

ALSTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Alston Moor Parish Council held on Monday 13th January 2020 at 7pm in the Masonic Hall.

Present: Cllrs: T. Haldon (Chair), M. Denoual, E. Grew, J. Glendinning, A. Martin, R. Miller, C. Harrison, A. Holt, H. Ho, R. Robinson, Z. Robson, L. Seaton.

Apologies: Cllrs G. Wright, A. Green.

Absent: Cllr M. Hanley

Declarations of interest: Cllrs R. Miller . Gala Committee & Music Festival, M. Denoual - Nenthead Community Works, L. Seaton - Nenthead toilets, A. Holt - Nenthead Playarea.

Noted that all declarations are the interests of persons living in the council's area and that there are no pecuniary interests involved.

1. Precept 2020 - 2021

Reports on the donations received for the current year had not been received from the youth group and Fitness Club, who had submitted their request for additional funding on the report form.

It was agreed to accept this for now, but to make it clear that future applications and reports not received by the deadline (to be set later) would not be considered.

Establishment

Costs now include additional staff members.

Agreed at £20,000 Proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Grew (11 + 1 abs)

Annual donations

The list includes village halls, playareas and Tyne Willows Pavilion. It was suggested that a small but regular increase might be preferable to occasional large increases to catch up with inflation.

Agreed at £3570. Proposed by Cllr Holt and seconded by Cllr Seaton (7+ 4- 1 abs)

Land/property management

The chair reported that the request to improve the parking area at Tyne Willows had been received too late for consideration for the next precept. Work needs doing, as the potholes are getting worse, but specifications should be drawn up and the work costed.

Agreed at £2,500 Proposed by Cllr Haldon and seconded by Cllr Harrison. (11+ 1-)

General purposes & S137

Agreed at £1,000 Proposed by Cllr Haldon and seconded by Cllr Holt (nem con)

Mill Race maintenance

Agreed at £500.

Christmas lights

Agreed at £750 Proposed by Cllr Denoual and seconded by Cllr Grew (11+ 1 abs)

Fairhill Car park

Agreed at £320. Noted that the actual lease agreement has remained at £520, and that the additional £200 is taken from the annual donation as per the original agreement).

Nenthead and Garrigill Community toilets

Cllr Seaton abstained from voting,

Agreed at £1,100. Proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Holt (10+ 2 abs)

Nenthead Community Works

Cllr Denoual abstained from voting,

Agreed at £500. Proposed by Cllr Holt and seconded by Cllr Seaton. (nem con)

Alston Gala

Cllr Miller abstained from voting,

Agreed at £500. Proposed by Cllr Holt and seconded by Cllr Grew (nem con)

Alston Moor Newsletter

Agreed at £50. Proposed by Cllr Grew and seconded by Cllr Haldon (nem con)

Alston Town Hall

Agreed at £5,000 Proposed by Cllr Holt and seconded by Cllr Grew (nem con)

Alston Moor Historical Society archives

Agreed at £2,000. Proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Grew. (nem con)

Young people

Agreed at £500. In the absence of a report the youth group would be asked to apply for the funding and to complete the donation report. Proposed by Cllr Haldon and seconded by Cllr Grew. (nem con)

PTA Alston Fireshow

The request was for £1,000, but members felt that the PTA would need to justify the increase. It was reported that the donations collected during the event do not cover the cost of fireworks, and there is too much for the PTA to do by themselves to improve fundraising.

Agreed at £600 Proposed by Cllr Grew and seconded by Cllr Haldon (10+ 1- 1 abs)

Devolved services – Alston public toilets

The chair reported that although the final decision on taking on the toilets has not be made, it is prudent to continue to set aside funds to avoid a steep increase in the precept.

Agreed at £ 5000. Proposed by Cllr Holt and seconded by Cllr Grew (10+ 2-)

Devolved services – footway lights

Agreed at £ 4000. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Haldon (11+ 1-)

Parish seat repairs

Agreed at £250. Proposed by Cllr Haldon and seconded by Cllr Harrison (nem con)

Chair's allowance

Agreed at £100. Proposed by Cllr Holt and seconded by Cllr Grew (nem con)

Alston Music Festival

Cllr Miller abstained from voting.

Agreed at £500. Proposed by Cllr Holt and seconded by Cllr Denoual. (10 + 2 abs)

Nenthead Playarea

Cllr Holt abstained from voting,

Agreed at £ 1000. Proposed by Cllr Grew and seconded by Cllr Robson. (10+ 2 abs)

Community Plan actions

Agreed to remove the funding proposal from the list and to consider using reserves should there be an appropriate need during the financial year. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Miller (11+ 1 abs)

Transport for school trips

Cllr Martin reported that she had spoken to the deputy head from SKS, who explained the difficulties the school has in funding transport costs for school trips, which are part of the curriculum and beneficial to pupils. It was agreed to consider if the Fairhill Estates Charity could help and to remove the funding proposal from the list. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Haldon. (nem con)

Alston Fitness Club

The request was for £1,500 towards the cost of installing an entry system with associated CCTV. It was suggested that a camera could be used to cover the recycling centre.

Agreed at £500 which could be used for match funding. Proposed by Cllr Miller and seconded by Cllr Grew. (11+ 1 abs)

The allocations brought the total sum to £50,240 and with the Council Tax Reduction at £959, £49,281 for the request to Eden District Council. The base figure is £725, so the cost to a band D property will be £69.22; an increase of 6% on last year.

Resolved to set the precept at £50,240. Proposed by Cllr Haldon and seconded by Cllr Miller (nem con)

2. Funds carried forwards from previous years

Alston Hospital - £517.77 Agreed to move to the reserved ambulance fund. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Seaton. (nem con)

Nenthead noticeboard - £200 To retain.

Fairhill Recreation Grounds - £1,000 allocated for storage facilities. As this had not be claimed the funds should be put back into reserves. Proposed by Cllr Holt and seconded by Cllr Haldon. (11+ 1 -)

Tyne Willows Pavilion - £870 allocated for the proposed extension. Agreed to put back into reserves. Proposed by Cllr Miller and seconded by Cllr Grew. (nem con)

Devolved services - £8,500 To retain.

Community Plan - £1,250 Agreed to put back in reserves. Proposed by Cllr Holt and seconded by Cllr Miller. (nem con)

Volunteer Co-ordinator - £4,875 To retain.

PRECEPT 2020-2021	
Establishment	£20,000
Annual donations to Village Halls etc.	£3,570
Land/property management	£2,500
General purposes + SECTION 137	£1,000
Mill Race maintenance	£500
Christmas lights	£750
Fairhill Car Park	£320
Grants to Nenthead & Garrigill Public Toilets	£1,100
Nenthead Community Works (Snowplough)	£500
Alston Gala	£500
Alston Moor Newsletter	£50
Alston Town Hall	£5,000
Alston Moor Historical Society archives	£2,000
Young people	£500
PTA Alston fireshow	£600
Devolved services . Alston public toilets	£5,000
Devolved services . footway lights	£4,000
Parish seat repairs	£250
Chair's allowance	£100
Alston Music Festival	£500
Nenthead Playarea	£1,000
Alston Fitness Club	£500
TOTAL	£50,240

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed:

Dated: