Minutes for the Meeting of Embleton Parish Council

Monday 28th November 2016 at 7.30pm

Creighton Hall, Embleton

Chairman: Terry Howells

Present: Raymond Carss, Neville Fawcett, Gordon Coxon, David Morgan, John Young, Georgina Armstrong, Richard Manners

Clerk: Melissa Gilroy

346. Declaration of interests: None to declare

347. Apologies: Adam Moody, Ray Imeson, Cllr Kate Cairns

348. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting
The Minutes of the 24th October 2016 were agreed as a true record.

349. Matters arising from minutes of last meeting

- **Christon Bank Stone Planters.** Councillors have been requested to recommend any alternative builders that have the required Public Liability Insurance to complete the project.

- **Local Footpath Guide.** Ongoing. Cllr Young to present leaflet at the January Parish Council (PC) Meeting. Embleton Parish Council (EPC) have access to OS Maps for use in the leaflet, the aim to is to have the leaflet printed ready for spring time.

- **Parish Notice Board – Christon Bank.** Cllr Young has agreed to mend and tidy up the current notice board.

- **Bolton Terrace.** The Chairman and Clerk drafted up the lease agreement for the land at Bolton Terrace. Councillors agreed the content of the lease at the meeting. Lease agreement to commence on 1st January 2017 for the term of 5 years at £300 per annum. Clerk to contact Mr G Cowley to sign and return the lease agreement and organise the payment of the 1st year rent.

- **Toilet Sign – Sea Lane.** The sign at the top of Sea Lane directing the public down towards the toilets at the Golf Club has been removed by Northumberland County Council (NCC) at the request of Dr P Gilbert. The Golf Club is included within the ‘You’re Welcome’ scheme run by NCC, however the Golf Club are not required to have any additional signage other than a window sticker / sign.

350. County Councillor’s Report

- **Post Minute Note.** Cllr Cairns sent her apologies for the meeting but in a post meeting note would like to update the PC that she has meet with the current owner of the pig farm at Dunstan Steads and can report that he is eager to solve any concerns raised by residents or would be happy to attend a PC meeting. Cllr Cairns has also requested any information from Councillors on existing youth resources in Embleton (if any). Clerk to respond.

351. Christmas Tree Lights. The Christmas tree and lights on Embleton village green are being organised by Cllr Imeson and Cllr Carss with Tom and Judy Turnbull kindly donating a Christmas tree. The PC agreed to purchase any additional Christmas lights that are required. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the Turnbolls for their donation. Embleton Bonfire Night was also discussed by the Councillors, the Chairman agreed
to contact Cllr Moody regarding the PC’s contribution towards the firework display. In Christon Bank, Cllr Young reported that £300 has been raised by the businesses and residents of the village to buy Christmas lights for a tree that will be donated by Mark Bridgeman. This will be positioned on the village green opposite the shop. Lights have been purchased and the remaining funds will be spent on spring bulbs for the grass verges.

352. **Speeding in Christon Bank & Traffic Calming.** Speeding in Christon Bank has been added to the list of priorities for the Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Embleton Parish in 2017-18. NCC have agreed to arrange a speed survey within the village. Speeding to be surveyed at three points within the village:
   1) North entry point on the B1340 opposite The Steadings
   2) East exit point on the B1340 opposite Horsley Place
   3) Mid village point on the B6347 beside 30 The Village
   A date for the assessment is to be confirmed.

353. **Public Spaces Protection Consultation on Dog Control.** Cllr Cairns requested feedback from the PC on her proposal for a county wide charter for an expanded public protection order on the control of dogs. The charter could include the licensing of dog walkers and restrictions on dogs running free on beaches The Councillors discussed the possibility of such an order and agreed that they would not support it. Chairman to feedback to Cllr Cairns.

354. **Neighbourhood Plan.** The Clerk contacted Peter Rutherford to organise a public meeting to begin the process of compiling a Neighbourhood Plan for the Embleton Parish. The agreed date for the meeting is Monday 16th January commencing at 6:30pm for Parish Councillors and 7:15pm for members of the public. Posters to publicise the event and a note in the NET is to be circulated closer to the time, Clerk to action.

355. **Signing of Precept for 2017-18.** Councillors all agreed the precept proposal for 2017-18, the precept request form was signed at the meeting.

356. **Creighton Place Development.**
   - **Sport & Play Facility Funding.** The Playpark, Football, Cricket Club have all applied for funding. The Bowls Club are planning on applying for some of the remaining £900. Cllr Coxon to contact the club to remind them of the full amount available.
   - **Station Road Access.** Ongoing - no further actions. Due to be closed in January 2017.

357. **Quarry Development Update.** The Task Force (Chairman, Cllr Moody, Cllr Fawcett and Cllr Young) met to progress the completion of a Community Asset Transfer application form for the Quarry site. To complete the form a formal risk assessment is required of the site, at present no such assessment has been completed. Chairman to action. The Clerk investigated the annual cost of Public Liability Insurance for the Quarry site and obtained a quote from Zurich for £85 per annum.

358. **Meeting Reports**
   - **Area Committee North – 14th November, St James, Pottergate, Alnwick.** Cllr Morgan attended the meeting on behalf of EPC. Items discussed at the meeting included a review of the Summer Grounds Maintenance Programme, Salt Bins (PC’s may request that these are filled up by NCC for a charge), Gritting Route review and the Improvement Programme for the A1 north of Ellingham and Morpeth to Ellingham. Cllr Morgan circulated the briefing documents associated with the A1 Improvement Programme to Councillors for review. The next Area Committee North Meeting is on 9th January at Longframlington. Cllr Morgan to attend.
   - **Forthcoming Meetings.** Chairman to attend the Local Services Liaison Meeting on Thursday 15th December at Rennington Village Hall.
359. **Emails Received.**

- **Missing Sign Whinstone View.** NCC have installed the sign at Whinstone View.
- **Consultation on further major modifications to the Core Strategy Pre Submission Draft.** No comments to report.
- **Road to Dunstan Steads.** The Chairman read a letter from the Dunstan Steads Management Committee regarding a 20mph speed restriction and formal passing places on the road leading towards Dunstan Steads. The Councillors discussed the Committee concerns and agreed to contact NCC to add the two requests to the LTP for Embleton Parish for 2017-18. Clerk to action.
- **NALC – Councillor Training.** With PC elections in May 2017 it was agreed that no Councillors would require training at this time.
- **Code of Conduct.** NALC circulated a consultation on possible changes to the model code of conduct for PC’s. The Councillors discussed the revised model and agreed that EPC had no objections to the proposed changes. Clerk to feedback to NALC.
- **Station Yard Sewage.** Cllr Young reported that during the heavy rain on Monday 21st November the main sewer in Station Yard, Christon Bank was backed up so much that a resident had to take evasive action and block the manhole next to their property to stop the sewage overflowing into his property. This happens when there is a heavy storm as the sewage system can't cope with both the storm water and the sewage. The resident has had a meeting with the Water Board, to discuss the situation.

360. **Financial Matters.**

- **Account Balance** £21,593.31 @ 30/10/2016

  - Spent & Received since 24/10/16
    - Clerk Wages & Expenses - £239.96 (Sept 16)
    - Methodist Church – Room Hire - £10.00
    - Fantasy Prints (seven signs) - £824.52
    - Clerk Expense – Printer Ink - £27.43

- **Cheques required**
  - Playpark Insurance - £1028.07
  - Terry Howells (Expenses) - £45.88
  - Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - £19.00
  - Clerk Wages & Expenses (October 2016) - £299.79
  - Creighton Hall Hire - £12.50
  - Broxap (Small Dog Bin) - £96.00
  - Glasdon (Large Dog Bin and Lid) - £525.62

361. **Planning Matters**

- **16/03510/FUL.** Erection of 13 dwellings. Land North of Horsley Place, Christon Bank, Alnwick, Northumberland. Mr G Grahamslaw

  The expiry date for comment on the planning application was 31st October 2016. Since this time the responsible planning officer has requested further information from the applicant on flooding, highway requirements, site layout as well as an ecological habitats assessment. Once this information has been received by NCC they will then re-consult on the application. Cllr Kate Cairns has recommended that a public meeting should wait until the Parish Council and Christon Bank residents have this new information available to them to allow the best use of everyone’s time. Due to the nature of the information requested, this may take some time.

362. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting.** None
363. **Time, Date and Venue of next meeting**

- The next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd January 2016 at 7:00pm in Methodist Church Meeting Room, Christon Bank.