

Minutes of meeting of Rennington Parish Council held on Thursday 28 June 2018

Councillors Present; K Burdett Chair, J Watson Vice Chair, A Tremlett, L Bosanquet, Wendy Pattison, County Councillor.

1 Apologies; K Anscombe, N Anscombe, C Barker.

2 Declaration of Interest JW declared an interest in the Boundary Wall.

3 No members of the public were present.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting Minutes of the Annual meeting and the Annual Assembly meeting held on 17th May 2018 were both approved. Proposed by JW and seconded and signed by KB.

5 Matters Arising

Boundary Wall – KB reported that the solicitors had now agreed the Boundary Wall is the responsibility of Mr George White. It was agreed that the PC will write to Mr White asking him to repair the wall and confirming that, following further correspondence with Northumberland Estates, it is his responsibility.

Speed monitoring strips- WP confirmed the speed strips are in place at three locations in Rennington Parish.

Meeting with Northumberland Estates North Farm-KB and JW had met with Colin Barnes of Northumberland Estates. There was a discussion led by the PC around mixed and affordable housing for Phase 2 of the plans which have still to go through planning (Mr Barnes confirmed the sale to Lindisfarne Homes had gone through for the first phase). Mr Barnes said that NE may consider a condition of having a social landlord for Phase 2. LB said that she is a social landlord at Rock and it was agreed that she would join any further discussions with Mr Barnes who is expected to come back to the PC in a few weeks.

Rennington and Rock signs-The signs have been painted.

Letters to highways; gullies-the clerk had received confirmation from Highways that the gullies requested were to be cleaned and surrounding gullies checked. There was discussion among the PC that some gullies may still be blocked but it was agreed to wait until it rained to see if there remained a problem.

Church Road parking and Church Road footpath-KB had not heard anything further on either matter so it was agreed the clerk will chase up.

BT phone line interference-WP reported that following investigations BT had referred the matter to Network Rail as they believe it could be an earthing issue. WP said Network Rail could take a long time to respond. It was agreed that the clerk will write to Network Rail to highlight the problem on behalf of the Parish Council and the village and the urgency required to get it fixed. She also suggested copying in Anne-Marie Trevelyan.

6 Rock Post Box – KB said he had been asked by LB on behalf of residents in Rock Village if the area around the heavily used Post Box could be paved as in winter it gets very muddy. JW said that if the Post Box is within a metre of the road the PC would have to contact NCC. LB said she would measure the distance and report back. KB said that in principle the PC would be happy to support paving the area.

7 Financial Matters; *Statement of Bank Account Balances (appendix B) approval* proposed by LB by and seconded by AT. KB explained that £100 had been transferred (on paper) from the PC to Rennington Village Hall, the balances of which make up the PCs deposit account (it was agreed to change the wording from share to allocation). The clerk confirmed that RPC's allocation was now £2870.40 (£2970.40) and the Village Hall's allocation was £1960.80 (1860.80) (with the total balance unchanged at £4831.20). The clerk explained an error in the financial statement in May where the balances for RPC and the village hall's allocation had been mistyped although the overall total had not changed-this error has been corrected.

Approval for payment of invoices; NALC subscription fee of £95.04 and NALC website fee of £75 were agreed and the clerk's payment to NCC for May and April of £292.56 was agreed. The clerk had made out an invoice for Rennington Village Hall for payment of rent to Northumberland Estates.

Standing order for clerk's payment; It was proposed by KB and agreed that the clerk would look to set up a standing order with NCC for the clerk's payments as they would be a set amount every month. It was also agreed by LB and seconded by AT that the clerk's wage would be increased and backdated to meet the NALC pay award for 2018/19.

*Online banking-*It was agreed by KB and seconded by LB that the clerk would look to set up online banking with controls. This would enable to clerk to view bank statements online and to set-up payments for authorisation by two members of the PC who will be set up with signatory rights. AT and JW expressed some concerns as to whether online banking was necessary. It was agreed that KB and LB will act as the signatories online.

8 Town and County Planning Act 1990;

Current applications; 18/01869/OUT Masons Arms, Rennington, 7 self-build plots. Following discussions it was agreed the clerk would write to NCC to record RPC's unanimous and strong objection to the application on the grounds that it is a Greenfield site outside the village settlement. The PC highlighted that the original application was rejected on these grounds and expressed concern that the claim made that the land was previously a caravan site is incorrect. The applicant is currently building on what was previously designated a caravan site.

Applications granted approval since May PC Meeting; 14/03571/OUT Outline planning for 11 residential dwellings, The Barn, Church Road, Rennington, granted. It was mentioned that there had been no mention of changing site access from the main road.

9 County Councillor Updates; WP presented her report which had been previously circulated and discussed the speed monitoring strips. She confirmed the road from Rock to Rennington had been resurfaced with a final layer to go on. She was checking the latest information on A1 closures. There was discussion regarding parking at Alnmouth station and she again urged councillors and residents to keep reporting potholes. She said she had asked for two awful roads at Brunton Village and West Ditchburn to be included in the Local Transport Plan.

10. Correspondence received; Local Transport Feedback- the clerk reported that the PC's three requests last year for 20mph speed limits in Rennington and Stamford and reinstatement of road markings at the entrances to Rock and Rennington had not been approved although it confirmed a speed survey is to be carried out in Rennington and a

40mph limit is being considered in Stamford; Northumberland Local Plan consultation dates had been circulated by the clerk. The clerk also had a poster for Young Rangers project based in Seahouses which will be displayed on the noticeboard.

11. Any Other Business There was no other business.

12. Date of Next Meeting; Thursday 6th September 2018.