

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

Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in Matfen Village Hall on Tuesday 31st July 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: Stuart Mills (Chairman), Mr Keith Irving (Vice Chairman), Mr Frank Robson, Mrs Ann Gregory-Smith & Mr Chris Austin

In Attendance: County Councillor Mrs Veronica Jones & Jo Bramley (Clerk)
Mr & Mrs Kelly (Ryal residents)

0889. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mr Hugh Murphy

0890. DECLARATION OF INTEREST. None.

0891. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29th May 2018. It was proposed by Mr S Mills, seconded by Mr K Irving and AGREED to accept the minutes as an accurate record.

0892. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

- a) **EXTRA CARE & SUPPORTED HOUSING POLICY.** Have put forward a strategy to help the aging population in our rural areas.
- b) **ROADS.** Work is going well to repair the roads.
- c) **VERGES.** Are being cut.
- d) **LOCAL PLAN.** Is out for consultation & is being received well.
- e) **GREAT NORTHUMBERLAND EVENT.** Information about all events are on the Northumberland County Council website & it runs from 7 July to 1 September 2018.
- f) **INGOE BROADBAND.** Ingoe are having issues with their 100% Wi-Fi broadband dropping out & repairs are not being done. The new company, Quickline that has taken over the contract to supply the Wi-Fi are not very good. A breakdown from each property is required to find out if they use it, how they use it to get help get a community fibre bid together. **Action: Mr C Austin to organise getting a list together.**

0893. MATTERS ARISING

- a) **TRAVELLERS.** **Action: Clerk to contact Mr McDonald to attend January or March 2019 meeting.**
- b) **LAND TO THE EAST OF RYAL CHURCH.** Mr Morrison has the option to re-submit the application addressing the issues raised in correspondence to him. Mr H Murphy has asked for clarification of how long this option will run for & will update when he get the information. Mr H Murphy has also asked for clarification of the area outside the red line on the planning application.
- c) **DOG ISSUE AT RYAL.** Mr Kelly wanted to raise the point that his neighbours' dog is not the problem in the village as mentioned in the minutes from the meeting in May 2018. However he still feels that the dog problem is an issue within Ryal. **Action: Clerk to contact the dog warden again.**
- d) **SPEED LIMIT IN RYAL.** Mr & Mrs Kelly raised the issue of the speed limit through Ryal. Mr Kelly is concerned that there will eventually be a serious accident & is also aware that Ingoe have a new speed limit so can Ryal be looked into. It was raised some years ago but was refused as Ryal didn't meet the criteria required which is village isn't long enough with continuous houses on both sides of the road. Ingoe residents also put together a petition to have the speed limit reduced. Perhaps Ryal could get a petition together & rally support & pass on to Castle Morpeth area council. **Action: County Councillor V Jones will look into it with highways.**
- e) **MATFEN PLAYGROUND.** Mrs A Murphy has volunteered to lead on this. **Action: Mr H Murphy to discuss with Mrs A Murphy about what people would like etc.**

0894. FINANCE

- a) **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.** It was proposed by Mrs A Gregory-Smith, seconded by Mr S Mills and AGREED accounts on the list attached be paid.

Payee	Detail	Cheque Issued	VAT	Net of VAT	Cheque Number
Matfen Village Hall	Rental – July 2018	10.00		10.00	100974
Miss J M Bramley	Clerical Services	254.76		254.76	100975
HMRC	PAYE	148.20			100976
Matfen PCC	Donation	350.00		350.00	100977

0895. CORRESPONDENCE. All correspondence received since the March 2018 meeting had been listed on the agenda and circulated to all councillors.

0896. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

All outstanding planning applications are listed on each agenda.

Planning Application Reports				
Reference	Applicant	Address	Description	Decision

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18/01449/FUL	Mr And Mrs I & L Andreyeva	1 Fenwick Cottages, Fenwick	Proposed single and two-storey extension to existing cottage.	GRANTED
18/01476/FUL	Mr Andrew Kane	South Fens Cottage, Fenwick	Replacement of existing outbuilding with new larger single storey outbuilding.	GRANTED
18/01501/FUL	Mr & Mrs Dawson	11 East Close, Matfen	Extension adjacent to garage to create lobby/utility area, removal of windows and creation of new external doorways to improve the relationship of garden with kitchen/ dining space, improve internal layout and convert garage into reception room. Erection of a detached double garage.	Awaiting decision
18/01989/FUL	Mr P Moffit	Land Parcels To East And West Of Vallum Farm Vallum Farm East Wallhouses	Retrospective change of use of agricultural land to sport/recreational & erection of 4 Yurts with associated decking, access track & parking. Proposed construction of WC/shower block & separate overflow car park.	Registered
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0897. VILLAGE ISSUES.

- a) **INGOE STREET LIGHTING.** Minute 851a refers.
- b) **MISSING DRAIN COVER IN MATFEN.** Action: County Cllr V Jones to action replacement.
- c) **MATFEN PIERS JUNCTION.** Action: County Cllr V Jones to action replacement.
- d) **DAMAGED SIGN POST, MATFEN:** This has been replaced.
- e) **MATFEN LAMPOSTS/STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENTS.** The lampposts are covered in algae & are looking unsightly. There is also concern that the old streetlights in the village could be replaced with the street lighting upgrade that is taking place, which the bulbs will be replaced with LED but the lampposts will not be changed. Action: County Cllr V Jones to contact neighbourhood services regarding the cleaning of the lampposts & pass on the details of the lighting officer to A Gregory-Smith.
- f) **VERGES.** Mr K Irving can't get hold of P Dixon to do the work on the verges. We will look into finding someone for April/May next year.
- g) **MATFEN PUBLIC TOILETS.** We have a new cleaner for the toilets and they are being cleaned on a weekly basis.
- h) **WAR MEMORIAL.** Mr S Mills has received a couple of emails from Mr S Wilson regarding the 100 Anniversary of the First World War. He has been preparing & has found that there is a discrepancy & four names missing. Mr Wilson would like to reframe the roll of honour, print a booklet for the Centenary & has asked if the Parish Council if they could help towards the £350.00 cost. All in favour to donate the full £350.00 & a cheque will be issued at this meeting & Mr S Mills will give the cheque to Mr Wilson.

0898. ANY URGENT BUSINESS.

- a) **BARKING DOGS.** Mrs A Gregory-Smith has received several complaints about barking dogs in the village & people are encouraged to speak to their neighbour to resolve the issue.

0899. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. The next meeting is to be held on **Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall.

Signed as an accurate record _____ Chairman