

**DARRAS HALL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 2021**

Present:	Mr D Haley (Co-Chair)	Mr S Savin (Co-Chair)
	Mr D Gardner	Mr S Ramsey
	Mr A Gilchrist	Mr J Scott
	Mrs S Hill	Mr D Stangroom
	Mrs S Jaidka	Mr G Warrender
	Mr A Pile	Mr G Wright

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Thompson.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 25 January 2021 were signed as correct.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:

4. Planning Applications:

Please refer to plans minutes.

5. Financial Report:

- The Financial Report was circulated for review.
- £67 overdue letters have been distributed.
- A final bill has been received from Retox. Due to the absence of a written contract, the Committee agreed that they would pay for 30 days' notice from the date of notice of termination.

6. Sub-Committee Reports:

6.1 Highways

- Further gutterwork necessary on Woodside.
- Mr Warrender to look into resurfacing of Fox Covert Lane.

6.2 Land & Property:

- Grasslands winter maintenance has started.
- Disabled access on Bridlepath request still pending with NCC.
- A meeting has been arranged with Debmat regarding Bridlepath resurfacing issues.
- It has been reported that a number of Estate owned trees have caused damage to a property fence. Work to remove the offending trees has been carried out and the Committee agreed to make a contribution of £150 towards a replacement fence but do not accept liability for any damage.

6.3 Airport

- Flights are currently operating to London Heathrow and Belfast. Logan Air to re-commence operations on 15th February, 2021. Air France are due to recommence operations on 01 March, 2021.
- It was reported that airports are currently involved in a North East Freeport bid. Economic experts predict that this will generate £2.1b boost to UK export and create 60,000 jobs in the North East and would have great new private sector investment. Freeport is really important and will give the ability to allow inward travel without restrictions in line with Brexit.

6.4 Media

A recent Media Meeting has taken place. A number of topics were discussed which included:-

- A new separate Facebook site which would be for sign posting only, not conversational.
- The use of Facebook to navigate towards DHEC website.
- Preference for communication.
- Transparency of Committee
- Promotion of new website.
- Pont News & Views Article.
- Noticeboard.
- The possibility of a Darras Hall Estate Committee Podcast.

7. Any Other Business:

7.1 Various tasks which still require completion include:-

- GDPR audit report.
- Byelaws.
- Director's Meeting.
- HR project.
- Repair of wall outside of Estate Office.

7.2 A request has been received for use of Darras Hall Estate Car-Park for a food van. Committee felt that in this current time, it would be best to hold off and put the local businesses on Broadway first at least until things go back to normal.

7.3 Mr Gardner informed the Committee that he has instructed a structural engineer to look at the front window lintel of 3 Station Cottages as it looks like it is sloping. Two quotes have been provided for all other work.

8 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Monday, 22 March 2021 at 19:00 hours via Zoom.

Committee members were instructed to erase all emails and plans accordingly.

