

NEWBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th January 2018

05-01-01 **Present** Cllrs I MW Gibson (Chair), KE Bell , J Annan, and HA Walton
Also Present: Clerk, R Macfarlane and County Councillor RM Gibson.

05-01-02 **Apologies** Cllrs MD Newson, IS Hunter and AR Smith

05-01-03 **Declaration of Interest** None

05-01-04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of Newbrough PC which was held on 1st November 2017 were approved by the Council then signed by the Chairman.

05-01-05 **Matters Arising**

War Memorial

Architect Butler Haigh has been asked to submit the necessary planning application. Seven builders (mostly local) have been asked to tender for the remodelling project. The Chairman has suggested others.

05-01-06 **Public First Focus**

No members of the public present.

05-01-07 **Communications**

The following correspondence has been received: Sport Tynedale, Sick Children's Trust CAN Newsletter, Community Champions, Nalc e-news & CPRE newsletter

- **NCC Consultation on Street Naming 17/01771/SN**

The Building Control and Land Charges Team of Business Compliance & Public Safety Unit With reference to the current Butt Bank development has confirmed that the whole estate is now to be called Charlton Place.

- **The Pensions Regulator** Automatic enrolment duties: Declaration of Compliance

05-01-08 **Roads**

Road Safety The Council has some concerns over inadequate street lighting especially when the new LED system is installed.

The Highway's Inspector has visited Newbrough and has identified areas where there are dark stretches and street lights are more than 183 metres apart. One area identified is the stretch between the west junction of Sidgate and the Stanegate to the Lodge.

At present the Council understands that the present 30 mph may be unenforceable.

05-01-09 **Planning**

No issues

05-01-10 **Reports**

Northumberland County Council

Cllr RM Gibson gave a verbal report on NCC activities.

Sportsfield Association

Cllr Walton provided the Council with an up-date on fencing and grass cutting and reported on the progress of the repairs to the vandalism of the pavilion.

05-01-11 **Annual Audit and Annual Return**

The Council discussed the new external audit arrangements. As a result of BDO LLP not winning the contract to provide external audit services in Newcastle and Northumberland the external auditor for Local Councils will be PKF Littlejohn LLP. Because of this there will be cost implications and the Council discussed the new protocol in line with the Localities Act. The Council also discussed the new fees associated with Freedom of Information legislation as outlined in the Cabinet Office consultation on a draft Code of Practice.

05-01-12 **Finances**

Payments Approved Expenses £37.58, Forces War records £48.95, OneandOne Website £31.43 (vat £5.24)

05-01-13 **Budget and Precept**

The Council will be looking in earnest for grants that are available for the two large projects currently planned; the War Memorial and St Peter's Path.

05-01-14 **Date and Time of Next Meeting** - 7.00 pm, 7th March 2018

The Meeting was closed at 8.30pm.