

Minutes of Downholland Parish Council meeting held 8th November 2016 at The Village Hall, Haskayne.

Present Cllrs Blane, Carr, Connolly, Cull and Wainwright.

1. Apologies were received from Parish Cllrs Dunning and Roach, the Clerk, Borough Cllrs Currie and Westley. It was agreed to accept these apologies.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. The minutes were approved.
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 - a. Sumner Avenue : Cllr Currie has written to residents regarding the issues surrounding the grassed area.
 - b. Lydiate waiting restrictions : Discussions are ongoing in regard to a reduced restrictions.
5. 2 members of the public were present.
 - a. Roy Cunliffe reported he'd spoken to Lynsey Beaton regarding the Railway Cutting Project in regard to progress in the erection of signage and a boardwalk – and expects progress in the near future.
 - b. Roy Cunliffe reported he'd undertaken a project to gather experiences of residents in regard to the recent Seismic Survey. He went on to details a few examples of adverse experience and said he would present a full portfolio at a later date.
6. Arrangements for Service of Remembrance:
Details were given of the Service of Remembrance and members of the Parish Council were encouraged to attend.
7. Proposal that the Parish Council consider “a motion to resist Hydraulic Fracturing within our area”: After discussion the motion was accepted on a split vote.
8. To discuss consultation document on council tax referendum principles
It was agreed to resist the proposal to limit the precept increase.
9. Update on Pavilion, to include discussion on recent press release
 - a. Cllr Carr provided an update on progress of work on the Pavilion.
 - b. A motion was proposed to additionally instruct the contractor to change the windows to Upvc to match the new door. This was agreed in principle subject to reasonable quotation.

- c. A motion was proposed to additionally instruct the contractor to ensure the heating facilities have a frost safe setting. This too was agreed in principle.
- d. Concerns were raised regarding the press reports in regard to the proposed use of the Pavilion as a music rehearsal studio and the wider music rehearsal studio project. It was agreed that these issues will be discussed with Cllr Dunning at the next meeting.

10. Update on bus shelters: No update on this item.

11. To discuss provision of benches : No update on this item.

12. Speeding Riding Lane. Cllr Blane : A range of proposals were discussed and it was agreed that options including traffic calming measures would be explored further.

13. Village Christmas Tree Cllr Blane: After discussion it was agreed to support the ongoing project by the HDCA.

14. Projects for draft budget to be discussed : It was agreed to include a project to provide 2 "Speed Indicator Signs" in the draft budget at an approximate cost of £4000+VAT each.

- a. It was agreed to support the decision to allow the Chairman of Ince Blundell Parish Council to represent the Parish Council's views against the Lower Alt Wind Farm at the upcoming planning meeting.

15. Finance

- a. The Clerk had distributed copies of the Financial Statement and it was resolved that this accurately reflected the financial status of the Council.
- b. The Clerk had prepared a Schedule of payments made and for authorisation (copy attached) all payments be authorised.

16. Date and time of next meeting : 6th December, 2016.

There being no more business The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm.