

Matfen Parish Council
Ward 1 – Fenwick, Ingoe, Ryal. Ward 2 – Matfen

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Matfen Village Hall on Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mr Keith Irving Vice Chairman of the Council, together with Mr Frank Robson, Mr Chris Austin & Mr Hugh Murphy

In Attendance: Jo Bramley (Clerk)

0843. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Stuart Mills (Chairman), Mrs Ann Gregory-Smith & County Councillor Mrs Veronica Jones

0844. DECLARATION OF INTEREST. None.

0845. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th September 2017. It was proposed by Mr F Robson, seconded by Mr C Austin and AGREED to accept the minutes as an accurate record.

0856. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT. None.

0847. MATTERS ARISING

- a) **PUBLIC TOILETS.** Minute 836a refers. **Action: Mr K Irving to get a plumber in to sort the water issue out.**
- b) **NOTICE BOARDS.** Minute 836b refers. **Action: Clerk to order 3 new notice boards.**
- c) **LAND TO THE EAST OF RYAL CHURCH.** We have no update from the council on this matter and the retrospective planning application is still classified as registered. **Action: Mr H Murphy to contact NCC to chase up the issue.**
- d) **ASSETS.** Our play area equipment needs to be inspected by a qualified person. Rather than pay someone else to do it Mr C Austin is interested in doing the course so he can do the inspections. **Action: Clerk to send Mr C Austin the course details.**

0848. FINANCE

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Mr K Irving, seconded by Mr F Robson and AGREED accounts on the list attached be paid.

Payee	Detail	Cheque Issued	VAT	Net of VAT	Cheque Number
Matfen Village Hall	Rental – November 2017	10.00		10.00	100956
Miss J M Bramley	Clerical Services	406.99		406.99	100957
Miss J M Bramley	Expenses	85.85		85.85	100958

0849. CORRESPONDENCE. All correspondence received since the September 2017 meeting had been listed on the agenda and circulated to all councillors.

0850. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

All outstanding planning applications are listed on each agenda.

Planning Application Reports				
Reference	Applicant	Address	Description	Decision
17/02737/COU	Mr Les Morrison	2 North Side, Ryal	Retrospective change of use from agricultural land to storage area for agricultural machinery & the formation of a soil bund.	Registered
17/03036/FUL	Mr S Mills	The Garden House, Walled Garden, Matfen	Proposed single storey extensions including new additional front entrance and lobby, south rear west end canopy roof extended to side of existing utility, dayroom and kitchen extension and new sewing room at east end.	GRANTED
17/04063/FUL	Mr P Jackman	East Moorhouses, Matfen	Proposed orangery to the south facing elevation.	Comments by 1 December

0851. VILLAGE ISSUES.

- a) An Ingoe resident has asked if there could be some additional street lighting provided where the 20 mph signage. **Action: Clerk to contact County Cllr Mrs V Jones.**

0852. ANY URGENT BUSINESS.

- a) **LOCAL AREA COUNCIL MEETINGS.** Mr C Austin couldn't attend the planning meeting at Castle Morpeth however he did attend the one at Corbridge even though that isn't our area. He found it very informative and suggests that we definitely attend our meetings at Castle Morpeth.
- b) **LOCAL PLAN.** Mr C Austin asked if we had ever discussed doing a Local Plan like Great Whittington. There is funding available if we thought it was worth pulling together a Local Plan for Matfen. **Action: Clerk to add to agenda to discuss at January's meeting & Mr C Austin to contact the planning officer from NCC to come & discuss.**
- c) **BROADBAND.** Mr C Austin was informed at the Local Area Council meeting by a County Councillor that community groups can apply to BT for help to subsidise the provision of installing broadband, if the

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cost is £80,000, the residents pay £40,000 and BT will pay £40,000. Previously this was not an option for the outlying villages around Matfen due to their wireless network however this has changed and some Ingoe residents have approached BT about this and they have come back with a price of £80,000 to £90,000 and they have also approached NCC about the possibility of part funding towards it.

0853. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall.

Signed as an accurate record _____ Chairman