

MINUTES OF CORNFORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: **JANUARY 2018**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cornforth Parish Council held at 7.00pm, in the Community Centre, Cornforth, on Monday 22nd January 2018.

Present: Councillor Mr. A. Hodgson and

Councillors: Mr. C. Baker, Mrs. P. Crathorne, Mrs. H. P. Drew, Dr. S. C. Drew, Mr. J. Grafton, Mr. C. Hodgson, Mrs. M. Poole, Mr. R. Poole, Mr. M. Simpson, Mrs. S. Traynor, Mr. R. Vaughan and Mrs. M. Walker.

Apologies: Councillor: Mrs. J. Grafton.

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

The above apologies were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made with regard to any items on the agenda.

3. PARISH PRECEPT 2018/19

The Clerk reported on the request from Durham County Council to set a precept and gave Members the information necessary through a series of papers circulated with the agenda that were necessary for them to make a decision. These included a likely out turn for the 2017/18 financial year, a draft budget and information about the levels of expenditure in previous years. In addition, he had circulated at the meeting a summary of the relevant figures drawn from the papers circulated and provided the likely outcome figures for a number of options that the Council might care to consider. After discussion Members resolved to set a precept level of £82,597, which was the same level as in 2017/18.

4. BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENTS.

Three revised bank reconciliation statements covering the period October to December 2017 had been circulated at the January meeting. Members had requested time to consider them and at this meeting accepted the figures.

5. REPLACEMENT OF STONE WITH TARMAC ON THE GREEN.

The Clerk reported that three tenders for the above work had been opened by the bank signatories after the 15th January meeting. The lowest tender received was from M. Spence Surfacing at £7,300 plus VAT (£8,760 in total) and Members agreed to accept this tender.

6. RESIGNATION OF A COUNCILLOR.

The Chairman reported that he had received the resignation from the Parish Council of Councillor Mrs. Ann Wilson. Members noted the resignation and asked that the Clerk notify Durham County Council Electoral Services.

Ray Sunman/Clerk: 18th February 2018.

NOTE: The Minutes of 22nd January 2018 were altered following the Council meeting held on 12th February 2018 to include item 6 above which was reported to the 22nd January meeting and the above action requested.

To all Members of the Parish Council

Signed: **Dated:**