

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHOPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2019

Members present:

Cllr E A Barrell
Cllr K Grimes
Cllr G Huntley
Cllr A Iley
Cllr J Rowell
Cllr P S Vaughan

In attendance:

Mr D L Nicholson, Parish Clerk, Ms A Brindley, Deputy Parish Clerk, Ms C Ball Community Development Officer (from agenda item 6) and County Councillor J Gobin.

CD&E 026/18 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Foster (illness), H Allsopp (family commitment) and L Watson (illness). The meeting accepted that these were valid reasons for absence.

CD&E 027/18 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTERABLE INTEREST(S).

Cllr G Huntley disclosed a registerable interest in agenda item 8.

CD&E 028/18 3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

None received.

CD&E 029/18 4. TO RECEIVE AND AGREE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2018.

The minutes were received and accepted as being a true record of the business transacted, with the Chairman being authorised to sign as such.

CD&E 030/18 5. MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising

6. FORWARD PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGE APPRAISALS IN WEST SLEEKBURN AND CHOPPINGTON

The Parish Clerk presented a report detailing the programme for the development of village appraisals for West Sleekburn and Scotland Gate and on work completed and scheduled at West Sleekburn.

1. West Sleekburn village hall.

- i. The Parish Clerk advised on measures to taken to secure the Village Hall boundary; fencing renewed, a gate installed and hedge planting is programmed for 2019/20. Total expenditure is anticipated not to exceed £4,000.
- ii. The former Residents Association has transferred its funds to the Parish Council and these will be directed to the benefit of the village.
- iii. An opening event will be arranged by the Trustees at their next meeting.
- iv. A memorandum of understanding is being prepared, which will govern the managing relationship with the Community Trust.

2. Play Area.

A replacement play area for Church Avenue will be presented to local residents for consultation in April 2019. The facility will be provided by the Parish Council's preferred supplier (KOMPAN).

3. The West Sleekburn survey identified local concerns such as fly tipping and the management of the allotments.

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- I. The Parish Clerk advised Members that no complaints concerning the allotments during the last period and that until NCC transfers responsibility for allotments to the Parish Council all remedial actions are undertaken jointly with the 'landlord' Northumberland County Council.
- II. In relation to fly tipping the Clerk advised that NCC are the responsible body. The local team is deployed to remove and NCC is monitoring the situation to enforce regulations and ultimately

prosecute. There are 2 areas where restrictive fencing is being considered. One site has been used as a 'dump' for many years and it is suspected to contain builders waste. It is not considered to be hazardous, but is being monitored.

RESOLVED:

- 1. Members accepted the report from the Parish Clerk and agreed the expenditure (within estimates) for boundary fencing and planting at West Sleekburn Village Hall.**
- 2. Discussion about the Choppington appraisal is deferred to a future meeting**

CD&E 032/18

7. ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNGER PERSONS

The Deputy Parish Clerk presented a report detailing all youth activities supported by the Parish Council. This was followed by a presentation from the Community Development Officer about the Parish's holiday play scheme.

CD&E 033/18

8. Community Cinema

Cllr G Huntley left the meeting

The Parish Clerk presented a report on the provision of an evening community cinema as an extension to the monthly film club of the of the CDG.

RESOLVED:

Members authorised officers to work with the CDG and other interested groups to establish a local film club.

Agenda, Part 2

Members considered Standing Order 46a, concluding that because of the special and confidential of the business to be transacted, consideration of grant requests required the exclusion of press and public.

CD&E 034/18

1. Consideration of requests fo grants:

1. Consideration was given to the request from Stakeford scouts for a grant towards improvement of their scout hut.

2. Consideration was given to the request from Bedlington Brass Band for funding for running costs.

RESOLVED:

1. **Members asked that officers meet with the scouts after plans and quotations have been prepared.**
2. **Members agreed to take corporate sponsorship to the band (as previously decided in relation to Ashington Male Voice Choir)**

Chairman.....

Dated.....