and for the retention of a ride-on mower following scheduled replacement to increase capacity to improve the quality of grass cutting on general amenity areas.

RESOLVED:

- 1. Members agreed that £10,000 be allocated for the purchase of 2 towable salt spreaders for winter deployment.**
- 2. Members agreed the retention and refurbishment of one ride-on mower following scheduled replacement.**
- 3. It was resolved that all equipment should be sourced through Northumberland County Council's preferred suppliers.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25

Chairman

Date