

PONTELAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT MERTON HALL ON 11 JANUARY 2023

Present: Councillor C Greenwell (in the Chair)

Councillors S Ahmed, C Caisley, R Dodd, A Hall, S Johnson, K Overbury, N Sehgal, K Woodrow and A Varley.

97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Darwin

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hall declared an interest in Minute 101A.

99. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2022

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 December 2022 were submitted for approval.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

100. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Minute 87(i) grant application towards firework display

It was reported at the meeting that the event had gone well and there did not appear to be any issues.

(ii) Minute 89 (ii) Environment Working Party

It was pointed out that a zero had been missed off the end of the last figure – it should read £3500 instead of £350. This would be rectified.

101. PLANNING

(i) Planning Committee

Minutes of meetings held on 6 and 20 December 2022 were circulated for information.

(ii) Report on recent planning decisions

There were no reports.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

101A. GRANT APPLICATION

A grant application had been received from the Memorial Hall for funds to install a CCTV system in the hall.

The Clerk reported that the sum of £3,300 was included in the budget for the Memorial Hall for this financial year.

A copy of the application form and a supporting statement from the Chairman of the Trustees had been circulated.

RESOLVED – A grant of £3,300 be approved.

Note – Councillor A Hall declared an interest in the above item and took no part in the discussion or voting other than to provide points of information.

102. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Dodd reported that he had attended a recent meeting at NCC relating to Ash dieback in trees. This could be a problem for the County Council particularly where the trees were next to a roadside or other locations near to people.

The Clerk reported issues relevant to the Town Council on this subject and she was asked to forward the information to Councillor Dodd.

Councillor Dodd also mentioned boundary changes which would have an impact on the Ponteland East with Stannington county division.

Potholes were becoming a bigger issue for the County Council with the spate of wet weather.

He also mentioned that there was going to be a review of logging routes which the Town Council would be consulted on. Letters had been sent out to residents of North Road and part of Berwick Hill by the MP.

103. MAYOR’S REPORT

A report by the Mayor relating to events she had attended since the last meeting had been circulated.

She mentioned that she had provided some food for the Youth club at Merton Hall on 15 December which had been well received. She felt the club was having a good effect on the young people who attended.

104. REPORTS BY TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

There were no reports.

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105. ACCOUNTS/ BANK RECONCILIATION/ BUDGET REPORT

The Accounts Committee approved payments totalling £45,902.09 for December and a copy of the monthly budget reports were also circulated, as well as the Bank reconciliation for December 2022.

RESOLVED – The reports be accepted.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
WOULD BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 6.15 P.M. AT
MERTON HALL**

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