

## OVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs G.M. Harper  
Clerk

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 January 2008 at 7.15 p.m. in Ovingham Reading Room

Present Councillors M Turnbull (Chair), D Jordon, M Morton, V Mennear, R Benjamin, P Macdonald, J Jackson and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies were received from Councillor P Holden and Councillor P Kelly (NCC)
2. Declarations of interest, if any - None
3. Minutes of Last Meeting Having been circulated were agreed and signed.
4. Matters Arising

Forward Planning - Street Lighting A meeting has been arranged on site at 1.30 p.m. on Friday 18 January. All Councillors were asked if possible to attend.

Interactive Speed Signs Councillor Macdonald had no further information but believed the purchase of the signs was in progress. He will contact Alan Bourne for a progress report

War Memorial Railing The work had been carried out with the railing secured by Alan Locks which could be removed if required.

Belonging Communities Councillor Macdonald had attended meetings but felt that there seemed to be no direction for the parishes and more clarification was needed. Councillor Macdonald was concerned that Prudhoe, which was standing alone would have more say than the smaller parishes and because of their size would get the larger part of services and funding. He will attend the up-date meeting on 29 January and will report back to the Council.

Graffiti The clerk had been in touch with Tynedale who reported they were unable to treat the graffiti because it was on private property. Photographs had been taken and sent to the police.

Fencing Tyne Gardens The broken fencing at Tyne Gardens had been reported and will be repaired by Milecastle Housing

Parking Horsley Road Correspondence had been received from Councillor Kelly. The cost of the Traffic Regulation Order for the extension of the double yellow lines would be about £1,800 and the project had been put on the waiting list.

Clearance of Moles The work had been undertaken

White Swan - damage to wall The clerk had written to the White Swan. It was suggested that the wall could be the responsibility of Northumberland CC and the clerk will write to them for the repair work to be carried out Councillor Jordon pointed out that three years ago when the wall was damaged, after a lot of investigation, it was found that the brewery were responsible for the repairing of damage done (subsequent to the meeting Councillor Jordon checked the minutes of 2004 to find this was recorded).

5. Planning Applications - Retrospective approval had been received for the White Swan Umbrella Approval had been received for the construction of a single storey extension 29 Dene Garth Construction of garage at the Old Vicarage The plans had been inspected and the Council considered that the construction was larger than was necessary for a garage and the inclusion of a workshop was not necessary. The height of the construction was higher than needed and velux windows not necessary.

6. Correspondence The press release for the NHS funding discussions was noted and placed in the bag for distribution.

Tynedale Council information regarding the provision of bins for garden waste

An e-mail from David Francis informed all Parish Councillors that funding under Section 137 is to be increased for 2007-8 to £5.64 (£5,290 per item) and in 2008-9 £5.86 (£5,496)

A letter had been received from Mrs Archer stating that garden waste is being left at the top of Jordons Well again. It was agreed that the clerk will prepare a letter to be delivered to all residents of Castle View stating that this was not allowed and that the Parish has to bear the cost of the removal of this rubbish.

Correspondence was received concerning Community Transport. This was placed in the bag for distribution

8. The following accounts were approved for payment:

Ovingham Reading Room - Rent November	£10.00
J K Pringle - Topping of long grass at Football Field	£47.00
Tynedale Council - Grass Cutting	£529.21
D Jordon - Environmental Project	£72.69
C Fenwick - Repair of railings at war memorial	£75.20

#### 9. Committee Report

Councillor Macdonald reported that he had been impressed by the public response to the Care Trust Meetings. Ovingham and Ovington have no practices in their villages but there would soon be many other villages in a similar situation. He was concerned that care may fall upon families and together with lack of community transport would need to be watched.

#### 10. Any Other Business

The clerk reported that pot-holes on Piper Road were dangerous. She will report to Mel Richardson.

Councillor Jordon reported that there was a tree fallen into the Burn. It needed to be removed.

Councillor Jackson will find out if Adrian can move it. If he is unable to do the work she will report back to the clerk.

The pruning of the willow trees was discussed and Councillor Jordon thought that had the work been undertaken earlier hard pruning might not have been necessary. She thought that tree management throughout the village should be undertaken regularly. It was agreed that the clerk would arrange for a tree surgeon to undertake a regular inspection of all village trees and undertake their maintenance as necessary. Councillor Jackson noted that Acomb Tree Surgery did the maintenance of the cemetery trees and the clerk will write to them. A contract for the care of village and cemetery trees could be undertaken together.

Councillor Turnbull was concerned that the Londis delivery van was once again parking directly in front of the village store and was causing a traffic problem at school time. Councillor Jackson would speak to the owners.

Councillor Macdonald asked that more consideration should be given to the extension of the 30 mph. It will be placed on the next Agenda

The next meeting will be held at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday 21 February 2008.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

