

**Minutes of the Gifford Community Council Meeting held  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall**

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| <b>Present</b>       | Craig McLachlan (Chair)<br>Andrew Hamilton<br>Brian Thomson | Brian Thomson<br>Alex Renton | David Griffiths<br>Wendy Ferguson |
| <b>In Attendance</b> | Cllr McMillan   | Cllr Broun-Lindsay           | 3 members of the public           |
| <b>Apologies</b>     | Jo Allen  | Suzie Vestri                 | Nick Morgan                       |

**1 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016 were agreed as correct. Proposed AR, seconded DG.

**2 External Reports**

**2.1 Police** - No report was presented to the meeting.

**2.2 East Lothian Council**

2.2.1 The Local Development Plan will shortly be out for public consultation.

**3 Community Council Elections and date of AGM**

**3.1** Councillors were reminded that they needed to submit as form if they were interested in continuing. Other members of the community were encouraged to apply. Posters/flyers would be put in various places around the area to highlight the elections. It was noted that there had been a large advert in the East Lothian Courier.

**4 Yester Estate**

4.1 A member of the public attended the meeting and explained the issues she was experiencing now that a number of paths had been closed to members of the public through Yester Estate. Previously she walked through one of the Estate paths when walking from her house to the village. She now has a much longer walk over difficult terrain.

4.2 Councillors discussed the new deer fence which has been erected which is preventing access to paths such as this. It was noted that a deer fence should have access points along it and this one does not. CM will discuss this with the Estate Manager.

4.3 The signage for Yester House contractor vehicles was discussed. It was agreed they were not in keeping with the look of the village and the Estate would be asked to remove these.

**5 Grounds Maintenance**

5.1

**7 Internal Reports**

**7.1 Planning** - No new applications for the area.

**7.2 Roads and street lights**

- 7.2.1 No pot holes were mentioned. The road from Danskin cross roads to Quarryford was mentioned that good part of the road had been repaired and resealed and that a good job had been done.
- 7.2.2 Two street lights out and had been reported to the lighting department of the council.
- 7.2.3 Street signs to do with the bridge on Station road discussed. Drivers of heavy goods vehicles can't see them. A village member had seen 'Oil Fast' tanker go over the bridge and spoke to the driver who said he didn't realise there was a weight restriction on the bridge.

### **8.3 Finance**

- 8.3.1 AH said he had not yet received the tennis court feasibility report invoice but was hopeful that it would not exceed £1,750 quote. He was disappointed that Yester Primary had been negative about locating an all-weather sports facility at the school and will now concentrate on finding a site for 2 tennis courts elsewhere in the village – prospects are not bright.

### **8.4 Area Partnership**

- 8.4.1 No meeting had been held so there was nothing to report.

### **9 Matters Arising**

- 9.1 All matters have been dealt with under other items on the agenda.

- 10 Correspondence** - No correspondence had been received.

### **11 AOCB**

DG brought up the new barriers recently installed on The Avenue. A gap had not been made wider between two of the barriers for children's buggies or wheel chairs to the ramp down to the playpark. DG to follow up.

### **12 Date of next meeting**

- 12.1 7:30 on October 10th in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall.