

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KYLOE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2017 IN LOWICK VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

PRESENT: Vice -Chair: Mr S Biglands
P. Cllrs: Mr C Wakeling, Mr J Yeaman, Miss E Haigh, Mrs M Murray.

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs S Henderson, Clerk to Parish

Apologies: Chairman Mr J Hutchinson

Vice - Chairman Mr S Biglands welcomed everyone to the meeting.

An amendment to the 7 May 2017 meeting minutes under AOB should read: Mr Wakeling reported that he had resigned as Chairman of the Norham & Islandshire Parish Association Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, but will stay on as a member of the Group.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then proposed as a true record by Mrs M Murray, seconded by Miss E Haigh and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

A1 Improvements – meeting with Highways took place on Monday 3 July 2017 in Lowick Village Hall. Approx: 32 local residents attended but unfortunately no hauliers. Lowick Silos (Frontier) was represented and an email from Coastal Grains had been received highlighting the large number of westbound wagons etc which travel to and from their silos at Belford.

Highways England were represented by Emily Waterfall with Senior Highways England Project Manager Tsuwun Bevan, Highways England Project Manager Nanette Hoyle, and Peter Farrer attending from their design team at Jacobs consultants.

Mr S Biglands stated that he had asked Peter Farrer at the meeting ‘what happens if the road gets dualled’ the reply being ‘all will be done again’.

Chairman Mr J Hutchinson stated ‘The 20 million cost for this scheme will be spent on making this junction a lot more dangerous’

A draft of the minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to all cllrs. for any additions and amendmends.

War Memorial – J D Reavley has given us a guide price for the war memorial taken out of Fenwick Village Hall to be installed into Lowick Parish Church. Until work begins it will not be known if the wall is sound enough to support the memorial, whether plaster and lats fall off during the work and whether the steelwork required will be reasonably simple

Village Hall Account - Mrs Henderson produced invoices from Railtons. Monies from them for the items from the village hall will be forwarded with our costs already taken off. Mrs Murray was sure some monies had already gone directly into the account. She will check the figures and then liaise with Mrs Henderson with regard to transferring the money and closing the village hall account.

Community Foundation Fund – Paperwork received back with Jon Goodwin named as our contact for managing the fund. He will be in touch to make introductions and discuss the next steps. Mr Biglands, as our first contact on the fund will make contact with him to enquire what we need to be doing with regard to letting residents of the parish know about the fund and the availability of grants. Mrs Murray had mentioned it to a few people during the elections and Mr Wakeling can do a regular feature on it for the newsletters.

Website - Mr Colin Wakeling reported that the Transparency Fund should be spent by the end of the financial year. Some can be used for any travelling costs involved with training, but the

bulk will be used for a laptop, printer and software for running the website. He will look into costs and report back.

The introduction of the Parish is now on the website along with draft minutes which can now become agreed minutes, We still need a photo on the front and he suggested one of Kyloe Hills and that he will contact Mr Leyland about one which is on their website.

CORRESPONDENCE

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

- Norham and Islandshire Neighbourhood plan – draft copy. Mrs Henderson will forward a copy to everyone with any comments sent directly to Mr Wakeling prior to next N& I meeting of 31 July 2017
- Updating County Council's contact details for the Chairs of local councils. Will only be used by NCC for communication purposes and will not be publicly accessible
- Community Regeneration Team contact following the creation of new Local Area Councils (LACs) The team is headed by Tony Kirsop with our contact (North Northumberland LAC) being Iain Hedley
- Fire & Rescue Plan 2017 – 2021 – Formal consultation will commence Monday 10 July and concludes Friday 1 September 2017. Draft plan and consultation survey can be found at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NFRplan>
- The Green Dog Walkers Responsible Dog Ownership Campaign – focuses on the issues of dog fouling and responsible dog ownership
- Local Transport Plan Programme 2018-2019 – request for our top three highways and transport priority issues so they can be considered for inclusion in the LTP Programme 2018 – 19. To be received by 30 September 2017 Top three priorities will be Street Lighting from Fenwick to A1, Traffic Calming in Fenwick, Convex Safety Mirror, for improved visibility at Berrington Road End.

EDF-ER BARMOOR WIND FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

- Applications for consideration at the October 2017 meeting must be submitted by 21 August 2017

JOHN BRODIE - is a resident in Fenwick (Old Forge) and over the past 4 years he has been in contact with the County Council three times with concerns regarding speeding through the village and has got nowhere - asking for our help. The Cllrs agreed that we will contact Highways and agree speed through village is not acceptable on the grounds that:

- It is a cycle route, very often with large groups
- St Cuthberts walk is active through the village
- Village residents are mainly elderly
- Parking either side of the road with the footpath regularly blocked by parked vehicles at the Manor House

DAVID HUTCHINS - is a resident in Fenwick (The Rowans) and has suggested that the redundant BT telephone box in the village could be converted into a defibrillator store which can be accessed by the general public in an emergency – will reply and explain we had previously asked that the phone box should remain because:

- It is on a popular cycling route
- It is on St Cuthbert's Way
- It is close to the A1
- Although it may have low usage, this could be by the elderly and less well off people in the village - not everyone has a mobile phone
- Mobile reception is unreliable
- It is still an important facility in case of emergencies

It seems there has been no decision made yet

RUPERT WAILES-FAIRBAIRN – has asked for our endorsement with his appeal for the alleged public bridleway number 32 – Parish of Kyloe. The clerk contacted him and asked for something on paper as she was unsure of the wording required as it would need to go to the next

PC meeting. Mr Wailes–Fairbairn will ask Guy Sampson at Savills to send a suitable paragraph since they have gone into the research over the last 2 centuries. Mr Wakeling had arranged to meet Mr Wailes-Fairbairn to have a site visit. He reported that there was a track which had led to old limestone workings and between the ponds which had originally been quarries before going diagonally to the road where the gate is and he was in total agreement with the appeal stating:

- Agricultural disturbance because of bridleway (c 2>3 metres) diagonally bisecting field & increasing restriction on chemical use for necessary clearing of a track;
- Wildlife disturbance;
- Dangerous exit from proposed bridleway onto B6525;
- Nothing meaningful added to existing rights of way in area.

After discussion it was agreed we would send a letter objecting to the proposed bridleway.

BEAL SHORE CAR PARK

This has been highlighted by Holy Island Parish Council:

The understanding of Holy Island Parish Council regarding the current position of the Beal Shore Car Park is detailed below and following our own observations and concerns expressed to us by residents and visitors, although the car park is just outside our parish being part of Kyloe, we feel we have a responsibility to express our view that if the car park remains closed particularly during the busy holiday season just starting then there is a real risk of a serious and possibly tragic accident occurring on the road outside the car park.

The car park has been administered by Natural England on land leased from the land owner Rodney Smith. The lease has expired resulting in the car park being closed. A new lease is being negotiated between the agents of Mr Smith and Natural England which may result in changes to the size and layout of the car park. While the lease is being negotiated the car park remains closed. There is no date yet established for a new lease beginning meaning the car park may remain closed for some time. The electronic sign on the approach to the causeway can be controlled remotely by NCC Highways. In our view it is desirable in the interest of public safety for the new lease to be agreed as soon as possible or a short term solution found to re-opening the car park in the interim.

The Electronic notices should carry additional notices asking traffic to slow down or new fixed signs installed.

From Holy Island PC to Graham Bucknall, Area Highways Manager (Northern):

Following reports of potential accident incidents at Beal Shore and a discussion with Northumbria Police I need to draw your attention to the situation as Holy Island Parish Council sees it. A car park that used to accommodate people checking the tide times or waiting for the causeway to open has been closed and as a result cars park either side of the road severely reducing the width and as people get out of their cars while waiting they sometimes, particularly children, wander across the road. The peak holiday season is about to begin and we have great fears that a serious accident could occur.

From Graham Bucknall to Holy Island PC

Thanks for your email and thoughts on the parking situation at the western end of the causeway. From what I read in the subsequent response from the car parks owner Mr Smith, the car park will not be reopening anytime soon. I have copied in the generic email inbox of our team in County Hall that deal with traffic safety issues. Hopefully someone from that team will give you their thoughts in due course.

From Rodney Smith, Beal Farm Thank you for all your concern about the closure of the car park owned by myself on the foreshore along with 80 Acres each side of the causeway. I would like to point out that the car park and entire foreshore owned by Beal Farm is out of lease and has been for quite some time however negotiations with the tenant, Natural England, are ongoing albeit at a slower pace. I not only allowed access to Holy Island causeway but also north to Goswick which could quite easily be changed along with my many other permissive routes and alternative routes could be used. The

traffic building on Holy Island and the mainland is an issue, I agree, but my small car park is certainly not going to resolve it and negotiations are ongoing
The Parish Council will contact Holy Island PC and offer support

LEAFLETS

Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2017 issue 111 & July 2017 issue 112

Merchant Navy Day 3 Sept 2017 – Fly the Red Ensign

CPRE – Summer 2017

LCR – Summer 2017

By email

Coastal Views – May & June 2017 editions

CAN enews - June 2017

NALC enews - 9 May – 18 July 2017

PLANS

PLANNING APPLICATION 17/00348/FUL Retrospective - GRANTED

Conversion of an unused former residential bothy to create a guest annex which can also be let as a small one bedroom self catering cottage

Berrington Backhill, track from Berrington Lodge to South Berrington, Ancroft TD15 2TF

PLANNING APPLICATION 17/00315/FUL – WITHDRAWN 14 JUNE 2017

Conversion of redundant village hall into two number holiday lets, village tea room and shop
Village Hall, Fenwick TD15 2PJ

PLANNING REFERENCE 17/01864/VARYCO

Variation of condition 1 (approved plan-retrospective) pursued to planning permission 15/01557/FUL in order to reduce the number of tent pitches by 3 and increase camper van hard standing by 4

Land east of Beal Farm, Beal, Northumberland

Mr R Smith

Reply: The Parish Council have no objection

PLANNING REFERENCE 17/01795/FUL

Proposed erection of garage

Fenham Mill, Berwick on Tweed TD15 2PL

Mr Keith Banyard

Reply: The Parish Council have no objection

FINANCE

Receipts received from HospiceCare for our donation & NALC for subscription payment

Premium A/c as at 18 July 2017 **£894.73**

Community A/c as at 18 July 2017 2233.41

Agreed to pay this meeting -

Hire of Hall Highways & July meetings	10.00		
Insurance	165.55	<u>175.55</u>	£2057.86

NEWSLETTER

Items for the next issue due out mid August - A1, War Memorials, Community Fund plus:

Lindisfarne Music Festival - press reports suggested this year's was to be bigger than previously. There are to be 7 marquees this year and every activity are allowed to continue till 4am. Parishes are never consulted on conditions for licences. Copy of the Premises Licence Summary was circulated.

464 Bus Service - changes to timetable following re-tendering mean day time journeys run an hour later, and last journey from Berwick leaves half an hour earlier. This would be of considerable detriment to local residents.

Mr Wakeling was authorised to contact authorities with a view to securing reversal of changes.

Concessionary Travelcard - renewals are no longer automatic

Councillor vacancy – for Kylloe Ward

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Berrington Road End – Mr Wakeling suggested a convex mirror to improve visibility. He explained that as hedges have grown and matured it is difficult to see clearly before pulling out. It was thought we could provide one ourselves with the permission of NCC but we would also then have the liability of keeping it clean and maintained. We would need to look at litigation before proceeding. It will be listed as a priority on the Local Transport Plan for 2018 - 2019

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

Further meeting dates arranged for: 19 Sept 2017 12 Dec 2017
6 Feb 2018 8 May 2018 (AGM)