

**MINUTES OF THE DARRAS HALL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2017
AT 19:00 HOURS IN THE ESTATE OFFICE**

Present: Mrs C Thompson (Vice-Chairman)
Mr A Gilchrist Mr S Savin
Mr S Hughes Mr M Welford
Mrs S Jaidka Mr G Wright
Mr A Pile

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Brown, Mrs S Hill, Mr A Mate, Mr A Tucker and Mr J Myers.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 7 August 2017 were signed as correct.

3. **Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Best Practice List of Criteria

Mr Savin and Mr Welford have had a meeting to discuss this and will be providing some written information as soon as possible.

Major Structural Developments

Mr Mate and Mrs Woodall to discuss this matter further.

4. **Planning Applications:**

Please refer to Plans minutes.

5. **Financial Report by Treasurer:**

The Financial Report was circulated for the Committee's perusal. Any outstanding rents of two years or more will be issued with a court summons next week.

6. **Letters Received and Any Other Business:**

Garden Competition

The judging has been taking place over the past week by the manager of Dobbies Garden Centre and only one garden is left to be judged. Once the winners have been given to us we will publish them on the website and will be in contact with Dobbies regarding the presentation of prizes.

Junction of Fox Covert Lane with Runnymede Road

Mr Hughes asked if we had received a response from the owner of the overgrown hedge at the above junction. He was informed that we had still had no reply and this matter will be pursued.

149 and 163 Western Way

The above properties have erected front boundary treatments which do not comply with Byelaws. Mrs Woodall informed the Committee that the owner of 149 Western Way has submitted amended plans so only 163 Western Way requires further attention

Nomination of Committee Member

A nomination has been received from Mr A Malhotra to join the Estate Committee. Mrs Woodall will be inviting him to the next meeting.

Public Consultation

A meeting regarding the new build of schools and leisure complex in Ponteland is being held between 2-7pm on 7 September at the Leisure Centre for anyone wanting to attend.

Death of ex-Committee member

Mr Goldsworthy has unfortunately passed away and his funeral service is taking place at St. Mary's Church Ponteland at 10am on Friday 8 September 2017.

Lease at Broadway Shops

An email has been received from Mrs Bell following a question she raised at the AGM. She would like to know if the lease has been examined regarding the poor state of repair of Broadway shops and the Committee's powers. Mrs Woodall informed the Committee that the lease has been checked however, following a discussion, it was agreed that further investigation needs to be done regarding the enforcing terms of the lease with Zara Commercial.

It was decided that another attempt needs to be made to have a meeting with the owner of Zara Commercial.

Meeting with Councillor Jackson

Mr Gilchrist asked Committee members to have photographs and information available for the forthcoming meeting on 4 October with Councillor Jackson. It was felt that the Committee needed to illustrate some of the Estate's problems via a power point presentation.

Ponteland News & Views

Mrs Thompson mentioned a letter that has been published in the PNV which requires a response.

7. **Any Other Business:**

7.1 **Sub-Committee Reports**

7.1.1 *Highways and Environmental*

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7.1.2 *Land and Property*

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8. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Monday, 2 October 2017 at 19:00 hours.

Meeting Closed: 21:00 Hours.