



*Mrs Thompson took the opportunity to thank the Police officers very much for coming to our meeting.*

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

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

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 6 August 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 by Mrs Duffy. Due to work commitments the agreed sum of £75,000 has not yet been split, however next month this will be divided between Barclays and Nat West Bank.

Mrs Duffy informed the Committee that the rent reminders have been sent out and we now have 598 properties left to pay.

Mr Welford raised the issue of staff salaries which, whilst he was aware were part time hours, felt that the rates of pay should be investigated. It was suggested that at the staff's annual review later this year, it would be an opportune time to look at comparative roles and their rates of pay.

## 6. Letters Received and Any Other Business:

### 6.1 Sub-Committee Reports

#### Galliford Try

Mrs Woodall said that despite further attempts to contact the above company she has still had no response regarding assistance with the Bridlepath or the repair of the footpath in the estate car park next to the United Reformed Church. The Committee will continue to try and contact them, however, should nothing be forthcoming, it was felt that an article needs to be published on the website regarding their non-fulfilment of responsibilities.

#### Darras Hall Primary School

A letter has been received from a resident whose property is overlooked by the new school. He has numerous security lights shining into his home together with various other complaints and asked for the Committee's suggestions on a way forward. Mr Welford said that the resident needs to report the light pollution matter to the Public Protection Unit at NCC and parking issues are under the control of the Highways Department at NCC.

#### Increase in Inspection Fees

Correspondence has been received from our current Inspector regarding an increase in his fees. Following a brief discussion, the Committee agreed that quotations were needed from other suitably qualified professionals and this matter would be discussed further at that point.

#### 6.1.1 *Highways and Environmental*

Mr White told the Committee that he planned to have a meeting with NCC in early October in order to ascertain what roadworks have been completed, and what still needs to be done.

He went on to say NCC have issued legal obligation letters to the owners of 28 and 46 Woodside with regards to reinstatement of footpaths.

Mr White also informed the Committee that, following Mr Malhotra's concerns over overgrowth at the junction of Moor Lane and Darras Road, an officer from NCC has checked this area. It has been found to be satisfactory. Mr Malhotra said he was going to speak to the Council again about this matter as he felt it was wholly unsatisfactory.

### 6.1.2 Land and Property

Mr Pile said that he would shortly be requesting quotes from contractors with regards to prospective tree work on the Bridlepath.

He mentioned a letter which has been received from a disabled person who is unable to access all of the Bridlepath due to the chicanes at certain points. Mr Pile informed the Committee that all barriers/chicanes were installed to the standards required by Sustrans and the Committee were mindful of the definition of a Bridlepath with regards to access. Following a discussion, the Committee decided to contact Northumberland County Council with a view to them coming up with a viable solution to the problem and hopefully their undertaking of costs incurred. At this point, the Committee will consider the best way forward.

With regards to the Grasslands cut, this will take place in the near future with a new contractor. The Ponteland Community Partnership are applying for a grant at the end of this year to erect some information boards on the Grasslands. The Committee may have to subsidise the installation of these boards but Mr Pile will know more early in 2019.

### 6.1.3. Airport Representative

Not present

## 7. Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Monday, 8 October 2018 at 19:00 hours in the Estate Office

**Meeting Closed:                    20:35 hours**