

ALSTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Alston Moor Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 7pm in Alston Town Hall to set the precept for 2016/2017.

Present: - Cllrs: A. Martin (Chair), D. Athey, A. Green, E. Grew, T. Haldon, S. Hill, M. Herdman, P. Godwin, R. Miller, D. Phillips, A. Robertson, A, R. Thomson.

Apologies: - Cllrs: B. Aves, J. Glendinning, G. Wright.

Absent: - none

1. Precept for 2016/2017

Eden District Council have confirmed that Alston Moor's tax base is £709.01 and the Council Tax Reduction ££1,321.

Establishment

Agreed to set establishment expenses at £14,600.

Annual donations

Agreed to allocate £500 to Alston, Nenthead, Garrigill Village Halls, Tyne Willows Pavilion, Fairhill, Nenthead and Garrigill Recreation Grounds (noted that £200 for the Fairhill Recreation Ground is part of the rental cost for the car park). Total cost £ 3,500.

Alston CAB

Agreed to contribute £.250.

Land/property management

Agreed to allocate £1,500

General purpose/section 137

Agreed to allocate £2,000.

Maintenance of Alston Mill Race at Townfoot

Ongoing maintenance agreement. Agreed to allocate £500.

Christmas lights

Agreed to allocate £500.

Fairhill Recreation Grounds car park

Agreed to allocate £320 towards the car park rental.

Public toilets

Agreed to allocate £550 to Garrigill and Nenthead public toilets. Total cost £1,100.

Townscape Heritage Initiative

The grant application to the THI is for an agreement lasting 5 years with £10,000 over the period to be contributed by the parish council. This is now the second year. Agreed to allocate £2,000.

Community Warden

Agreed to allocate £2,850 to enable the contract to run for a full year.

Alston Gala

Agreed to allocate £500 to assist the Gala next year.

Alston Moor Newsletter

Cllr Phillips declared a financial interest, as he had contributed towards funding the newsletter to keep it going.

Agreed to allocate £480.

Alston Town Hall

Agreed to allocate £5,616 to re-imbuse the Town Hall for the extra costs incurred in keeping the building running.

Tyne Willows Pavilion

Agreed to allocate £1,000 to build up resources for repairs, as the Community Gym's current financial situation is unlikely to be sufficient to cover the cost.

Alston Community Gym publicity

It was agreed to withdraw this request, as it may be possible to obtain grant funding from other sources, and if a contribution were to be needed from the parish council it could come out of the general purposes fund.

Nenthead Community Works

Agreed to allocate £500.

Replacement of Services

It was reported that there is a possibility that Cumbria could have a unitary authority in future, whose priorities may be focused on mandatory services, resulting in the loss of many discretionary services. The District Council meetings with parishes are to help with planning, and to avoid the sudden disappearance of services. Agreed to allocate £2,000.

Garrigill Noticeboard

The plan is to purchase a noticeboard for either the village green as a freestanding unit, or attached to the reading room for public notices and information about the village. This will allow the small noticeboard to be used for village hall notices. The organisers intend to seek additional funds and to ask local businesses to sponsor it. Agreed to allocate £200 subject to consultation with Garrigill residents.

Fairhill Recreation Grounds works

The trustees do not have anywhere on site to store equipment, and it is currently stored in various homes, so they would like to put in a shed so it can be accessed easily. It will require planning permission. In addition the playarea has reached the end of its useful life and will cost around £10k to replace the equipment.

Cllr Robertson volunteered to assist with a planning application.

Agreed to contribute £1,000.

Nenthead Fountain

It has not been possible to obtain quotes yet, but a contribution from the parish council will be expected if grant applications are sought. Noted that Beamish museum may be able to advise on repainting. Agreed to allocate £500.

Precept for 2016/2017

Establishment	£14,600
Annual donations	£3,500
CAB	£250
Land/property management	£1,500
General purposes + section 137	£2,000
Maintenance Mill Race	£500
Fairhill Car Park	£320
Christmas lights	£500
Public toilets	£1,100
Townscape Heritage Scheme	£2,000
Community Warden	£2,850
Alston Gala	£500
Alston Moor Newsletter	£480
Alston Town Hall	£5,616
Tyne Willows Pavilion	£1,000
Nenthead Community Works	£500
Replacement of services	£2,000
Garrigill noticeboard	£200
Fairhill Recreation Ground works	£1,000
Nenthead Fountain	£500

£40,916

**With the Council Tax Reduction of £1,321 the parish will ask for £39,595
The council tax base of £709.01 divided by the precept gives an annual cost of 55.85 for a
band D property, or £1.07 per week.**

Resolved to set the precept for 2016/2017 at £40,916. Proposed by Cllr Haldon and seconded by Cllr Godwin. (1 abs)

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed:

Dated: