

## **Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the village hall**

**In attendance:** - Councilors' Ian Jackson (Chair), Graeme Reavley, Julie Gibbs, Rob O'Rourke and Mike Simpson (Parish Clerk)

Residents: - 12

1. **Apologies for absence:** - Jayne Watson
2. **Declarations of interest:** - Graeme Reavley in respect of item 6.
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019:** - These were agreed without alteration and signed by the chairman.
4. **Matters arising:** - In respect of item 8b) the clerk thanked Richard Cockcroft, Tom Jackson, their teams and machinery and Graeme Reavley for removing the tree debris and saving the council costs. The Risk Management register has been updated to reflect the work.

In respect of item 11 the clerk had not written to the relevant agency about the retention of the public telephone box.

5. **Finance:** - The current balance is £5101.39.

There were no receipts or payments in the period 26/11/19 to 17/2/20.

6. **Bowsden Village Hall grant request:** - The council unanimously agreed to make a donation of £500.
7. **"Keeping Lowick & District Connected":** - Julie Gibbs gave an update. A snow warden scheme has been set up by NCC and interested parties can volunteer and register at, ([www.northumberland.gov.uk/Highways/winter.aspx#snowwardens](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Highways/winter.aspx#snowwardens)). Volunteers are also sought for this local scheme to help people with shopping, prescription collection etc. The scheme are also compiling a directory of local contacts/services. Contact details for the scheme can be had from Julie or the clerk.
8. **Offer to buy approx. 5 square meters of The Park:** - The council unanimously decided not to take up the offer.
9. **Dog fouling in the village:** - Responding to a complaint from a parishioner the council advocated responsible dog ownership and neighbourliness.
10. **Correspondence to the parish council since the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

- a) NCC advised that the “Public Spaces Protection Order for the control of dogs” has been renewed.
- b) NCC published first details of their 2020-21 Local Transport Plan Programme. Copies of this 29-page document can be obtained from the clerk.
- c) NCC are consulting on any changes/additions required to the “Public Spaces Protection Orders -banning of alcohol consumption in designated public spaces”
- d) Jane Pannell of “Glendale Connect” invited councilors to a meeting on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 4.0.pm at Wooler Warm Hub, to hear about some of the initiatives they are developing.

**11. Parish Council vacancy:** - The council co-opted Harry Wilson to replace Derek Snee.

**12. Any Other Business: -**

- a) The clerk asked Graeme Reavley to let him know by mid-March as to when the fencing in the park is likely to be done as he has to update NCC on the status of the grant before their financial year end.
- b) The clerk is to write to the relevant agencies to try and speed up the removal of the telephone box as it impedes the new park fencing line.
- c) The clerk has written to NCC for an update on the repositioning of the speed signs at the west end of the village.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:** The AGM and Parish Meetings will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020.