

**MINUTES OF THE DARRAS HALL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 05 AUGUST 2019  
AT 19:00 HOURS IN THE ESTATE OFFICE**

**Present:** Mrs C Thompson (Vice Chairman)  
Mr A Gilchrist  
Mrs S Hill  
Mrs S Jaidka  
Mr A Pile  
Mr J Scott  
Mr M Welford  
Mr I White  
Mr G Wright

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

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

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 08 July, 2019 were signed as correct.

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

Further to discussion of the Meadow Court development, the Committee were satisfied with the Conditions of Agreement supplied by the developers and authorised Mrs Woodall to issue letters of covenant consent.

4. **Planning Applications:**

Please refer to Plans minutes.

5. **Financial Report:**

Nothing to report.

6. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

6.1 **Highways:**

- Western Way – resurfacing is ongoing to rectify unsatisfactory work that was carried out last year. Mr White will investigate this matter and report back.
- Mr White confirmed that NCC will inspect the Woodside area with regards to the ‘gully’ wagon re-visiting.
- Speed danger on The Crescent – Mr White has visited the site and discussed the issue with the reporting resident. He has asked NCC to fit a data logger for a time to collect information. They are also complaining of unwanted visitors joy riding on the track so Mr White has given them the Community Policing email contact. Unfortunately there is nothing more the Committee can do to assist as this is a NCC Highways matter. Mr White felt that once the data logger has recorded information, there may be a possibility of some speed limiting measures being installed.

- Discussions regarding a speed indicator on Darras Road (or elsewhere) are ongoing and Mr White is liaising with Ponteland Town Council and Community Policing regarding its preferred location.
- Mr White and Mr Mate have a meeting next week with PTC and the Mayor regarding the Local Transport Plan for next year. If any Committee members have suggestions/ideas for inclusion, could they please email the Estate office.
- Mr White also has a meeting scheduled with the Highways Manager for a general update.
- There was a damaged bus stop on Middle Drive with a large hole left in the pavement. Mr White has ensured that this was repaired.

## 6.2 Land & Property:

- The Grasslands entrance is still an issue of complaint from residents due to the large area of soil that has yet to be rectified with grass seeding. Mr Pile said this will be done and hopefully the area will be back to normal soon. He asked that the Estate office ensure the grass cutter goes straight across this area until it is totally rectified. Mr Pile also asked that a quote be obtained for the total grass cut and clearance.
- The Bridle Path contact for laying aggregate has not been forthcoming but Mr Malhotra said he would ask somebody he knew and report back at next meeting.
- A suggestion has been put to the Committee that there should be some signs placed beside the dog waste bag dispenser stations asking dog owners to be courteous with the amount of bags they take at any one time. It was agreed that we would trial some signs and see if any difference was made plus put an article on the website and Facebook page.

## 6.3 Airport Representative:

Nothing to report.

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

### 3 Wentworth Court

The owner of the above property currently has a Breach of Covenant in place due to non compliance with Byelaw 13. He has written to the Committee saying he has had some security issues and wants to leave his front boundary as it stands. However, he has asked that he receive a letter confirming that his new build is built in accordance with plans approved. The Committee agreed that once the offending structure has been removed/rectified, then the Breach will be lifted and property 'signed off'.

## 8. Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Monday, 09 September 2019 at 19:00 hours in the Estate Office.