

MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 6pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall

Present: Chair- G Martindale, Vice-Chair J Hall
Parish Councillors: C Williamson, M Dawson & A Nation
Clerk: I Hunter
6 Members of the public
Acting Inspector D Budge
Constable Mark Purvis

Public Question Time: None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillors J Rhind, & A Baker.

Declaration of Interest: None

Request for Dispensation- None

Min 48/2022-Community Police- The Chair welcomed Acting Inspector D Budge & Constable Mark Purvis to Beadnell Parish Council meeting.

Acting Inspector D Budge provided the following updates and answered questions:

- A gave a verbal summary of his police service.
- The team covers 17 Parish Councils.
- There are 3 rural officers, 3 urban officers & 2 Community Support Officers covering the urban area.
- He explained the roll and remit of the police officers.
- The past reports to Parish Councils in some cases contained too much information. Also, victims have the right to say they do not wish any information to be released. This means future reports will have limited information. However, if there are any local or county issues the police will provide updates i.e., fuel thefts, suspicious vehicles, people looking for vehicles to steal etc.
- If people witness incidents or see suspicious vehicles ring 999 if the incident is happening then. Other non-urgent issues can be reported via 101 or via the website.
- He explained “Northumbria Connected” anybody can sign up to the 2-way messaging service. This is where people can report issues and receive updates which affects their area. Also, if enough people from an area sign up to the messaging system the police will be able to undertake local surveys.
- There is no local pub watch in the area at the minute, this would need to be led by Licensees.
- Last summer the police linked up with Northumberland County Council and other partners, via weekly meetings to help manage the influx of tourists within the coastal area. It is hoped to do something similar this year. We do try to have a police presence at least once a day in the coastal area during the summer.
- Parish Councillors suggested that crime rises at bank holiday weekends. Acting Inspector D Budge suggested that the engagement van in the area at Bank holiday weekends could be an option.

- Parish Councillors asked about parking on pavements/footpaths. Acting Inspector D Budge said action could be taken if the vehicle is causing an obstruction. The police work with Northumberland County Council, however, any action is dependant on signage and double yellow lines. Parish Councillors agreed parking is an Agenda item for the May meeting.
The Chairman thanked Acting Inspector D Budge & Constable M Purvis for their attendance.

Acting Inspector D Budge & Constable M Purvis left the meeting at that point.

Min 49/2022- Parish Council Policies

- Parish Councillors undertook the annual review of the noticeboard-website policy. Parish Councillor C Williamson proposed & Parish Councillor M Dawson seconded the adoption of the previously circulated March 2022 version. This was agreed.
- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated draft email policy. Parish Councillor A Nation raised concerns. The Vice-Chair proposed & Parish Councillor C Williamson seconded the adoption of the draft email policy for a trial period. Parish Councillors voted 4 for, Parish Councillor A Nation objected.
- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated draft co-option policy. Parish Councillor A Nation proposed at 3.2 the removal of the last bullet point (not wording). This was agreed. Parish Councillor C Williamson proposed & the Vice-Chair seconded the adoption of the draft co-option policy. Parish Councillors voted 4 for, Parish Councillor A Nation abstained.
- Parish Councillors reviewed the previously circulated April 2020 planning meeting policy. The Vice-Chair proposed & Parish Councillor M Dawson seconded the adoption of the April 2020 planning meeting policy. This was agreed,
- Parish Councillors reviewed the previously circulated grant-donation policy. The Vice-Chair suggested the inclusion of supporting individuals, requests from organisations which have privately owned property i.e. WI, ability to cover revenue expenditure, the draft policy is too detailed and needs to be more flexible. Parish Councillors agreed the policy needs to be revised and agreed via email ahead of the May meeting, where the policy will be tabled for ratification/adoption.
- Parish Councillor A Nation suggested the Parish Council prepares a policy for volunteers undertaking work for the Parish Council. Parish Councillors debated the need for a policy and the majority of Parish Councillors agreed there was no need for one. Currently, and in the past BCV have been the delivery agent for the Parish Council raising funds for the Playground, Beadnell in Bloom etc. Parish Councillors agreed that the BCV Insurance policy covers their volunteers. The majority of councillors agreed the existing Parish Council insurance policy covers work carried out by volunteers on behalf of the Parish Council. 4 Parish Councillors voted not to prepare a policy for volunteers. Parish Councillor A Nation abstained.

Min 50/2022- Email addresses- The Chair thanked Parish Councillor A Baker for undertaking the research work. Parish Councillors considered the report. Parish Councillor A Nation raised concerns. Parish Councillors agreed the following:

- The Clerk & Parish Councillor A Baker setup an account on a 1-year trial basis with UK Domain Registration.co.uk at a cost of £45.83 + VAT for up to 50 mailboxes with a maximum 20gb storage.
 - The email accounts will only come into force once the account and email addresses are setup.
 - No previous emails will be transferred to the new email account.
 - Only the person with the name on the email address will have access to that email account.
 - The Clerk was unable to answer the question on archiving emails.
- Parish Councillors voted 4 for and Parish Councillor A Nation abstained.

Min 51/2022- Parish Council business/responsibilities- The Chair read out a statement on how he felt Parish Council business should be conducted, identifying Parish Councillors to lead on certain items, and bring information back to Parish Council meetings for Parish Councillors to consider.

Parish Councillor A Nation spoke to her previously circulated information, and raised concerns that in the Chair's suggested way forward not all Parish Councillors will have the opportunity to be involved in all items/projects.

The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that she supported some points in each of the 2 suggested ways of working reports, however, she reminded Parish Councillors they should work as a team and in some instances, Parish Councillors appear to be are working negatively.

The Chair stated any Parish Councillor can have any issue added to any Agenda which will allow items to be brought to Parish Council meetings.

The Vice-Chair proposed that she had listened to both versions and that a successful Parish Council was a Parish Council that worked as a team. Parish Councillor C Williamson seconded the proposal. This was agreed.

Any Other Urgent Business-

Min 52/2022- Fish & chip van- Parish Councillor C Williamson raised concerns about the fish & chip van parking at the Bullring, the daffodils are being trampled, people are sitting on the fence, the van is taking up valuable parking spaces in that area and the support vehicle is extending onto the road partially obstructing the left-hand side lane. The Chair agreed to speak to Northumberland County Council the next day.

Min 53/2022- Coastal Summit- The Chair informed the meeting that he had signed up to attend the virtual meeting to be held on 20th April. The Clerk agreed to contact Northumberland County Council to see if the Vice-Chair could attend as the AONB Parish Council Northern representative.

Parish Councillor M Dawson left the meeting at that point.

Min 54/2022- Platinum Jubilee- Parish Councillor A Nation asked if the Parish Council was organising any events for the Platinum Jubilee. The Chair & Vice-Chair responded to say the Parish Council is supporting the community events organised by BCV & the community. However, it is not proposed that the Parish Council will hold any events.

Min 55/2022- Annual Parish Meeting- Parish Councillor A Nation informed the meeting that David Green of FCERM had advised her that officers are currently working on the funding for the works to the seawall, so the presentation will not be ready in time for the May meeting, there will be information which can be put on the website etc. She concluded that David Green of FCERM had confirmed information would be ready for the September Parish Council meeting.
The Vice-Chair stated that the Parish Council now do not have a speaker for the Annual Parish meeting.

Min 56/2022-Volunteers- Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that Beadnell Towers have advised her that their handy man could be used for small tasks.

Min 57/2022- Trees- Parish Councillor A Nation asked if the Parish Council was considering the proposal about possible tree planting which Parish Councillor A Baker had circulated via email ahead of the meeting. The Chair replied no.

Min 59/2022- Bernicia Way- Parish Councillor A Nation asked Parish Councillors if the Parish Council were going to contact Northumberland County Council about the landownership of an area of land at Bernicia Way which was intended as a mitigation area to identify who will be responsible for the area. Councillor A Nation offered to prepare and circulate a draft for Parish Councillors to consider, which was agreed.

The date of the Annual Parish & Parish Council meetings: 25th May 2022 at 6pm

Chair_____Date_____