**TEBAY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Tebay Parish Council held at**

**The Methodist Hall, Tebay on Wednesday, 31st January 2018 at 7.30 pm**

Chair: A. Todd, Honeypot House, Gaisgill

Clerk: Mrs. M. Longworth, Yew Tree Farm, Greenholme, Penrith CA103TA

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County Councillor Phil Dew

8 members of the public

The clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Becky Wolstenholme.

**2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr S. Hodgson declared an interest in item 7 on the Agenda. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of 29th November 2017.**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of this meeting.

**4. Planning**

Consideration was given to Eden District Council’s refusal of the Parish Council’s application for advertisements to be displayed on the roundabout. Four letters of support from local businesses had been received.

RESOLVED: The clerk will make enquires to see whether it might be worthwhile to appeal this decision and she will report back to the February meeting.

**Highways and Rights of Way,**

5.1 Parking/highways obstructions.

County Councillor Phil Dew and the clerk had both made enquiries to ascertain whether any land might be available for parking, but the enquiries had proved fruitless.

It was agreed that the chair; Phil Dew and the clerk would meet at Tebay to consider whether land owned by Network Rail might be suitable.

5.2 Speeding.

Mr. Stephen Marshall updated the meeting on the work of the Speedwatch volunteers. There are currently 12 volunteers and 35 speeding drivers had been identified. He described the various speed awareness signs available to purchase and identified possible sites for the signs.

It was proposed by the chair and seconded by councillor S. Hodgson that the parish council support this initiative financially.

RESOLVED: A grant of £500 would be made to enable the project to proceed. The clerk would make available details of the parish council’s bank so that the account could be used when applying for funding.

The chair thanked Mr. Marshall and his team for their work and commitment to the project.

5.3 Potholes in the highway.

Potholes had been reported at several locations. County Councillor Phil Dew mentioned that water was collecting on the road by the bus stop at the Terraces and he will ask County Highways for a gulley to be added at that location.

**6. Progress Reports**

6.1 The MUGA court and the tennis court.

Cllr. A. Todd reported that further estimates were being obtained.

6.2 The trees at North Terrace.

More work needed to be done as Network Rail had not done any major work.

**7. Grass Cutting and Fencing Estimates**

This item was deferred to the February meeting to consider further estimates.

**8. The Budget**

The clerk circulated an estimate of expenditure for the year 2018/19.

RESOLVED: The precept is to remain at £11500.00 with no increase for the forthcoming year.

**9. Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

CPS – payroll services for December and January £28.80

M. Longworth – salary for January 140.00

HMRC – PAYE for January 35.00

Information Commissioner – data protection registration 35.00

Computer Doctor – to set up new laptop for clerk 55.00

**10. Correspondence**

The clerk reported that Lowther Estates had been informed about the abandoned horsebox apparently on their land.

**11. Public Participation**

County Councillor Phil Dew introduced Mr. Michael Moran, the Operations Manager of T & K Gallagher Ltd. That firm had bought Acel House at The Sidings Industrial Estate. Mr. Moran explained how the company would operate from the site and answered questions about the work of the company and, in particular, about vehicle movements to and from the site.

Councillor A. Todd thanked Mr. Moran for attending the meeting.

Phil Dew reported on the Eden Local Committee meeting and the County Council Full Council Meeting (see separate report)

**12. Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 28th February 2018 at The Methodist Hall, Tebay at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Margaret Longworth

Clerk to Tebay Parish Council

Signed as a true record

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