

**MINUTES OF THE DARRAS HALL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 11 MARCH 2019  
AT 19:00 HOURS IN THE ESTATE OFFICE**

**Present:** Mr A Mate (Chairman)  
Mr D Brown  
Mr A Gilchrist  
Mrs S Hill  
Mr A Malhotra  
Mr A Pile

Mr S Savin  
Mr J Scott  
Mrs C Thompson  
Mr A Tucker  
Mr I White

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Jaidka and Mr G Wright.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 11 February 2019 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:**

Mrs Duffy had no financial report to circulate as she is in the process of transferring accounts into the new financial year following our audit.

Mrs Duffy informed the Committee that the first application for a new bank account had been rejected due to a technicality, however, another one is now being processed.

Companies House have been contacted with regards to Mrs Hill's incorrect date of birth being registered. This is being rectified.

Mrs Duffy informed the Committee that the Annual Reports have been posted and the rent charge invoices are being processed ready for distribution following the AGM.

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

### **6.1 Sub-Committee Reports**

#### *6.1.1 Highways and Environmental*

Mr White informed the Committee that following the introduction of the 20 mph speed limit surrounding the new Primary School, he had enquired about the adherence to this with Northumbria Police. Apparently the Community Speed Watch team have visited the area on a few occasions and 130 drivers were recorded as being over the speed limit. 100 warning letters have been sent out to the offending motorists together with some visits from Police officers.

#### *6.1.2 Land and Property*

Mr Pile informed the Committee that the tree works are now complete on the Bridlepath, as well as the work on the Grasslands. Mr Pile was hopeful that the funds for the Information Board on the Grasslands would be approved within the next couple of months. Mr Mate said that should the funding not be available from Ponteland Partnership, then the Committee should consider paying for this from our existing budget.

The repair/replacement of the footpath in the Estate car park near the URC has now had another quotation from a sustainable porous paving company. Following a brief discussion, the Committee agreed that we should go ahead with this company to complete the work.

#### *6.1.3. Airport Representative*

Mr Scott had attended the last Airport Consultative Meeting and had the following to report:

- A new taxi company will be operating from the Airport called Arrow cars

- There are a number of changes to airline flights and Logan Air will be starting as a replacement to FlyBe.
- Plans are advancing for a new Business park on land already owned by the Airport towards Woolsington.
- 41 noise complaints received between November and January but none from Darras Hall.

#### Litter Bin

Ponteland Town Council have requested a litter bin in the Western Way/Richmond Way area. The Committee felt that there were insufficient funds available to support this.

#### Byelaws Update

Mr Mate asked the Committee to check the updated Byelaws which have been circulated and forward any views to Mrs Woodall as soon as possible. It was agreed that a separate meeting needs to be held to discuss the Byelaws in detail before printing and publication on the website.

#### Plots 1 to 6 Meadow Court

Mrs Woodall reminded the Committee of the original outline planning approval in 2017 for the sub-division of the site into 6 plots. At this time it was agreed by the Committee that provision must be made for the site set-up and parking of contractors' vehicles on one of the six allotted plots. All construction traffic must be off Meadow Court and into the site until such time as building work is complete.

Following the submission of applications for the remaining two plots at this site, the Committee agreed that, whilst the applications would be considered, a Schedule of Works is required for all six plots. Depending on that schedule, there must be one plot available at any one time. Approval for the sixth plot will be dependent upon this information.

#### Chairman's Report

Mr Mate presented his report to the Committee and asked for feedback on any improvements/amendments.

AGM

Mrs Woodall reminded Committee members of their roles at the AGM and asked that they arrive before 7pm.

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

Monday, 14 April 2019 at 19:00 hours in the Estate Office

**Meeting Closed:**

**20:50 hours**