

**MINUTES OF THE BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 24th July 2024 at 6pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall**

Present: Chair- G Martindale, Vice-Chair J Hall
Parish Councillors: A Baker, C Williamson, & A Nation
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson
Clerk: I Hunter
3 Members of the public

Public Question Time: None

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillor J Darcy

Declaration of Interest: The Vice-Chair declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Agenda item No 27 – discussion on donations from static caravan owners.

Request for Dispensation- None.

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

Min 74/2024 (Min 64/2024)- Local Issues- The Vice-Chair advised the meeting that Northumberland Coast National Landscape are interested in helping with the Bronze Age stone cist on Harbour Road project. Also, St Ebba's Church PCC are awaiting a quote from a Stonemason for the repairs to the fishermen memorial stone cross

The Minutes of the Planning Meetings: Parish Councillors agreed the minutes of the Planning Meetings held on 12th & 26th June 2024 were a true record of the meetings. The Chair signed the hard copies.

Min 75/2024-Community Police- The Clerk read out the following report:

Incidents and crimes –

There is one crime of note whereby a report was made on 13th July regarding the theft of a dinghy from Beadnell Sailing Club. There are no crimes of note that we are able, to report on during the last eight weeks. The number of crimes that have been recorded is extremely low.

Community Issues –

ASB: There has been no youth ASB reported to Police. There has been no disorder reported by local pubs.

Community Engagement –

High visibility patrols are made in the area.

Min 76/2024- County Councillor report- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson gave the following verbal updates:

- The road from Preston to Ellingham had been resurfaced.
- I am now a Northumberland County Council representative on the Northumberland Coast National Landscape Committee.

Parish Councillor A Nation asked the following questions:

- As the RAMP funding for the improvements to the footpath from Beadnell to Seahouses had not been successful is there any updates on the repairs to the footpath.
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied improvements to the footpath are in hand.
- As Northumberland now has an Elected Mayor and a new MP would they willing to attend a meeting to meet Parish Councillors & members of the public.
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied that it would be up to the Elected Mayor & new MP to confirm if they will attend Parish Council meetings.

Min 77/2024- North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan

- Parish Councillors considered and accepted the previously circulated revised terms of Reference for the Steering Group.
- Parish Councillors confirmed that Beadnell Parish Council will have 3 members on the Steering Group: The Vice-Chair, Parish Councillors A Nation & J Darcy.
- Parish Councillor A Nation asked the Vice-Chair if there were any updates on the parking consultation in Beadnell. The Vice-Chair replied that she had no updates, however we need to know what and where the issues are, as well as having the evidence of the issues. The Vice-Chair agreed to consider how the Parish Council could undertake local engagement to gather evidence.

Min 78/2024- Northumberland Coast National Landscape- The Vice-Chair provided the following update from the recent partnership meeting:

- Parish Councillors A Nation & J Darcy joined the meeting virtually.
 - The aims of the partnership are changing nationally, there will be more focus on rewilding & wildlife.
 - There will be a review of the make up of the partnership & management plan, which will include a major change in the terms of the appointment of members.
 - A scoping report will be available in the autumn.
 - The partnership is currently more focused on the Defra funding at the present time.
 - Coast Care (The Conservation Team) are currently not taking on any more volunteers.
- The Vice-Chair also provided the following updates.
- An application had been submitted for the undergrounding of the power cables for the remainder of Harbour Road.
 - The buses in the Northumberland Coast National Landscape area are still working on a winter timetable, and the possibility of a 6-week hourly service for the school holidays had not been successful.

Min 79/2024- Parish Council Policies-

- Parish Councillors considered and agreed to adopt the previously circulated latest version of the Code of Conduct provided by NALC.
- Parish Councillors considered signing the civility & respect pledge provided by NALC. Parish Councillors agreed by a majority vote not to sign the pledge as the Code of Conduct covers civility & respect. Parish Councillor A Nation abstained.
- Parish Councillors reviewed the full Planning Meeting Policy and agreed the only amendment is to remove the sentence where the Parish Council asks the County Councillor to call the planning application into committee.
- Parish Councillors agreed to defer the consideration of any additional grass cuts for 2024 until the September meeting.
- Parish Councillors agreed to consider the content of the 2025/27 grass cutting tender at the September meeting.
- Parish Councillors agreed not to accept the 2 requests for plaques to be placed on memorial benches. Parish Councillors confirmed that the only plaques to be placed on memorial benches will be from the family purchasing the memorial bench. The Vice-Chair agreed to update the 2 people who made the requests for a plaque on the memorial benches.
Parish Councillors also, agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council Footpath Officer and the Manager of Northumberland Coast National Landscape and ask for the plaques to be removed from the Long Nanny Bridge.

Min 80/2024- Planning Applications

- 24/01923/REM- Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for erection of one dwelling and detached garage on approved planning application 20/00366/OUT- Land to The Rear Of 126 - 132 Harbour Road Beadnell Chathill NE67 5BL. Parish Councillors consider this planning application and agreed to submit no comments.
- 24/02120/FUL- Proposed conservatory to the rear and timber shed in rear garden- 17 Coble Way The Kilns Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5EP. Parish Councillors consider this planning application and agreed to submit no comments
- 24/02161/FUL- To remove old conservatory and replace with single storey kitchen extension- 16 The Haven Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5AW. Parish Councillors consider this planning application and agreed to submit no objections.

Min 81/2024- Planning Approvals

- 24/00929/FUL- Proposed rear single storey extension- 43 Longstone Park Beadnell NE67 5BP
- 24/00752/FUL- Retrospective - Installation of a 1.38m high boundary fence- Beach Lea Bungalow 67 Longstone Park Beadnell NE67 5BP
- 24/00981/FUL- New single storey outbuilding with pitched roof and solar PV- 4 Fleetham Mill West Fleetham Chathill Northumberland NE67 5JS

24/01651/VARYCO-Variation of condition 2(Approved Plans) on approved application
20/00907/FUL in order to re-site the proposed Garage and add a small oil tank
with larch screening- 118 Torwoodlee Harbour Road Beadnell NE67 5BH

Min 82/2024- Planning Refusal

24/00755/FUL- Demolition of an existing outbuilding and creation of new (self-build/Custom Build) ancillary accommodation and construction of a new garage and stables building- Hillcrest Cottage Hillcrest Track West Fleetham NE67 5JX

Min 83/2024- Play Areas.

- Parish Councillors considered the previously circulated annual ROSPA reports, and action grids, confirming that there were no red flags on any of the play equipment.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact the local volunteer and ask them to undertake amendments to the gate at the Meadow Lane entrance to the play area, as per the suggestion of the ROSPA Inspector.
Parish Councillors agreed to delegate a £50 budget to Parish Councillor A Nation to cover any expenditure which may be required to adjust the gate.
- Parish Councillors agreed the payment of £266.40 to Playsafety for the Annual ROSPA inspection.
- Parish Councillors agreed the meeting with the ROSPA Inspector was value for money.
- The Vice-Chair provided the following updates from the Working Group- Re replacement of play equipment.
 - 1- The members of the working group had met with 1 play provider to ascertain what options are possible.
 - 2- The working group will circulate the costed options once the quotes from the 2 play providers are received. However, this is only a guidance as we are looking at possibly having to raise over £150K + VAT, as this is what it has cost other local Parish Councils recently.
 - 3- The working group has received 78 responses to the consultation so far, which includes speaking to people attending recent events at the Bullring.
 - 4- Parish Councillor J Darcy will write the specification for the play providers, as well as the business plan & funding requirements documents.
 - 5- The business plan and funding requirements documents will be considered at the September meetingParish Councillor A Nation asked for the 2 quotes and the 78 responses to be circulated to all Parish Councillors for their consideration.

Min 84/2024- Cemetery-

- Parish Councillors considered and agreed the proposals for the headstones for Plots N46 & 658.
- Parish Councillors reviewed the height of memorials within the Parish Council policy and agreed not to make any changes.
- Parish Councillors agreed to ask the local farmer to remove the spoil heap in the cemetery once the crop had been harvested at the rear of the cemetery.

Min 85/2024- Financial Statement

Current Account £ 12905.97

Savings Account £ 19692.25

Min 86/2024- Finance:

Receipts

• Donations	£ 360.00	2 nd Home owners
• Barclays Bank	£ 73.37	Savings A/c- Interest
• A Haile	£ 150.00	Plot 678B – 2 nd Interment.

Payments made

• I Hunter	£ 39.22	Training- Parish Councillor A Nation
• S Ternent	£ 720.00	Grass cutting

Payments due

• I Hunter	£ 417.34	Salary 38 hours @ £ 13.73 per hour
• HMRC	£ 104.40	PAYE
• I Hunter	£ 7.10	Expenses
• Beadnell WI	£ 36.00	Room hire
• Playsafety Ltd	£ 266.40	Play Areas- Annual ROSPA Inspection
• S Ternent	£ 720.00	Grass cutting

Min 87/2024- Updates

Parish Councillors received updates on the following items and considered any actions:

- a) **Cost for the replacement plaques for memorial benches-** Parish Councillor A Baker advised the meeting that he had received 1 quote of £50 per plaque, and proposed this agenda item to be deferred to the January meeting. This was agreed.
- b) **Outflow at the seawall on Harbour Road-** Parish Councillors considered the responses received. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to investigate the issue. Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk forward the responses received onto County Councillor G Renner-Thompson for information.
- c) **Bus stop & timetable issues-** Parish Councillors agreed most issues had been resolved, however, the missing timetable box at the bus shelter at The Haven had to date not been replaced, as Northumberland County Council are awaiting the delivery of new timetable boxes. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to ask Northumberland County Council Officers for an update.
- d) **Chathill rail services & link bus service.** County Councillor G Renner-Thompson advised the meeting that there are no updates, however, the local resident who is leading on this project had been in contact with the Elected Mayor, and is awaiting an update. An update on the link bus service may be available shortly.
- e) **Installation of cycle stands.** The Chair reported there was no progress, however, he would chase this up with the local business owner who had offered to help install the stands.

Min 88/2024- Local Issues-

- Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that she would circulate her report in regards to the VG49/ Church area and surrounding unadopted roads, ahead of the September meeting.

- Parish Councillor A Nation & the Vice-Chair raised concerns about the unauthorised tree planting at the VG49/Church area, south of the church near telegraph pole. Parish Councillors agreed the trees were to be removed, stating trees should not be planted in this area without consulting the Parish Council.
- Parish Councillor A Nation provided a summary of the ongoing situation Re local drainage issues and sewage leakages and the correspondence with NWL. Parish Councillor A Nation proposed sending an email to NWL as the virtual meeting had been delayed. Parish Councillors agreed by a majority that Parish Councillor A Nation draft an email to NWL in respect of the temporary pumping out of the surface water in the Bernicia Way pond into Beadnell Bay - requesting an alternative route to going through the car park and shortening of the proposed pumping out period to the quieter times of the year. Parish Councillor A Baker voted against sending an email to NWL. Parish Councillor A Nation proposed contacting The National Trust about the ongoing situation. Parish Councillors agreed not to update The National Trust until the Parish Council had attended a virtual meeting with NWL.

Min 89/2024- Bullring- VG55- Parish Councillors considered the report prepared by Parish Councillor A Baker in relation to costs involved in managing the Bullring- VG55. The Vice-Chair proposed and the Chair seconded not to proceed with this project at the present time as the Parish Council is currently investigating replacing play equipment, and this project be reconsidered once the replacing of the play equipment project is completed.

Min 90/2024- Highways/ Rights of Way

- Parish Councillors received an update that the Parish Council's requests for drop kerbs are on the list and will be installed when funding is available.
- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson advised the meeting that the installation of double yellow lines at The Wynding is with Northumberland County Council Legal Department.
- Parish Councillor C Williamson advised the meeting that Coast Care (The Conservation Team) are behind schedule with the annual review of the Rights of Ways & Public footpaths within the parish for 2024, and that they are following guidance.
- Parish Councillor A Baker asked the Clerk to contact Northumberland County Council Neighbourhood Services to ask them to ensure the weeds on the footpath from Beadnell to Swinhoe are sprayed.

Min 91/2024- Local Transport Plan 2025/26

- Parish Councillors considered the feedback from Northumberland County Council on the Parish Council's 3 priorities for 2024/25.
- Parish Councillors agreed to agree the Parish Council's final list of 3 priorities for 2025/26 at the September meeting. However, Parish Councillors initial thoughts are works at the Swinhoe crossroads, resurfacing of the following roads: The Wynding & from Beadnell Hall to The Haven.

Min 92/2024- Northumberland County Council Polling District and Polling Places statutory review-
Parish Councillors agreed not to respond to the current review as there are no proposed

changes within Beadnell Parish.

Min 93/2024- Parish Council business

- Parish Councillors ratified the payment of £39.22 to the Clerk for booking a place for Parish Councillor A Nation on a NALC training session.
- Parish Councillor A Nation proposed in the interests of transparency the Parish Council annually compiles a Parish Councillor attendance record at meetings for the previous year. Parish Councillors agreed by a majority vote not to compile and issue a Parish Councillor attendance record, as all the details are available in the minutes which are published on the Parish Council website.
- Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk only invite the applicants & agents of planning applications to the Parish Council meeting if their email address is available on Northumberland County Council Planning Portal.
- Parish Councillors agreed by a majority vote that the Parish Council will report planning enforcement issues to Northumberland County Council Enforcement Department on a case-by-case basis.
- Parish Councillor A Nation requested that the Parish Council considered reviewing sum insured figure on the Parish Council Insurance policy in relation to the Cemetery gates and wall. Parish Councillors by a majority vote agreed not to progress the request as the Insurance values etc were considered at the May meeting whilst considering the annual insurance premium.

Min 94/2024- Correspondence

- **Resident-** Emails- Swinhoe crossroads. Parish Councillors noted the emails, thanking the resident for his work on the subject, and agreed works are identified in the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan.
- **NNVF-** Email- request for nominations for the 2024 North Northumberland Voluntary Forum Annual Voluntary and Community Awards. Parish Councillors agreed not to submit a nomination.
- **Alnwick Macular Society Support Group-** Email- Requesting publicity. Parish Councillors agreed not to progress the request.
- **Adderstone with Lucker PC-** Email- Reply from Lloyds Bank re bank closure in Alnwick. Parish Councillors noted the email.
- **Resident-** Copy of email to County Councillor G Renner-Thompson- Overnight parking on Harbour Road. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson advised the meeting that there are No overnight parking restrictions for the area in question, however, he will investigate what options are available.

Min 95/2024- Community projects-

- Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that the Seahouses Development Trust MUGA project is underway, and should be finished in September. The facility can be accessed by anybody through a booking system.
- Parish Councillor A Nation suggested that there is possibly a need for a community bus referring to her previously circulated report to Seahouses Development Trust trustees. She concluded by saying Seahouses Development Trust may be the appropriate organisation to take the lead on this project.

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- Parish Councillor A Nation asked County Councillor G Renner-Thompson if Northumberland County Council had made any decisions about the possible use of the additional Council Tax from 2nd homes in 2025, as well as exemptions and discretions. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied that Northumberland County Council had made no decisions at the present time.

Any Other Urgent Business- None

The date of the next meeting 25th September 2024 at 6pm

Chair_____Date_____