

**MINUTES OF THE DARRAS HALL STATE COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 06 AUGUST 2018  
AT 19:00 HOURS IN THE ESTATE OFFICE**

<b>Present:</b>	Mr A Mate (Chairman)	Mr J Scott
	Mrs S Hill	Mrs C Thompson
	Mr A Malhotra	Mr M Welford
	Mr A Pile	Mr I White
	Mr S Savin	Mr G Wright

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Brown and Mrs S Jaidka.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, 09 July 2018 were signed as correct.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:

There were no matters arising.

4. Planning Applications:

Please refer to plans minutes.

5. Financial Report:

The Financial Report was circulated for review.

6. Sub-Committee Reports:

6.1 Highways:

The Highways Representative gave a report which included the following:-

- Meeting held with Northumberland County Council. Outstanding actions from previous meetings:-
  - Culvert – still in programme to be investigated, but not high priority. NCC do not believe there is actually a problem with this since the culvert is flowing, but have committed to carry out the investigation this year.
  - 20MPH zone for new School – still planned to complete prior to opening for new term.
  - Footpath condition on Woodside, especially relating to new developments. At no. 28 there has been hard-core laid down on pavement area as promised by Owner, but this is not satisfactory. At no. 46 there has been so sign of activity as promised by the developer, apart from a small area at one side, despite commitment to lay down concrete in the area. Both of these will now be approached direct by NCC to maintain the pavement areas.

- Roadwork repairs – extensive resurfacing on Western Way completed, with ironwork now lifted and being infilled. This has vastly improved this section of the Estate from Middle Drive to Stamfordham Road. Pothole repairs continue to be completed and programme of patching work as discussed previously is to be carried out over the next two months. Updates to be communicated by NCC.
  - Fox Covert Lane – some work has been carried out, but Inspector will review this area again.
  - Plan to complete Phases 3 & 4 of the Middle Drive resurfacing still planned for October/November 2018.
  - Review meeting to tour the Estate will be arranged for October.
- After meeting with Mr G Sanderson, the Highways Convenor and NCC Board Member, he said he would be willing to attend a meeting with the Committee, if so desired. Same offer was made by Police Liaison Officer, PC Clayton.

## 6.2 Land & Property:

### 6.2.1 2 Station Cottages

Property is now vacant and is currently being redecorated prior to new rental advertisement.

### 6.2.3 23 Longmeadows

Further to concerns that rear boundary fence was encroaching onto Bridlepath, confirmation has been received from owner that there is no intention for replacement fence to encroach onto Estate owned land. Committee were satisfied with written response received regarding replacement of fence as indicated and offered their assistance with details of the correct boundary, if it would be helpful.

### 6.2.4 Land Adjacent to Cut-Thru from Oaklands – Bridlepath

The owner of the land in question has been identified and has been notified of Committee concerns that the land was being used as a dumping ground for garden waste and the fact that the broken fence required repair so as to prevent accidents. The Owner confirmed that he would consider removing the portion of fence that was broken but would not repair it as he had repaired it once before only for it to be vandalised. He confirmed that the grass cuttings were his own.

### 6.3 Airport Representative:

The Airport Representative gave a report which included various points of interest:-

- Passenger numbers - 2018 continues to be a year of sustainable and cautious growth.
- Airline update.
- Security wait times between – 01 February and 30 April, 2018 were 0-6 minutes = 99.46%, 7+ minutes = 0.54%
- Compliments and complaints.
- Masterplan 2035.
- Welcome Arch.

### 7. Letters Received & Any Other Business:

The Committee agreed to make a contribution of £250 towards the Ponteland Lions Club Defibrillator Project. If possible, the Committee request Darras Hall Estate Committee logo to be included on the defibrillator.

### 8. Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Monday, 10 September 2018 at 19:00 hours in the Estate Office.