

# **Minutes of the Carperby cum Thoresby Annual Residents Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Village Institute, Carperby.**

*The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr D Brampton  
The minutes were taken by the Parish Clerk, Mrs. G Harrison.*

## **1. Minutes of the Annual Residents' Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 annual meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

## **2. Annual Report on the Parish Council Activities 2017/18**

The PCA report was presented to the meeting by the Chairman and copies were available at the meeting. A copy is included at the end of these minutes.

## **3. Annual Report from the Carperby Poor Land (Needham Garth) trustees**

The Carperby Poor Land Trustees report was presented by Mr David Brampton. Income for the calendar year 2017 was £1,760.28 with £1761.00 being distributed to various recipients during the year. The end of year balance was £1.64. Residents were reminded that if anyone knew of somebody in the village that they thought was deserving of a payment from this fund to contact one of the trustees, Mr. D Brampton (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. Dinsdale (Chairman), Mr M Beckett or Mrs. J Peacock.

## **4. Letting of the Parish Council Lands**

The chairman welcomed County Cllr John Blackie

The lands were let by auction conducted by Cllr John Blackie as follows:

Town Tussocks - £300 to Louise Leser  
Bull (Little) Tussocks - £285 to Tom Moore.  
Bull Lands - £300 to Mr Stuart Raw  
Peat Moore Lane - £80 to Mr R Dinsdale

50% of the land rent was paid on the night and 50% to be paid 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

## **5. Report from NYCCllr**

Cllr Blackie addressed the meeting and said that the Upper Dales had become a National Leader for Self-Reliance.

### **Report from NYCCllr.**

Over view of the year – shared with the Annual residents meeting and the Parish Council

#### **Boundary Commission**

The Boundary commission report on the Richmondshire wards accepted the reduction in the number of councillors to 24. However, the Richmondshire District Council plan for new ward boundaries was rejected and councillor Blackie's submission was accepted as the most appropriate redistribution of wards, with one slight amendment. This means the Upper Dales councillors can speak exclusively on matters within their area. The Commission's recommendations are awaiting finalisation, but Carperby will remain firmly within an expanded Castle Bolton Ward.

### The Friarage and Darlington Memorial Hospitals

There are still concerns over the local hospitals. The consultation process is still ongoing but the closing of the mental health wards at the Friarage seems likely and patients may have to Middlesbrough, Bishop Auckland or to a facility in Darlington, which has yet to open. Immediate care provisions are also under threat and anaesthetists may be lost from the Friarage. A Similar threat hangs over the Darlington Memorial. Additionally, the midwife-led paediatric service at the Friarage is unlikely to survive without an upturn in the number of births.

### The Upper Dales community Land Trust

The UDCLT is currently working with Arkengarthdale Parish Council, where an existing housing need has been identified. It is hoped that the UDCLT will build 4 homes to rent in perpetuity. UDCLT is aiming to build 6 in Hawes and would love to build 2 in Carperby. The right to buy does not apply to such properties and it is hoped that further development can take place in Hawes and other areas of the dale.

### Self-Reliance

The Upper Dales were identified in the Daily Mail newspaper as the Capital of self-reliance, this was on the back of the taking over the fuel station in Hawes. This was building onto the Post Office, Little White Bus service and the Community Office.

A fuel station is essential at the top end of the dale and will soon be available 7 days a week 24 hour a day.

### 5 x Council Tax on Second properties

This initiative was proposed to attract young families. Cllr Blackie said that this was not the way to do it, it would ruin the rural local economy and housing market.

Bringing life back to the dales will not succeed without jobs

Cllr Blackie advised that the proposal had been voted out at the Richmondshire District Council meeting and is now “dead in the water”.

### Northallerton Magistrates Court

A consultation has been launched over the proposed closure of Northallerton Magistrates Court. It was the consensus that this would result in longer journeys for defendants and witnesses to places like Skipton, York or Middlesbrough and the concept of local Justice was in danger of being abandoned. Cllr Blackie encouraged all to submit their objections to the proposals.

### Local Schools

A public engagement has taken place consulting parents and stake holders on the future of the BAWB

schools (Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton.

Cllr Blackie is in full support of all three schools remaining open and the county council support this if the numbers hold up.

Governors will issue a decision in 2 days' time.

#### Winter Gritting

A Great team backed up by local Tractors – P Iveson, R Dent and R Stones. The team do the best they can within the restraints placed upon them.

Cllr Blackie thanked the community for their support and Chairman David Brampton thanked Cllr Blackie for his determination, energy and enthusiasm, the community are forever indebted.

## **6. Village Items raised by Residents**

### **Defibrillator**

The chairman reiterated the procedure for the use of the defibrillator machine. That is in any event 999 should be called in the event of an emergency and the emergency services will issue instructions should they feel it beneficial to access the machine.

Cllr Brampton also stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Team – are currently looking for new team members.

### **The village mower**

Cllr Oliver had undertaken a review of the longevity and costings of the ride on village mower.

He put forward to the villagers the following scenarios (copy attached to the minutes)  
The narrative with the figures was:

*Here's a short assessment of the options with some figures.*

*Please be aware these are not meant to be accurate, just an idea to prompt some discussion on the matter.*

*All we need to achieve is a general mandate on what to do next.*

The topic was discussed at length and it was resolved that the consensus was that the village should continue to run its own ride on mower. Alistair Dinsdale suggested that the Parish Council should consider a contingency fund.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.