

**DARRAS HALL ESTATE COMMITTEE
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY, 13 JANUARY 2022**

In Attendance:

Mr D Haley (Chairman)	Mr J Scott
Mr D Gardner	Mr D Stangroom
Mr A Malhotra	Mrs C Thompson
Mr A Pile	Mr G Warrender
Mr D Richards	Mr G Wright
Mr S Savin	

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs S Hill and Mr A Gilchrist.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 06 December 2021 were signed as correct.

3. **Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Please refer to Action Log.

4. **Planning Applications:**

Please refer to plans minutes.

5. **Financial Report:**

- 5.1 The Financial Report (showing breakdown to end of 2021) was distributed for review.
- 5.2 Court summons for non-payment of rent have been distributed.
- 5.3 It was brought to the Committee's attention that an owner of a property on Middle drive is refusing to pay the annual rent charge due to a boundary dispute between himself and neighbour and the fact that he feels the Committee did not help him. This dispute had previously been settled via the court. The Committee agreed that the owner has no defence and if the owner wishes to present a counter-claim, then that is his prerogative. The rent charge is legally enforceable and Committee instructed Mrs Duffy to proceed with normal collection process.
- 5.4 Mrs Duffy expressed the need for a direct payment system for website.

6. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

6.1 Highways

Nothing to report.

6.2 Land & Property

- 6.2.1 Recent storm Arwen has resulted in a number of issues that require attention. An on-site meeting to be organised to identify works required.
- 6.2.2 Quotations to be obtained for remedial work at 2 Station Cottages.
- 6.2.3 Report to NEDL that the electrical sub-station on Callerton Road needs to be fenced in.
- 6.2.4 Based on past experience the Committee had previously agreed to re-look at alternative works for re-surfacing of the Bridlepath. A possible solution would be a higher camber in middle of path. Further professional advice needed.

7 Information Technology:

Meeting still to be organised between Mr Bahander and Mr Wright.

8 Media:

- 8.1 Sub-Group meeting still to be organised by Mr Haley.
- 8.2 Three new website sponsors have been identified.

9 Airport:

- 9.1 Flights and passenger movement down 48% (less than half) compared to this time in 2019.
- 9.2 Short city breaks are not proving popular currently due to the current testing requirements. Sunshine holidays are doing reasonably well.

10. **Letters Received & Any Other Business:**

10.1 Amended Byelaws

Second meeting to be held prior to MGM on 10 February 2022 at 18:00.

10.2 United Reformed Church.

Discussions are ongoing with URC about future intentions.

10.2 Role of Committee Member

In accordance with the Trust Deed, the office of a member of the Committee shall be vacated if he/she be absent from three consecutive meetings.

10.3 Business Infiltration – 82 Darras Road

Nicholson Morgan are preparing a Letter of Engagement for signature. Letter of Action to be prepared in conjunction with meeting of owner. Potential legal action costs to be included in budget.

11 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Thursday, 10 Feb 2022 at 19:00 hours in Estate Office/via Zoom.

