

**MINUTES OF THE DARRAS HALL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2018
AT 19:00 HOURS IN THE ESTATE OFFICE**

Present: Mrs C Thompson (Vice-Chair)
Mr D Brown Mr S Savin
Mr A Gilchrist Mr J Scott
Mrs S Hill Mr M Welford
Mr A Malhotra Mr I White
Mr A Pile Mr G Wright

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Mate and Mr A Tucker.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 8 October 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.

Mrs Duffy has re-invested £100,000 for 3 months in the current Newcastle Building Society. The remaining balance has been transferred to the Nat West account until such time as the new current account has been opened with the Co-operative Bank.

Mrs Duffy informed the Committee that a new boiler is needed in 3 Station Cottages. It was agreed that our plumber supply us with a quotation for such works and, following a comparison price taken online, proceed with such works. Mrs Duffy also mentioned that 2 Station Cottages is not available to let through Dobsons Estate Agents.

The remaining 2018 overdue rents have now been posted and, as the deadline for payment of any remaining 2 year overdue rents was today, these will now be processed through the Court.

Mrs Duffy reminded the Committee of the untidy garden issue on Darras Road and asked if there was any further action that could be taken against the perpetrator. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that the Committee would, once again, write to the owner in an attempt to rectify this problem.

6. Letters Received and Any Other Business:

6.1 Sub-Committee Reports

6.1.1 Highways and Environmental

Mr White informed the Committee of the following:-

- Western Way resurfacing is complete
- Repairs to severe potholes on Fox Covert Lane have been carried out
- 20mph mandatory speed limit is now implemented around Darras Hall Primary School area. According to Community Policing, the Community Speedwatch will monitor this area. It was agreed that PC Clayton be contacted for an update on this matter.
- Phase 2 & 3 of pothole repairs are now basically completed for the year. Will restart in April 2019.
- The re-surfacing program has shown little sign of work on Pembroke Drive, Oaklands or Runnymede Road and Mr White is going to ask for an update on progress on these matters.

- Middle Drive Phase 3 now complete and there is a significant improvement. However, Phase 4 which is included in the LTP budget has been limited to patching, not resurfacing from Broadway to Western Way.
- The Eastern Way culvert is still being investigated by Northumbrian Water and the Environment Agency is now involved.
- Enforcement notices issued by NCC : 28 Woodside have now reinstated the footpath correctly. 46 Woodside have not, this will require further follow up action.

6.1.2 Land and Property

Mr Pile has received tenders for the Bridlepath work and the cheapest contractor will be given the work to do at their earliest convenience.

Mr Pile has not yet had a meeting with Tim Fish from NCC regarding the disabled access onto the Bridlepath at Dunsgreen.

A schedule of works has been established by Mr Pile and he is hopeful of a meeting with Natural England next month to discuss his proposals. With regards to the information boards, Ponteland Community Partnership it to hold a meeting in the near future and the Committee should know how much money is available before next Easter.

7.1.3. Airport Representative

Next meeting on 4 December 2018.

Footpath outside United Reformed Church and Primary School

Mrs Woodall said that Debmatt have supplied a quotation for works of £3,185.00. Following a discussion it was agreed that an Arboriculturist be employed to check the damage to the tree roots in order for this work to be implemented. The Committee can then establish if the tree will be damaged or de-stabilised before works are carried out.

Front Boundary Treatment – 11 Deyncourt

Mr Gilchrist asked that Mrs Woodall look at the application for the above to ensure that it complies with Byelaw 13.

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

Monday, 3 December 2018 at 19:00 hours in the Estate Office

Meeting Closed:

20:30hours