

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CORBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
24th JANUARY 2024 IN CORBRIDGE PARISH HALL

PRESENT: Cllr W Clouston, Chairman of the Council together with Cllrs C G Curry, M J Stone, Mrs M V Kemp, S Ahmed, L Rogers and N M Oliver

The Parish Council paid tribute to Cllr Mrs Joanne Neal who died suddenly on 11th December 2023. Joanne was a valued member of the Parish Council and her contribution to the community of Corbridge will be remembered with gratitude

- 124.01 **RESIDENTS** present raised the following matters and where relevant they are listed together with the actions that will be taken, if required. In due course, if necessary, reports will be made back to the Council.
- a) **20 Mph Zone.** Cllr N M Oliver is waiting for a meeting with NCC to discuss. The scheme has been designed for the centre of the village only despite the Parish Council asking for the wider area to take in the junction with Aydon Road and St Helen's Lane and Newcastle Road up to Carrsfield. The proposed scheme was to resolve the issues on Aydon Road and Newcastle Road which it does not.
- 124.02 **TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies for absence accepted from Cllr R Tipping.
- 124.03 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTEREST.** Cllr N M Oliver declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 0124.07 as a member of Northumberland County Council's Planning Committees.
- 124.04 **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER 2023.** It was AGREED to approve and sign the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22nd November 2023 as a true and accurate record.
- 124.05 **ACTIONS TAKEN FOLLOWING THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER 2023.**
- a) Seat on The Crofts Estate. This has now been installed.
- b) New housing development. Cllr N M Oliver had met with Planning Enforcement following the complaints of flooding in the neighbouring streets. The planning department are looking into the levels and will start enforcement action if the levels are found to be too high.
- c) Car Park Lighting. This has now been resolved.
- 124.06 **FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION**
- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was AGREED to approve the items of expenditure on the lists, previously circulated. (Appendix A).
- Cllr Mrs M V Kemp joined the meeting at 19:15
- 124.07 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** It was AGREED to accept the decisions of the Planning Advisory Group in accordance with the list circulated. (Appendix B).
- 124.08 **PLANNING DECISIONS.** It was AGREED that the Council receive the details of the Planning Decisions made by Northumberland County Council, in accordance with the list circulated. (Appendix C)
- 124.09 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND WORKING GROUPS.**
- a) **Chairman's Report.**
- Market Place. Unfortunately, the scheme cannot be taken forward until a meeting is held with Highways/Planning. This is proving difficult to arrange.
 - Corchester Field. A sign had been placed on the fence however a larger size is required. This will be arranged in due course.
- b) **County Councillor's Report.**
- Request for a bottle bank. Several request to place a bottle bank in the centre of the village had been received. Unfortunately, a suitable location is proving difficult to find. A suggested location was beside the clothes bank on St Helen's Street beside Corstopitum Social Club car park.
 - Memorial bench. The Parish Council agreed to support the purchase and installation of a bench in memory of Cllr Joanne Neal.
 - Grit bins. There had been a problem with the filling and removal of grit bins on The Potteries estate. This has been resolved.
 - Footpath to Farnley is due to be completed in this financial year 2023-24.

- New South Side Car Park. This is progressing well and should be submitted for planning by the end of March. It will be constructed of the same material and provide an extra 40 spaces although the original plan was for 48 spaces. Cllr W Clouston will send the plan for 48 spaces to Cllr N M Oliver who will query the reduction in spaces with NCC. It is hoped it will be completed in the next financial year 2024-25.
 - Cycle Route is going ahead on the south side of the river running alongside the road. This is a more commutable route.
 - Skatepark. Cllr N M Oliver had met with NCC Sports Development Officer and Skateboard GB who are creating 2 designs for a new skatepark. This will allow the Parish Council to obtain costs. There is currently £12000 in S106 Housing Developer Fund and it is hoped Northumbrian Water will make a contribution.
 - School 3G Pitch. Cllrs W Clouston and N M Oliver are still to meet with Corbridge Middle School to discuss the possibility of a 3G pitch in the Middle School grounds. The provision of a 3G pitch was a large part of what the Parish Council had hoped to get as a community from the large-scale housing development. It was RESOLVED to pursue the proposed installation of a 3G pitch at the Middle School. Cllrs W Clouston and N M Oliver will pursue this on behalf of the community.
- c) **To consider report and recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee.** The Finance and General Purposes Committee had met on 13 December, the minutes of which had been circulated and are attached to these minutes. The following recommendations were made and accepted by the Parish Council, proposed by Cllr M J Stone, seconded by Cllr L Rogers and AGREED.
- To accept the draft budget and levy a precept of £168,000.
 - No increase in the Parish Hall fees for the financial year 2024-2025.
 - 5% increase on the Cemetery fees for the financial year 2024-2025.
 - To transfer the Corbridge Parish Council website to a gov.uk domain and create dedicated email addresses for all councillors and staff.
 - Grant Aid agreed for Great North Air Ambulance £270; Tynedale Hospice at Home £350 and increase the annual grant aid budget for Corbridge Youth Initiative to £9000.
- d) **To consider proposal for new heritage signposts in the village centre.** A suggestion at a volunteers' meeting of the Corbridge Community Hub had developed into a larger scheme to install fingerposts directing visitors to other attractions and facilities, promoting the heritage of the village and bringing it in line with towns like Hexham and Morpeth. The Community Hub representatives approached the Parish Council to agree to the installation of the posts, contribute towards the cost and take ownership of the scheme. The total cost of the scheme is £6925.20 ex VAT. Northumberland County Council have agreed to pay for the installation of the posts and also to tidy up the signs on Watling Street. Corbridge Community Partnership had agreed to a contribution of £1500 (the Parish Council AGREED to accept £1000) and Cllr N M Oliver agreed to contribute £2000 from his members' funding. The Parish Council AGREED to support and take ownership of the scheme and pay the balance remaining of £3925.20.
- e) **To consider response to consultation for further parking restrictions on Hill Street.** Northumberland County Council intend to install double yellow lines from the diagonal parking outside the butchers along Church Lane to the end of the 3 parking bays. The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal.
- f) **To consider locations for installation of EV charging points by NCC.** Northumberland County Council is looking to install 2 electric vehicle charging points in Corbridge. The location they have suggested is Milkwell. The Parish Council agreed that this was not an ideal location however agreed to accept the proposal.
- g) **To receive reports on any village/highway issue.**
- **Road surface** from The Wheatshead to Stagshaw Roundabout is deteriorating and is in a poor condition.
 - **Fix My Street.** Kris Westerby, NCC gave a talk at the recent East Tynedale Parish Council Forum meeting on the benefits of Fix My Street. Parish Councillors are encouraged to use the app to report any issues to NCC.
 - **Pot Hole** at the top of St Helen's Lane beside the school. This will be reported on Fix My Street.

124.10 OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO COMMENT ON ANY ISSUE RAISED.

- a) **Double yellow lines.** Various double yellow lines and line marking around the village including the disabled bay outside the Vicars Pele are faded and need renewed.
- b) **Middle Street.** Vehicles continue to park fully and partially on the pavement along Middle Street causing obstructions. Cllr N M Oliver will request parking enforcement in this area.
- c) **Fly parking outside of the Co-op.** This continues to be a problem. Several years ago a suggestion of diagonal parking outside of the Golden Lion and Co-op was made. NCC

confirmed that several spaces would be lost if the parking was reconfigured to diagonal as the bays are too short and would need to be designed to modern standards.

- 124.10 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.** An application for Grant Aid had been received from Corbridge Cricket Club for £1000. This had been received too late to be consider at the meeting however this was AGREED in principle and will be an agenda item for the February meeting.
- 124.11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 19:00 in Room One of Corbridge Parish Hall.

SignedChairman

APPENDIX B**PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION ON 24TH JANUARY 2024**

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS
23/04387/FUL	Introduction of a side dormer for form an en-suite for a bedroom	Milverton East, Appletree Lane, Corbridge
23/04335/FUL	Replacement rear extension, replacement Entrance Hall roof and erection of new glass porch	Granary House, Thornbrough, Corbridge
23/04520/FUL	Side extension to infill the space between the garage and the main house to create a studio space	42 Jameson Drive, Corbridge
23/04462/REM	Reserved matters application following outline approval for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to approved planning application 22/00749/OUT	Building and land west of Roecliffe, Ladycutter Lane, Corbridge
23/04632/FUL 23/04633/LBC	New ancillary garden building including loggia for outdoor seating with 2no store rooms	Corbridge House, Main Street, Corbridge
23/04612/FUL	Proposed change of use of part of 1 st floor kit room and store from use class F2 (b) kit room to use class C3 self-contained apartment for use by ground staff and/or cricket coaching/playing staff	Corbridge Cricket Club, The Stanners, Corbridge
23/04545/FUL	Proposed loose boxes, carport and wood store building	Lingy Bank, Hexham
23/04489/FUL	Proposal to erect a boundary, comprising a brick wall and a wooden fence, to a height not exceeding 2m within the curtilage of the property. To replace the post and rail fence currently on the eastern plot boundary	Carfel House, Aydon Road, Corbridge
23/04619/LBC	Listed Building consent for repairs to pitched roof to southern elevation comprising removal of existing slates and replacement with the existing salvaged sandstone roof slate.	Low Hall Pele Tower, Main Street, Corbridge
23/04673/FUL	Timber orangery	Langley House, 4 Kiln Place, Main Street, Corbridge

APPENDIX C**PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED ON 24TH JANUARY 2024**

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DECISION
23/03912/FUL	Erection of a stable block comprising feed/tack store including three stables to shelter horses and associated hardstanding area. Change of use of small area of surrounding land for keeping horses. Land West of Thornbrough House, Thornbrough, Corbridge	WITHDRAWN
23/03449/FUL	Demolition of existing out buildings and extension of existing garage to form new garden room Fellside, Corbridge	GRANTED
23/03881/FUL	Rear conservatory to existing side extension Eastrigg, Appletree Lane, Corbridge	GRANTED
23/04111/FELTPO	Tree Preservation Order Application – T1 – Remove birch tree with birch polypore to ground level and remove all arisings Beechcroft, Aydon Road, Corbridge	PERMIT
23/03544/FUL	Listed building consent for installation of 6no signs and replacement lamp to principal elevation Wheatsheaf Hotel, St Helen's Street, Corbridge	GRANTED
23/04158/FUL	Construction of garden shed and new boundary fence 25 Pembroke Drive, Corbridge	GRANTED
23/04238/FUL	Replacement porch and single storey rear extension 5 Crofts Way, Corbridge	GRANTED
23/03769/FUL	(Retrospective) Detached building to provide accommodation for guests. Halton Grove, Corbridge	GRANTED
23/03767/FUL	Rear extension, reclaimed slate roof with 6 rooflights, addition of exterior vertical timber cladding to an existing cottage and replacing of storage sheds (Retrospective) Halton Grove, Corbridge	GRANTED
23/04173/LBC	Listed Building Consent for masonry repair works. Sydgate House, Middle Street, Corbridge	GRANTED
23/03768/FUL	Retrospective: Extension to the approved north eastern elevation; fixed external lighting; fixed cladding; compound area comprising air source heat pumps, two storage sheds and an enclosing boundary treatment. Halton Grove, Corbridge	GRANTED
23/04387/FUL	Introduction of a side dormer to form an ensuite for a bedroom Milverton East, Appletree Lane, Corbridge	GRANTED
23/04520/FUL	Side extension to infill the space between the garage and the main house to create a studio space 42 Jameson Drive, Corbridge	GRANTED