

MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 6pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall

Present: Chair- G Martindale, Vice-Chair J Hall
Parish Councillors: C Williamson, J Rhind, A Baker & A Nation
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson
Glen Sanderson Leader of Northumberland County Council
Clerk: I Hunter
6 Members of the public

Public Question Time: A member of the public raised concerns about the parking over the junction at The Wynding/ Swinhoe Road, which has been ongoing for over 18 months. The resident concluded by saying he had contacted the police, Northumberland County Council & County Councillor G Renner-Thompson however no action can be taken as there are no double yellow lines or any serious accidents at the location. The Chair reported that this is a police matter, the Parish Council have contacted the police & Northumberland County Council, however, the Parish Council do not support double yellow lines all over Beadnell village. Parish Councillor A Nation stated the vision at the junction is impaired by parking over the junction. Parish Councillor J Rhind advised the meeting that the Police had spoken to the owner of a car which was parking over the junction. Parish Councillors recognised that the police will only take action if an access is blocked and Northumberland County Council will only take action if there were double yellow lines. Parish Councillors agreed to add this to the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

1 member of the public joined the meeting

A member of the public asked if there were any updates on the possible installation of additional street lights on Harbour Road. The Clerk replied that Northumberland County Council Street Lighting Officer is undertaking a site visit this week, using the report and plan provided by Parish Councillor A Baker.

A member of the public raised concerns about the width and speed limit on Swinhoe Road. Parish Councillors agreed they had requested for the 30mph speed limit to be extended to the junction of the B1340, however it was only extended to the end of the current development. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson suggested the Parish Council ask for the speed limit to be extended if there are further planning applications along Swinhoe Road, or the Parish Council could request a speed survey.

1 member of the public left the meeting

Apologies for Absence: None

The Clerk informed the meeting that Parish Councillor M Dawson was on the 6-month limit for non-attendance at Parish Council meetings. Parish Councillors granted Parish Councillor M Dawson leave of absence until the May Parish Council meeting, and agreed the Chair have a conversation with Parish Councillor M Dawson about his intentions ahead of the May meeting.

Parish Councillor J Rhind requested a copy of Parish Councillors attendance record at Parish Council meetings. The Chair agreed to add this to his annual report.

Declaration of Interest: All Parish Councillors declared a personal interest in Planning Application No 22/00557/FUL as Parish Councillor M Dawson is the applicant.

The Vice-Chair declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 19 as she had worked for Citizen's Advice in the past.

Request for Dispensation- None

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th January 2022- Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & Parish Councillor J Rhind seconded that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2022 were a true record of the meeting. This was agreed. The Chair signed a hard copy.

Any urgent matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda-

Min 25/2022- Co-option policy- Parish Councillor C Williamson informed the meeting that a draft policy will be circulated ahead of the Parish Council meeting to be held on 6th April.

Min 26/2022- Rights of way- Parish Councillor C Williamson advised the meeting that Coast Care volunteers had walked the Rights of ways, a request for way markers had been made to Northumberland County Council, which the volunteers will install when they arrive.

Min 27/2022- Meeting with Northumberland County Council Highways Development Management Department- Parish Councillor A Nation asked about the organising of a meeting with the Highways Department, and referred to emails she had circulated on the subject. Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Nation finalise the draft email in relation to parking requirements and circulate to invitees which will include AONB, County Councillor G Renner-Thompson, Parish Councillors and appropriate Northumberland County Council officers. The meeting will be a virtual meeting.

Min 28/2022- Coastal Erosion- Parish Councillor A Nation asked for confirmation that she could invite David Green from Northumberland County Council to the Annual Parish meeting to be held on 4th May and that she could be the lead Parish Councillor. This was confirmed.

The Minutes of the Planning Meetings: Parish Councillors agreed the minutes of the Planning Meetings held on 16th February & 2nd March 2022 were a true record of the meetings. The Chair to sign a hard copy. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson asked that his apologies are not submitted in future as he will not be attending Planning meetings.

Min 29/2022- Glen Sanderson Leader of Northumberland County Council- The Chair welcomed G Sanderson to the Beadnell Parish Council meeting.

G Sanderson provided an update from Northumberland County Council:

- I asked for the offer of a Cabinet member to attend a Parish Council meeting for every Parish Council in the County to be made. I am available if Parish Councils have any issues.
- The Port of Blyth is seeing investment through a car battery plant, which include skill training and available jobs in the Blyth area, anybody in the County will be able to apply for the jobs.
- The new Northumberland line is progressing which will provide 2 trains per hour from the South East of Northumberland into Newcastle.

- The Administration's 2 priorities are support businesses and dealing with equalities. There will be a summit on equalities on 25th March.
- He congratulated staff for their hard work through covid and storm Arwen.
- We are building new leisure centres in Berwick & Morpeth
- We are building car parks in many areas including Berwick & Boulmer, if you would like additional car parking, and can identify land please advise your County Councillor G Renner-Thompson.
- £48m has been allocated for affordable housing. Northumberland County Council will work with partners to deliver affordable housing, and County Councillor G Renner-Thompson continues to raise the issue.
- An extra £2m has been added to the budget for roads.
- Funding has been identified for upgrading public toilets, parks & open spaces.

A discussion was held on the following issues:

- Planning Department and developments/extensions impacting on parking not being recognised by Highways Development Management.
- Pot holes continue to re-occur. G Sanderson replied that we are trying to be more proactive by undertaking more cutting and patching rather than just filling. However, this takes more organising. Parish Councillors complimented the quick reaction to the Northumberland County Council website reporting system.
- Part of the bus route within Beadnell village is not gritted. G Sanderson suggested Parish Councillor J Rhind provide details to County Councillor G Renner-Thompson who will deal with this.
- The Vice-Chair provided an update on how the holiday lets are having an impact on Parish Councils within the AONB, which included local families unable to access housing and businesses struggling to get staff locally. She went on to refer to the Glover report and asked Northumberland County Council to lobby the Government to do the same as Wales and make the change that second homes owners pay 300% Council Tax and the extra funding to be ringfenced for affordable housing and supporting communities, as well as lobby that the properties are available to rent for between 6- 9 months per year. Finally, she referred to a background paper Parish Councillor A Baker and she had been working on. G Sanderson suggested that the Parish Council send the information to him, and cc the MP & County Councillor G Renner-Thompson. Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair lead on this subject. G Sanderson also suggested if the Parish Council identifies land Northumberland County Council will build houses. The Vice-Chair responded to say this will not help with the job vacancies. The Vice-Chair agreed to send G Sanderson a copy of the letter which was received from R Sunak.
- G Sanderson advised the meeting that Northumberland County Council are working with Northumberland College about training courses which could include delivering training in Berwick.
- G Sanderson advised the meeting that he is proposing holding another Coastal Summit.

The Chair thanked Glen Sanderson Leader of Northumberland County Council for attending the Parish Council meeting.

Glen Sanderson Leader of Northumberland County Council left the meeting at that point

Min 30/2022-Community Police- The Clerk read out the following report:

Over the last 28-day period there have been 2 recorded crimes. No incidents of youth ASB reported. Only twenty-five recorded incidents I am unable to give you further specific details. I can confirm however that none of these are relevant or have a wider impact on the community.

Parish Councillor J Rhind referred to “Get Connected” which is a new way of reporting issues to the police and receiving updates. The Clerk advised the meeting the information is on the Parish Council website.

Parish Councillors agreed to invite Sergeant D Budge to the Parish Council meeting to be held on 6th April.

Min 31/2022- County Councillor report- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson provided the following updates:

- The affordable housing in the Kiln development should be completed by Autumn 2022
- A NHP meeting with Northumberland County Council officers will be organised after the meeting with Northumberland County Council Highways Department.
- I will chair a meeting on 11th May which Rob Murfin from Northumberland County Council will be attending. This will be an open meeting and Parish Councillors can attend.
- He explained how Coast Care Trust linked to and worked with AONB & Northumberland County Council.

Min 32/2022- Play Areas-

- Parish Councillor A Nation provided an update on minor repairs.
- Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that the new signage will be installed shortly.
- Parish Councillors ratified the payment of £145.21 to Fantasy Prints for replacement signs.
- The Vice-Chair reported that the public seated which had been gifted to the Parish Council from a family who have purchased a new seat will be installed in Longbeach play area within the next 2 weeks.
- Parish Councillors commented on the fence which has collapsed next to the Longbeach play area, which Northumberland County Council had stated is not their responsibility. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to look into this.

Min 33/2022- Cemetery-

- The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that the sunken grave has now been filled.
- The Vice-Chair reported that she has checked the trees in the Cemetery, there are no issues however, there is some broken wood and small branches on the ground.
- The Vice-Chair asked the Clerk to contact S Ternant for an update on the groundworks which were to take place in the cemetery over the winter, as it appears the works have not been undertaken.

Min 34/2022- Financial Statement

Current Account	£ 15142.58
Savings Account	£ 19343.24

Min 35/2022- Finance:

Receipts

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| • Barclays | £ 0.48 | Interest High Interest A/c |
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Payments made

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| • Fantasy Prints | £ 44.22 | Replacement sign |
| • Town & PC Websites | £ 60.00 | Website- visitor counter |
| • BCV | £ 500.00 | Donation |
| • Fantasy Prints | £ 145.21 | Signage for play area |

Payments due

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| • I Hunter | £ 309.08 | Salary 37 hours @ £ 10.44 per hour |
| • HMRC | £ 77.20 | PAYE |
| • Beadnell WI | £ 36.00 | Room hire |
| • I Hunter | £ 27.97 | Expenses |
| • A Nation | £ 18.40 | Fixings for play area signage |
| • Coast Care Trust | £ 200.00 | Donation |
| • Citizens Advice | £ 50.00 | Donation |

Min 36/2022- Planning Application

22/00557/FUL- Single storey temporary food retail unit (A3 use) with indoor and limited outdoor terrace seating- Land South West Of Sandy Lane Court Bernicia Way Beadnell Northumberland.
Parish Councillors debated the planning application and agreed by a majority vote to support the application.
However, Parish Councillors agreed the following clarifications are required ahead of determination of the application:
1- The definition of temporary
2- Clarification on parking/permissions for parking for this development.

Min 37/2022- Planning Approvals

21/04120/FUL-Demolition of flat roofed extension, replaced with a pitched roof extension and a rear extension with internal staircase- 16 Meadow Lane Beadnell NE67 5AJ

21/02571/ADE-Advertisement consent for Installation of car park management system (ANPR system & 6no pole/wall mounted 800mm x 600mm signs.- Car Park Craster Arms The Wynding Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5AX

21/02384/FUL- Retrospective: Change of Use from residential family annexe to self-contained holiday let- Swinhoe Cottage Swinhoe Chathill Northumberland NE67 5JP

21/02370/FUL-Construction of 2 x Agricultural Storage Buildings and Extension of Livestock Building-Land East Of Brunton Airfield (Tughall Farm) Ellingham

21/03855/CCD- Change to use of car park to area of land to allow individuals to sleep in self-sufficient Motorhomes- Car Park Benthall Beadnell Chathill NE67 5BQ

Min 38/2022- Planning Refusal

21/03848/FUL- Construction of single storey front extension-Beach Lea Bungalow 67 Longstone Park Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5BP

Min 39/2022- Correspondence-

- **NCC-** Northumberland Local Plan update
- **Age Uk-** Information on scam awareness & support programme. The Clerk reported the leaflet is on the website.
- **NCC-** Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans consultation 7/3- 15/4
- **Playlistforlife-** Information on musical teas
- **Green Lane Association-** Countryside access.
- **Resident-** Email train services stopping at Chathill- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor J Rhind contacts the resident, as he is the lead Parish Councillor for public transport
- **NCC-** Motorhome parking update.

Min 40/2022- Seating Area- Parish Councillor C Williamson provided the following verbal update:

It is disappointing that the project which was aimed at tackling loneliness is not going to progress. There was a number of people supporting the project however, there had been a written objection. Northumberland County Council require the Parish Council to sign a Licence Agreement for using their land, however, if Northumberland County Council receives any objections the seating area would need to be removed and the area reinstated. Therefore, this means a seating area in this location cannot be proceeded and similar issues could arise if any proposed location is nearing housing. Parish Councillor C Williamson advised the meeting that the group will continue to look for alternative locations.

Parish Councillor C Williamson thanked members of the group for their help and support, and asked the Clerk to contact the 2 building supply firms thanking them for providing quotes, saying we are not proceeding at the present time.

Min 41/2022- Updates.

- Parish Councillor J Rhind advised the meeting that Arriva are scheduled to recommence the bus route through Beadnell village on a trial basis on 10th April, concluding that he had been in contact with Northumberland County Council Enforcement Officers asking for their support in the hope the trial will be successful.
- The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that the trees on the edge of the B1340 between the cemetery and the corner need attention as there is storm damage, stating that the Tree Officer at Northumberland County Council had agreed to organise works to the trees 2-3 years ago. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to look into this.
- Northumberland Estates are due to comment on the meeting notes by the end of the week.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Vice-Chair draft a response to NALC's request for information from small councils with funding issues i.e., holiday lets/small business rate relief. Parish Councillor A Nation informed the meeting that she would like to make some

comments

The Vice-Chair did not take part in the next agenda item.

Min 42/2022- Donations- Parish Councillors considered requests for donations from the following organisations:

- a) Victim Support
- b) Citizens Advice
- c) Age Uk
- d) Coast Care Trust

Parish Councillors agreed to suspend the grants-donation policy to allow the request from Coast Care Trust to be considered.

Parish Councillor A Baker proposed & Parish Councillor C Williamson seconded the following donations using 2021/22 underspends:

Coast Care Trust £200

Citizens Advice £50.

This was agreed.

Parish Councillors agreed to review the grants-donation policy.

Min 43/2022- AONB

- Parish Councillors considered the Julian Glover report and agreed not to submit any comments.
- Parish Councillors considered the name change for AONB and agreed that the name should remain as AONB.
- Parish Councillor A Nation proposed the Clerk contact AONB to request tourist information posters for the noticeboards. Parish Councillor C Williamson asked for the posters to be sent direct to her.

Min 44/2022- Local networking- The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that the following BCV events will be held over the platinum jubilee weekend:

Treasure hunt, quiz, street party, car boot sale & dog show.

BCV had applied to Northumberland County Council for funding and a road closure for the street party.

She concluded by saying there will be no Northumberland Day BCV events this year.

Min 45/2022- Annual Audit

- Parish Councillors agreed to appoint Mr C Brunt as the Internal Auditor for the 2021/22 Parish Council accounts.
- Parish Councillors undertook the annual review of the Asset Register.
Parish Councillors agreed to add the seat at The Lonnen to the Asset Register for a value of £1 as the Parish Council did not purchase the seat, and remove the bins at the car park.
- Parish Councillors agreed no actions were required to any assets on the Asset Register at the present time

Min 46/2022- Annual Holiday let donation

- Parish Councillors ratified the 2022 letter

- Parish Councillors ratified the printing and distribution of the letter
- Parish Councillor A Nation asked if static caravan owners are to receive an adapted letter.
Parish Councillors agreed not to send letters to static caravan owners.

Min 47/2022- Highways- Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Baker obtain costs for creating a footpath to Swinhoe, as well as check landownership.
The Vice-Chair reported again that the white lines at the Wynding/Craster Arms area have still not been repainted. Also, there is section of yellow lines missing at Beadnell House.
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to look into this issue.
Parish Councillor J Rhind advised the meeting that he had been in contact with Northumberland County Council in relation to the crossroads at Swinhoe following the recent accident.
Parish Councillors queried the landownership of the wooden fence at Tughall.

Any Other Urgent Business- None

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held on 6th April 2022 at 6pm

Chair_____Date_____