

**MINUTES OF THE DARRAS HALL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 09 SEPTEMBER 2019
AT 19:00 HOURS IN THE ESTATE OFFICE**

Present:

Mr A Mate (Chairman)	Mr A Pile
Mr D Brown	Mr S Savin
Mr A Gilchrist	Mr J Scott
Mrs S Hill	Mrs C Thompson
Mrs S Jaidka	Mr A Tucker
Mr A Malhotra	Mr G Wright

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Welford and Mr I White.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 05 August, 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 circulated the financial report and all is currently in accordance with the budget allowance. There are 349 rents outstanding but the third reminders have been distributed and payments have increased at present. Any two years or more outstanding payments will be given a deadline date, following which legal action will be taken.

Mrs Duffy has transferred £70,000 into the Co-operative Savings Account and the Co-operative Bank current account is fully active for plans and search fees.

Mrs Duffy informed the Committee that the two new card payment machines are running well from the broadband connection so the extra telephone line has now been cancelled.

6. Sub-Committee Reports:

6.1 Highways: Mr White was not present, however, the Committee were updated with regards to our recommendations for the LTP which have been submitted to Ponteland Town Council and are as follows:-

- Installation of a pedestrian crossing on Broadway
- Installation of a bus shelter at Broadway beside the URC Church
- Resurfacing treatment from Middle Drive through to Runnymede Road

- Continue improvements on Fox Covert Lane with a particular view into resurfacing and widening the road as this is becoming an important thoroughfare into Darras Hall.
- Resurfacing whole of Woodside footpath
- Yellow lines should be installed full length of Broadway
- Additional speed indicator signs located at key locations (TBA). The Estate Committee would be happy to consider contributing towards funding.

6.2 Land & Property:

- The Grasslands cut is awaiting a written quotation before the job can be commenced.
- With regards to the Information Board on the Grasslands, the funding has now been secured and Mr Pile is liaising with Mrs Dunigan regarding the design/information and production of the board. He is hopeful that this will be completed in the early part of 2020.
- Bridlepath surface improvement is still a matter for consideration. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Committee obtain quotations for total resurfacing in various options, i.e. porous rubberised surface, plastic grid with gravel and normal aggregate. Once reports are to hand then the Committee can pursue funding options.

6.3 Airport Representative:

Mr Scott reported as follows:-

- Passenger movement decline of 2% each year due to British Airways and Ryanair reducing flights.
- Air France are commencing a flight to Munich from February 2020. Loganair starting a flight to Aberdeen from 1 September 2019.
- Overall satisfaction with airport is ahead of its peers.
- There is a new taxi waiting area at Bellair car park with toilet facilities to try and alleviate parking of taxis in surrounding areas of airport.
- 68 noise complaints received, none from Darras Hall.

7. Letters Received & Any Other Business:-

Ponteland Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Environment Agency is hosting a drop in event on 18 September 2019 at the Memorial Hall from 2pm-7pm. This will be published on our website.

Meadow Court Development

Mrs Woodall read out two letters from residents affected by the above development. It appears that the developers are not complying with the requirements imposed by the Committee. Mr Mate said he would carry out a site visit and contact would be made with Mr Fagan regarding road cleaning schedule etc.

Byelaws

Mrs Woodall reminded the Committee that the amendments to Byelaws still need to be finalised. Suggested dates will be distributed to the Committee for a meeting to be held.

8. Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Monday, 07 October 2019 at 19:00 hours in the Estate Office.