



KYLOE PARISH NEWS

Summer 2017

COUNCILLORS: the following were returned unopposed at the recent elections

Mr. J. Hutchinson: Chairman

Mr. S. Biglands: Vice-Chairman

Miss E. Haigh

Mrs. M Murray

Mr. J. Yeaman

Mr. C. Wakeling (Berrington Ward): Newsletter / Website

Councillor Declarations of Interest are available on the County Council website

Following on from this, there is a **VACANCY** for one Councillor to represent the Kyloe Ward. If you are interested in taking on this rewarding position, please let our Clerk, **Sheila Henderson**, know

MEETINGS



Meetings are normally held in Lowick Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend, and address, any meeting. If you wish to speak it is helpful if you can let the Clerk know beforehand.

Meeting agendas and minutes can be accessed on the Parish website

www.northumberlandparishes.uk/kyloe

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday, 19th September.

Further meetings are scheduled for:

12th December

6th February, 2018

8th May, 2018 (starting at 7 pm: AGM, followed by business meeting)

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A1: The Highways Agency has been working since 2014 on plans to upgrade the stretch of the A1 north of Ellingham, where proposed dualling will end. At short notice our Clerk organised a well-attended and lively meeting in Lowick with representatives of the Highways Agency.

Your Parish Council's concerns relate to:

- The provision of mini overtaking lanes north & south of the Fenwick junction, and the remodelling of the junction;
- Bus stopping provision and access / crossing facilities for pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists;
- Access for farm traffic.

These points were re-emphasised at the meeting. Increased pupil travel to & from the Duchess School at Alwick was raised as another area of concern. The overtaking lanes would be protected, apparently, only by solid white lines and red chevrons. We have been promised sight of the Safety Audit which will inform final designs. The team hoped to complete the next stage of the design process within 9 months.

A roundabout at the Holy Island junction was ruled out on grounds of cost and accident statistics.

The meeting received a verbal assurance that the Highways Authority would provide and maintain new bus shelters on both sides of the road following remodelling of the Fenwick junction*, but no promise was given about lighting it. Councillor Hutchinson, our Chair, commented that a lot of money was being spent on making this junction a lot more dangerous!

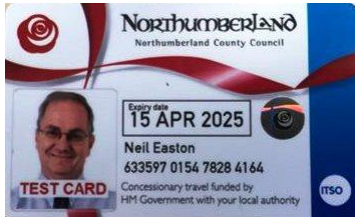
**We have received a copy of the draft plan for the junction. If you would like a copy please e-mail Colin Wakeling, but please note that the planned layout may change – at the moment, for instance, the plan shows both bus stops located at the start of the overtaking lanes!*

Lindisfarne Festival (31st August to 4th September). Press releases suggest that this year's Festival is 'bigger' than hitherto. The site will be open from 9 am on Thursday 31st to 12 noon on Monday 4th. Acts are licensed to continue until 1am on Friday, and 4 am on Saturday and Sunday mornings.



Neither ourselves, nor Holy Island Parish Council, are consulted about the granting of a licence. The local community is not regarded as a consultee! We hope Festival attendees have a positive experience, but equally that their enjoyment does not unreasonably impinge on local residents' amenity.

Please let us know about any issues which arise



Concessionary Bus Passes: At one time these were renewed automatically. No longer! The Council claims this is to avoid distress if passes are sent out to deceased users; cynics spy a money saving wheeze. Anyway, when your pass is due for renewal you will

have to take it to your nearest Council Contact Centre – in Berwick Library or Greenwell Lane, Alnwick.

Superfast Broadband: iNorthumberland (www.inorthumberland.org.uk) expect that by the end of 2018 West Kylee, West Mains, Fenwick Granary and Fenwick Steads will also be able to access Superfast Broadband.

Jayne Watson of Bowsden Moor is investigating the possibility of making a Community Fibre Partnership application to enable BT to consider the feasibility of bringing Superfast Broadband to areas, including Berrington, served by the Ancroft exchange. She may have contacted you already (if you haven't done so, **please respond, even if negatively – it will help her gauge demand**), but if you haven't been contacted, or you want more information, please get in touch with her by e-mail:



jayne@bowsdenmoor.co.uk

This will not commit you to any additional outlay.



464 Bus Service (Wooler to Berwick via Lowick): As a result of re-tendering, Borders Buses will replace Glen Valley as the operators of this service from 4th September. Apart from the school runs, journeys from Wooler are scheduled to leave an hour later than at present, with the last journey from Berwick running half an hour earlier.

We see this as a serious reduction to a service valued by the communities it serves (in our case Berrington). The first journey concession card holders will be able to use without charge will, from September, not get them into Berwick until 11 am, severely restricting onward travel opportunities.

For this reason we have strongly objected to the proposed changes which seem to suit operator rather than passenger convenience. We have received support from Wooler, Lowick and Bowsden Councils, as well as our County Councillors, Roderick Lawrie and Anthony Murray (Glendale). We are continuing to lobby to reverse this change. Please let us know if you use this service and the effect the changes will have on you.

Neighbourhood planning

Neighbourhood Plan: The change in political control of the County Council has resulted in the withdrawal for amendment of the County's Core Strategy, which was due to undergo public examination this summer.

This increases the potential importance of the Neighbourhood Plan for Norham & Islandshires. A long delayed draft document outlining issues was discussed at a meeting on 31st July. After fruitful debate, next steps in the process have been identified, with work on a statement of aims and objectives, and a vision for the area, being progressed with a welcome degree of urgency.

[More information from Colin Wakeling](#)

Village Hall Sale: Arrangements are in hand to re-locate to Lowick Parish Church, and rededicate, the **War Memorials** removed from Fenwick Village Hall

Net proceeds from the sale of the Hall have been placed under the management of the Community Foundation, where match funding increased their value by 50%. The fund, known as the **Capt. C.D. Leyland Fund** is 'open for business'. Its object is to "support the residents of Kyloe and Fenwick" and aims to make grants in aid of worthy causes within the Parish.

Further information: www.communityfoundation.org.uk



Parish Website: (www.northumberlandparishes.uk/kyloe) The site is 'up and running' but still 'a work in progress', the Home Page illustration, for instance, is due to be replaced by a more representative one. The site is not over complex and is designed to be easily accessible and help our community understand the work of the Council.



Dates of meetings, agendas and minutes are posted on the website. Planning applications affecting the Parish are listed under 'News', and can also be accessed via the County Council's website.

We have started to list non-commercial / voluntary organisations operating in the Parish. If you are responsible for such an organisation and would like us to post a link to your website, please get in touch with Colin Wakeling.

We are also considering a similar facility for businesses based in the Parish. If this might be of interest please let us know. We are keen to encourage economic activity in the Parish but we would obviously emphasise that a listing does not indicate any form of endorsement.