

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL: JUNE 2017**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cornforth Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm. in the Community Centre, Cornforth, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Present; Councillor A. Hodgson and

Councillors: Mr. C. Baker, Mrs. H. P. Drew and Dr. S.C. Drew, Mr. C. Hodgson, Mrs. M. Poole, Mr. R. Poole, Mrs M. Walker and Mrs. A. Wilson.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. P. Crathorne, Mrs. J. Grafton, Mr. J. Grafton, Mr. M. Simpson, Mrs. S. Traynor. And Mr. R. Vaughan.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

The above apologies were accepted.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of a personal or prejudicial interest with regard to any item to be transacted.

### **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

### **4. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

- a) In accordance with the procedure required by the external auditors, the Clerk presented the Annual Governance Statement for approval before the Accounting Statement. He had circulated a copy of the Statement supplied by the external auditor with the agenda. He also circulated a report setting out the present situation with regard to Small Authorities Proper Practices Board and following their guidance, attached a document covering the issues and practices of the Council that lay behind each of the nine assertions required in the Annual Governance Statement. The Clerk then took the Members through that paper and the issues raised in the internal auditors report, which had been circulated with the agenda along with the external auditor's report for the previous year. The Members then approved the Annual Governance Statement. Councillor Mrs. Walker expressed dissatisfaction with the Council's internal financial controls and Members felt that she should raise any issues with the Clerk outside of the meeting. The Members approved the Annual Governance Statement.
- b) Clerk had circulated a copy of the page supplied by the external auditor on the Accounting Statements with the agenda and a schedule of the figures for 2105/17 and 2916/17 were circulated at the meeting. After discussion on the variances between the two years, the Accounting Statement was approved.

## 5. RISK ASSESSMENT AND INSURANCE REVIEW

Members had approved the risk assessment strategy for 2016/17 and would consider them and the need to change any insurance values at a future meeting for 2017/18. Councillor Dr. Drew commented on the need to ensure a sufficient level of public liability insurance given recent court cases.

## 6. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members had approved the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for 2016/17 and would consider the need to change them for 2017/18 at a later meeting.

Ray Sunman/Clerk: 4th July 2017.

Signed:..... Dated: .....