

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 22nd January 2020 at 6.00pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: A Nation (Chair); J Hall (Vice-Chair);
J Rhind, A Baker & J Davison
Clerk: I Hunter
Approx. 11 Members of the public

Public Question Time: K Anderson of KA Kitesurfing Outdoor Activities gave a summary of his business and offered a no strings attached donation to the Parish Council, along with hosting a charity evening with all proceeds going to the Parish Council.

Members of the public asked the following questions:

- Queried why since May have members questions been recorded in the Minutes as comments: *Parish Councillors agreed in future members questions will be recorded as questions.*
 - Raised concerns about the street lighting problems in the village *The Chair replied this will be covered later in the Agenda.*
 - Queried the openness and transparency of the Parish Council by excluding the press and public, when the recent co-option of a Parish Councillor took place and quoted from the 2015 NALC LTN. The same person also queried the Co-option Policy which was to be considered later on in the Agenda. *The Chair replied a written response would be provided.*
 - Mr G Martindale read out the following:
Northumberland Estates have submitted a new planning application 19/04801/VARYCO.
Following the points regarding community benefit made at last week's planning meeting, and the fact that there has been no direct contact between the parish and Northumberland Estates since 2015, would the PC ask Northumberland Estates to send a representative to the forthcoming planning meeting when the Swinhoe Road development will be discussed, and or hold a public presentation. *Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk write to Northumberland Estates.*
- A Member of the public read out a reply he had received from Northumberland County Council Planning Department regarding the Kennedy Green planning application and his query about the unlawfulness of the application. He concluded by saying Northumberland County Council are awaiting an amended plan which they hope will be in alignment with the original plan.
- Queried the revised Arriva bus service, saying buses are stopping at 1-2 different places at the Bullring area, there is no new bus stop/sign and no information regarding the change of stops. *The Chair said this is on the Agenda.*

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors C Scott-Roy & M Dawson
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation- None

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th November 2019 - The Chairman read out the following amendment to the last question in Public Question Time “ by the end of the meeting the member of the public stated that he had replied the following day with a collated response from all of the residents of Dunes Court Apartments”. Parish Councillors agreed the amendment. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th November 2019 were then agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising-

Min 1-/2020 Changes to the bus route- The Clerk read out the updates received from Northumberland County Council. Parish Councillors raised concerns that there is still no signage in place. Parish Councillor J Rhind suggested an app can be downloaded on to your smart phone so you can watch live progress of the bus instead of having to stand at the bus stop. The Chair proposed not progressing asking the bus to go along Harbour Road to the car park until the double yellow lines issues in that area is resolved. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk Contact Northumberland County Council regarding the lack of notices at the existing bus stops in respect to the change of route.

Min 2/2020- Annual checking of Footpaths/Right of Ways- The Vice-Chair reported that Coast Care have confirmed that the 2 registered volunteers will walk the footpaths in the Parish this year, the work has already commenced and she thanked the 2 volunteers as they were in attendance. The Vice-Chair also, reported that Coast Care had raised concerns that issues which have been raised in the past are still outstanding, and questioned why should Coast Care collate a report. The Vice-Chair concluded by saying the Coast Care project is due to finish in October unless additional funding can be found.

Min 3/2020- Community Police: The Clerk read out the following update:
Crime totals for Beadnell PC since 27/11/19 are as follows

- 1) Burglary OTD to food takeaway caravan – no forensics or cctv
- 2) Assault in public house – offender awaiting interview.

Parish Councillor A Baker stated the ticket machine at the car park was vandalised the previous week.

Min 4/2020- Conservation Area- The Chair informed the meeting that the information is on display tonight, and asked for any comments to be emailed to the Parish Council. She concluded by saying that the

Northumberland County Council Cabinet Committee will consider the report at their meeting on 11th February.

Min 5/2020- AONB –

- **2019/20 Dwelling Review-** The Vice-Chair informed the meeting that the work is nearly complete and thanked residents for their help.
- **2020/2024 Management Plan-** The Vice-Chair informed the meeting that the plan is out to consultation, and any comments need to be submitted by 2nd March. Parish Councillors made comments. It was agreed the Clerk upload the document on to the Parish Council website, and if Parish Councillors had any comments, they submit them to the Chair before 3rd February, where she will report them to the AONB meeting with Parish Council Chair's
- **Annual meeting with Parish Council Chair's-** The Chair confirmed she will be attending.
- **Ramp at car park-**The Chair asked about extension/ repairs to ramp at car park on to beach to allow better pedestrian/ wheelchair access. The Vice-Chair agreed to raise this with AONB

Min 6/2020- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson- The Clerk informed the meeting that no report had been received. The Chair informed the meeting that County Councillor G Renner-Thompson had advised her in regards to the seawall at Harbour Road that Northumberland County Council will be embarking on a refresh of the business case in January which will hopefully be completed by April. Also, County Councillor G Renner-Thompson is unable to fund a camera for the Speedwatch Group as the maximum cost is only approx. £90.

Min 7/2020 Planning Approvals

19/04092/FUL- Proposed ground floor non habitable extension, used for storage- 31 Longbeach Drive, Beadnell NE67 5EG

19/03498/FUL- Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey extension to front of dwelling to form sunroom- 3 Fleetham Mill West Fleetham, Chathill, NE67 5JS

Min 8/2020- North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group- No updates

Min 9/2020- Beadnell Parish Council planning application monitoring spreadsheet- The latest spreadsheet had been circulated to Parish Councillors.

Min 10/2020- Planning Minutes- The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 16th January 2020 previously circulated was agreed with the removal of the word

“unanimously” from the comments on planning application No 19/04044/FUL then signed as a true record.

Min 11/2020- Planning training- The Chair provided an update on the planning training session to be held on 19th February in Beadnell W I Hall. She asked for confirmation of attendance by Parish Councillors, items for the Agenda and questions for Rob Murfin by 31st January. The Chair agreed the Clerk would provide Parish Councillor A Baker with the details of the event.

Min 12/2020- Financial Statement-

Current Account	£	7047.07
Savings Account	£	11332.25
Marshall Burial Ground Account	£	154.80

Min 13/2020- Finance:

Payment already made

• Fantasy	£	70.92	2 signs
• M Stewart	£	250.00	Work to trees on VG49
• Sutcliffe Play	£	4600.80	Purchase & install 4 seat seesaw
• D Mulvey	£	124.80	Testing Christmas lights
• BCV	£	724.63	Reimbursement towards Christmas lights
• E I Hunter	£	72.60	Chains- Meadow Lane playground

Payments due

• W I Hall	£	38.50	Hire of Hall November meeting
• I Hunter	£	438.84	Salary 54 hours @ £ 10.16 per hour
• HMRC	£	109.80	PAYE
• Playsafety Ltd	£	360.60	Annual play area inspection
• A Nation	£	21.66	Fixings for chains -play area

Receipts

• BCV	£	104.00	Donation
• BCV	£	607.12	Donation
• B Endean	£	150.00	Additional inscription on headstones Plot No's 706 & N4
• A Turner	£	75.00	Internment Plot No 687

Min 14/2020- Playgrounds-

- **Hedges/fencing/gate-** The Chair informed the meeting that the new chains had been fitted, at that point it was identified the chains, padlock & hasp have been stolen between 20th and 22nd January. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk report the theft to the Police. Parish Councillors agreed not to replace the chains, however members felt there should be

a fence etc to replace the chains. The Vice-Chair agreed **to** look into purchasing timber and installing it across the gap.

Parish Councillors were disappointed that there is still no progress from Karbon Homes regarding the installation of a gate. The Vice-Chair reported Karbon Homes had agreed to pay 50% of the cost of the works, which would be undertaken whilst undertaking other works, however they are in the process of replacing the member of staff who was dealing with this subject. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Karbon Homes and ask for progress.

- **Weekly Inspections-** Parish Councillors considered and agreed to accept the quote of £1493.29 + VAT from Northumberland County Council to undertake the weekly inspections of the 2 play areas for 2020.
- **Annual Inspection-** The inspection took place on 20th January, and the reports had only arrived on 22nd January. Parish Councillors agreed to read the reports, then Chair will collate a list of issues raised in the reports and circulate for Parish Councillors to consider ahead of the March meeting where a decision will be taken as to what actions need to be taken.

Min 15/2020 Correspondence

- 1- **Clerks & Councils Direct-** January Newsletter
- 2- **CPRE-** Winter newsletter

Min 16/2020- Cemetery- The Chair following comments received from visitors to the Cemetery raised concerns that the Cemetery land is uneven and asked Parish Councillors if the Landscaper who undertakes work at North Sunderland Cemetery should be asked for his advice as to what could be done. Parish Councillors decided not to proceed at the present time.

Parish Councillors raised concerns about the appearance of the Cemetery due to headstones still laid flat. The Vice-Chair reported that wherever possible she and the Clerk have tried to make contact with families involved, there has been new contacts received over the Christmas period and there may be further contacts at Easter. She proposed the situation is reviewed at the May meeting. This was agreed.

Parish Councillor A Baker informed the meeting that a tree has come down in the Cemetery. The Vice-Chair agreed to check this.

Min 17/2020- Highways- The Chair confirmed that the “No through Road” sign on Harbour Road and the road sign on the B1340 at the brow of the hill on Swinhoe Road still have not been replaced. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk report these again.

The Chair proposed that an urgent site meeting should be organised with Northumberland County Council officers, 2 residents, the Chair & Parish Councillor A Baker to look at the double yellow line issue at Longbeach Drive. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council regarding a site meeting.

Concerns were again raised that between 9 and 11 street lights are out in the Longbeach Drive/ St Ebba's Way area along with the street light near 72 Harbour Road. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk report this to Northumberland County Council Street Lighting Department again.

Min 18/2020- Community Conversation spreadsheet:

- **Visit to the Recycling Centre-** The visit will take place on 20th February 2020 at 11am, If anybody is interested please email the Clerk.
- **Water Fountain-** The Chair informed the meeting that a fountain would cost between £450-£2,500, Northumberland County Council will undertake the water testing, the fountain would be a Parish Council Asset, and the Parish Council would need to complete the form from Northumbrian Water regarding a new water supply. Parish Councillor A Baker informed the meeting that the new water fountain at Bamburgh cost £2000, and suggested an option would be to hire a water fountain at a cost of £600 per year which would include maintenance costs. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council regarding the electricity supply. Parish Councillors also agreed that this project would not be funded through the Precept. It was agreed Parish Councillor A Baker undertake further research on the cost of suitable equipment, c/w maintenance costs, and report back to the Parish Council.

Min 19/2020- Questionnaire- Parish Councillor J Davison tabled her draft thoughts for a questionnaire, which contained 4 broad questions. Parish Councillors agreed to email Parish Councillor J Davison with their thoughts. As the next step. It was also agreed to ask R Murfin for his clarification regarding community benefits at the planning training session 19th February.

Min 20/2020- Policies-

- **Planning Policy-** Parish Councillors agreed to defer this review again as the call-in update has still not arrived.
- **Tree Management Policy-** Parish Councillors reviewed and agreed the revised policy. Parish Councillor A Baker suggested planting trees/hedges annually, saplings could be obtained from the Woodland Trust foc, Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Baker identify areas where trees/hedges could be planted. Parish Councillors will then consider who will plant and maintain the trees.
- **Co-option Policy-** Parish Councillors agreed to refer the draft policy to Stephen Rickitt at NALC for comment ahead of consideration, due to the concerns raised regarding openness and transparency.
- **Asset Register-** Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor M Dawson & A Baker review the items on the Asset Register ahead of the March

meeting, as the Asset Register is part of the Annual Audit, therefore the updated Register is part of the Annual Return. Parish Councillors agreed the review of the Asset Register be moved to the November Agenda in future to allow more time to undertake the review.

Min 21/2020- Consultation Northumberland County Council Library Service- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor J Rhind draft the Parish Council response for Parish Councillors to consider. The deadline for responses is 18th March 2020. Anybody wishing to make a comment can do so via the following link: libraries.consult@northumberland.gov.uk

Min 22/2020 Community Updates-

BCV-The Vice-Chair gave the following updates:

The Christmas lights will remain on until Candlemass. The AGM will take place at The Craster Arms on 29th January at 2pm everybody is welcome.

Access to tennis courts- The Clerk read out the latest reply from Northumberland Estates. Parish Councillors noted this was not included within a S106. Parish Councillors debated the situation and agreed the Clerk reply to say there is genuine interest locally and ask for a site meeting with Kingston Property and 2 Parish Councillors to consider a possible way forward.

Min 23/2020- Sponsorship/donations/advertising- The Chair summarised the information circulated to Parish Councillors ahead of the meeting. The Vice-Chair suggested the income received could be used for the winter opening of the toilets, and the installation of a water fountain. Parish Councillors queried the suggestion of £50 per property, and agreed the draft letters to date needed revising. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Baker prepare a further draft letter for Parish Councillors to consider.

Min 24/2020- 2020/21 Budget/Precept- Parish Councillors considered and reviewed the previously circulated draft budget. Parish Councillors agreed the revised budget.
The Vice-Chair proposed and Parish Councillor J Davison seconded the Precept for 2020/21 would be £12500. This was agreed.

Min 25/2020- National Trust- The Chairman proposed inviting Gwen Potter of National Trust to the March meeting. This was agreed.

Any Urgent Business-

Min 26/2020- BCV- Parish Councillor A Baker requested BCV provide a copy of their Constitution and Annual Accounts for the March meeting, as the Parish

Council have agreed to include within the budget to make a donation to the organisation.

Min 27/2020- Toilets- The Chair referred to the issue a member of the public had raised with County Councillor G Renner-Thompson which was copied to the Parish Council regarding the toilet lights being on during the night, and the reply from Northumberland County Council which stated there needs to be a light on in case the facilities are used during the night. Parish Councillors suggested the Clerk respond asking if a detector switch could be fitted so the light will only come on when somebody enters the toilet block.

Min 28/2020- Overnight parking- The Chair referred to the issue of overnight parking of camper vans at the car park which has been raised by Parish Councillor A Baker with Northumberland County Council, noting that Northumberland County Council Enforcement Officers have been on site. Parish Councillor A Baker stated the issue is worse in the summer however, we need to continue to report the incidents as per the request of County Councillor G Renner-Thompson.

Min 29/2020- BCV- The Chair reported that the Parish Council are grateful for the work which is undertaken by BCV, and noted the group are a separate entity. However, even though they are a separate group it is hoped to work together and support each other for the good of the community.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on 25th Wednesday March 2020 at 6pm

Chairman_____Date_____