**Minutes of meeting of Warden Parish Council held in Newbrough Town Hall on Monday 13th May 2019 commencing at**

**705pm**

**Those Present:** Cllrs RM Tindall (Vice Chairman), WJ Foot,S Robson, G Charlton, D Liddle,

R Gibson (County Cllr), C Miller (Clerk), one member of the public

**2019/39 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr SJ Heminsley, M Kendrew, D Bowman

**2019/40 Declaration of Interests**

There were no Declarations of Interests.

**2019/41 Election of Chairman**

Cllr Robson proposed Cllr SJ Heminsley as Chairman, Cllr Charlton seconded, all in agreement.

**2019/42 Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr R Robson proposed Cllr RM Tindall as Vice Chairman, Cllr D Liddle seconded, all in agreement.

**2019/43 Election of representatives at outside bodies; correspondence from Newbrough Town Hall**

Deferred until next meeting.

**2019/44 Minutes of previous meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019 were accepted as a true record.

**2019/45 Matters arising from previous meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019 (not on agenda)**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019.

**2019/46 Allotments**

Allotments all now being cultivated to varying extents. A resident of South View wished to know the lock combination for access to the plots so they could check their wall, and it was agreed to write to the resident to state the land is leased by Warden Parish Council and regarded as private, however he would be able to inspect the wall in the presence of a Parish Cllr. A further allotment holder had asked if they could keep bees on their plot. As there would be concern over Health & Safety to other plot holders, it was agreed this would not be permitted. Allotment holders were to attempt to tidy up the site later in the year. **ACTION: RM Tindall to draft response to resident of South View regarding request for code to access plots and inform tenant of the decision regarding the keeping of bees.**

**2019/47 Litter pick**

Litter pick had been well attended with over 30 bags of rubbish collected. Several bigger items dumped in hedgerows had

also been collected, including empty compost bags, a traffic cone and bedframe, and subsequently County Council

flytipping crew were to take action if possible as regards flytipping offences. Next litter pick to be September/October.

**2019/48 Roads/footpaths**

Network Rail had closed the crossing at the weekend to re-lay rails in the middle, and extensive yellow marks had been

placed on the road. Highways West had held a further site meeting with the landowner. Drains to be sorted out and

new sections put in, and Network Rail had submitted road closure notice. Work on drainage to start in the next couple of

weeks, Network Rail to then carry out their works, with resurfacing hopefully in the Autumn. Agricultural vehicles appear

to becoming larger and drivers had been witnessed using their mobile phones. Photographic evidence could be taken

and forwarded to Northumbria Police, however caution would need to be taken with this. It was agreed to initially

contact Northumbria Police to raise concern and ask for their advice as to how the issue could be addressed. The police

can arrange community speed monitoring schemes where volunteers are recruited to carry out speed monitoring.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact Northumbria Police for advice.**

**2019/49 Correspondence**

* CPRE newsletter
* County Council – Housing Strategy for Northumberland 2019-2021 Consultation
* County Council – Hexham Neighbourhood Plan – notice of consultation
* County Council – invitation to West Sleekburn recycling plant

**2019/50 Planning**

**2019/50/01 Planning Applications received:**

* 19/01220/LBC: Martlet, Fourstones, replacement of 2 rotten window frames and 2 frames to match, repair of UPVC window units and hinges – no objections.

**2019/50/02 Notice of Planning application being approved**

* No approval of Planning Application had been received.

**2019/50/03 Local Plan Consultation/proposal for Wharmley gravel works**

Landowner had withdrawn the plan to develop the gravel works, but it could not be removed from the development plan inspection phase. **ACTION: County Cllr to seek clarification regarding the site still being included in the plan.**

**2019/50/04 Notice of Planning application refused**

* The Railway Inn, Change of use and conversion to single residential dwelling – Cllr S Robson declared an interest - selling price had now been raised to £200K with viewings having taken place. Cllr RM Tindall had attended the planning meeting where it was agreed to refuse the application, and the committee group is still actively supporting the reopening of the Railway Inn as a working public house.

**2019/50/05 Notice of Planning application to be heard at committee**

* 16/01458/CCM: Prudham Quarry, extraction of sandstone – Plan had been refused on the grounds of three statutory bodies having concerns, being the Environment Agency, Lead Flood Authority and Public Protection. Applicant had accepted the decision and would not appeal but said they hoped to work in the future with the County Council.

**2019/51 Reports – Town Hall; Sportsfield Association; Northumberland County Council**

* It was suspected Newbrough cricket pitch was not going to be used by Tynedale CC.
* Cllr D Liddle had concerns regarding parking along Jubilee Terrace and as dangerous parking is the remit of Northumbria Police he would contact them himself as a resident/Parish Councillor. A 20mph zone around Newbrough School was planned. **ACTION: D Liddle to contact Northumbria Police regarding dangerous parking**

**2019/52 Financial Matters**

**2019/52/01 Payments**: C Miller – March, April Salary £325.41 & expenses £46.37; HMRC £26.80; British Legion – Remembrance Day wreath - £50.00 approved; 2017; Came & Company, annual insurance policy - £391.73; NALC – annual subscription fee - £134.56; Annual website fee - £75.00; DH Charlton - gardening £240; B Gustard – gardening £240. **ACTION: Clerk to request quote for hedgecutting between the garage and school, at East Fourstones and the section between Hardhaugh and Quality Cottages; and confirm the procedure for gaining exemption for cutting within the bird nesting season**

**2019/53 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/19**

**2019/53/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor**

There were no matters arising from the report of the internal auditor.

**2019/53/02 To approve the Governance Statement**

Cllr Liddle proposed and Cllr Charlton seconded approval of the Governance Statement, all in agreement.

**2019/53/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2018/2019**

Cllr Robson proposed and Cllr WJ Foot seconded approval of the annual accounts for 2018/2019, all in agreement.

**2019/53/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances**

Cllr RM Tindall proposed and Cllr Robson seconded approval of the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances, all in agreement.

**2019/54/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate**

Cllr WJ Foot proposed and Cllr G Charlton seconded approval of the Exemption Certificate, all in agreement.

**2019/54 The Railway Inn**

Discussed above (2019/50/04).

**2019/55 Monthly play area/defibrillator inspection**

Pub landlord had agreed to carry out regular checks on play area/defib inspection.

**2019/56 Flooding – modelling improvements across the Tyne Valley**

Ongoing.

**2019/57 Communications – to confirm actions from this meeting**

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| **ACTION** | **RESPONSIBLE** |
| Local plan consultation | County Cllr R Gibson to seek clarification on Wharmley  site still being included in Local Plan. |
| Agricultural vehicles | Clerk to seek advice from Northumbria Police regarding  speeding traffic/mobile phone use. |
| Dangerous parking | D Liddle to contact Northumbria Police |
| Hedgecutting | Clerk to ask R Gibson the procedure regarding  hedgecutting exemption during bird nesting season, and  request quote for works. |
| Allotments | RM Tindall to compile response to resident at South View |
| Stanegate | Cllr WJ Foot to forward Chairman’s Report and issue with  speeding agricultural vehicles. |

**2019/58 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Warden Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st July 2019 commencing 7pm in Newbrough Town Hall

Claire Miller, Clerk to Warden Parish Council