

# **Minutes for the Meeting of Embleton Parish Council Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 Creighton Hall, Embleton**

**Chairman:** Terry Howells

**Present:** Georgina Armstrong, Gordon Coxon, David Morgan,

**Clerk:** Geoff Newcombe

**In Attendance:** County Councillor Kate Cairns, Kim Bickerton, Andy Davies, John Young

## **Minutes**

### **15. Apologies for absence**

George Skipper, Neville Fawcett, Richard Manners, Raymond Carss, Ray Imeson, Adam Moody

### **16. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were agreed and signed as true record.

### **17. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting**

None.

### **18. County Councillor's report**

Cllr Cairns reported that NCC had now held its AGM and there had been a re-allocation of committees and their functions.

- The outcome of the Alnwick partnerships consultation on changing schools from three tier to two tier has been delayed due to the great number of responses but a decision is expected in June.
- The Planning Review has resulted in removal of the trigger of Parish Councils objections resulting in automatic referral to planning committee. The four area committees (Central, North, West & South East) have been removed and planning issues will now be decided by county wide committees. The Central Committees will cover three areas; Strategic Planning, Planning & Performance and Planning & Rights of Way; all sitting at 2pm. On two days a week planning officers will be available at Alnwick and PC's will be able to make a case to have delegated matters put onto NCC committee agendas and PC's will then be able to speak at those meetings."

### **19. E-Mails Received**

Circulated

### **20. Financial Matters**

Audit of Accounts 2014/15

Balance carried over as at 31.3.2015 - £7,798.68

Books have been audited by Fraser Suffield. Chairman read out to the PC Annual Governance Statement 2014/15. The Accounts were accepted and signed off. Clerk to send completed annual return for external audit.

Cheques required:-

NALC Subscription for 2015/16 - £156.83

Creighton Hall Fee (1/6/15 meeting) - £12.50

Proposer: Acceptance of Accounts and cheques, Georgina Armstrong

Seconder: David Morgan.

Unanimous

## **21. Planning Matters**

Planning applications:

- 15/01225/FUL – Blink Bonny: Annex Accommodation – no objections.
- 15/01507/LBC – Manor House, Embleton: Listed Building Consent – no objections.
- 15/00505/FUL – Sea View, Embleton: Conversion garage to Living Room
- 15/00896/LBC – Blue Bell – Granted.

Chairman requested that a record of responses to planning consultations be kept by Clerk.

## **22. Correspondence**

A letter was received from Councillor George Skipper tendering his resignation from the Parish Council.

Proposed by Cllr David Morgan that a letter be sent to George thanking him for his sterling work for the parish over the last 40 years and that Cllr Howells should prepare an article for the Whinstone Times.

Seconded by Gordon Coxon.

Unanimous.

Chairman requested that Parish Clerk notify NCC Election Office post a Vacancy Notice for the vacant Councillor Post.

Donation Thanks:-

460 Bus; CAB £25.00; Air Ambulance £100.00; Hospice Care £100.00; CAN £25.00; Whinstone Times £200.00.

- HfN put forward PC's preferred name of "Whinstone View" to Building Control.
- Complaint of Overhanging Bushes in Station Road area of Embleton and generally letter received from resident; to acknowledge to complainant and publicise necessity of keeping pathways clear in Whinstone Times.
- Defective dog bin notification at Dunstan Steads; clerk to obtain cost of replacement & (dog waste) label for existing bin in Station Road.

- Ditchburn windfarm notices and PR meeting dates; Terry Howells and Gordon Coxon to attend Wednesday meeting.
- Parish Church room WC availability for members of the public; Jan Applegarth (PCR Committee) said that Church is hoping for further grant funding from two possible sources and they could be used to provide disabled access; they have already raised £1,400.

Proposed release of funding cheque to the Holy Trinity Church in the sum of £1,500 by David Morgan.

Seconded by Gordon Coxon.

Unanimous

### **23. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Requested that Cllr Cairns raise with the AONB committee the issue of the colour of the roof on the third (middle) barn at Dunstan. It is white and not green like the others. Clerk to write also if necessary.

- Provision of an Asset Register
- Website
- Traffic calming for Christon Bank; Clerk to enquire of Police and Highways Authority about speed guns/volunteers/taking registration numbers.

### **24. Time, Date and Venue of next meeting**

Proposed that the meeting should be held on 22nd June 2015 at 7:00pm in Christon Bank Church Room.