

# NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 via Zoom

### Police Report

The crimes recorded since the last NSPC meeting are as follows –

- 1 x Produce Cannabis, small quantity, offender cautioned.
- 1 x Theft of charity box from shop, enquiries ongoing.
- 1 x Attempt Burglary to retail premises, no cctv or forensics.
- 1 x Public Order, verbal altercation between visitor and unknown male, no further enquiries.
- 1 x Public Order, neighbour dispute, victim decline to prosecute.
- 1 x Shoplifting, low value, awaiting cctv from store.
- 1 x Possess Ketamine, offender cautioned.
- 1 x Common Assault, domestic, no injuries, parties separated, victim decline to prosecute.
- 1 x Damage to caravans, enquiries ongoing.
- 1 x In Charge of Dangerous Dog, enquiries ongoing.
- 4 x Damage to gravestones, enquiries ongoing.
- 1 x Damage to church brickwork, enquiries ongoing.

It has been mentioned that the public are frustrated by the length of time waiting for a call to the 101 non-emergency line to be answered.

I would encourage the use of Northumbria Police website and the use of the “Contact Us” section where you can inform the police of non-emergency issues.

### 150/2020 PRESENT

Cllr Geoffrey Stewart (Chairman)	Cllr Ailsa Shiel
Cllr Maureen Bramley	Cllr Alan Trotter
Cllr David Fordy	Cllr David Donaldson
Cllr Sylvia Hillan	Cllr Matthew Stephenson

### IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO  
Ian Smith – JPI Media  
County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson

### 151/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Alan McFarlane, Cllr George Price, Cllr David Shiel

### 152/2020 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

### 153/2020 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 7 December 2020

2 planning matters, 1 email correspondence to be added

### 154/2020 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 2 November 2020 – all agreed

### 155/2020 MATTERS ARISING

1. Precept Budget – The Chair and RFO presented a draft budget for consideration. Discussion followed regarding cost lines and agreement that seats will in future be replaced with composite resin seats on a rolling basis. (The “snake” seats are to be kept) The meeting agreed that as this had been a very difficult year for all residents, the precept should remain the same.

2. Hanging Baskets – The meeting had received a suggestion of putting hanging baskets on the shop fronts, concern was raised as to “hardiness” of real plants in prevailing winds and the option of artificial baskets was discussed. Shops are to be contacted to canvas opinions on maintenance and bracket installations and also what plants might stand up to the weather. Cllr Ailsa Shiel ad Cllr Alan McFarlane to investigate real plants and Cllr Bramley to confirm artificial plants are silk not plastic.

#### **156/2020 PLANNING**

1. Planning Ref. 20/03443FUL **Land west of 10 Burton Cottages, West Burton Cottages, Bamburgh** – no comment required out of area.
2. Planning Ref. 20/03014/FUL Erection of two storey restaurant café with associated servicing area and customer parking. *Amended layout plans received resiting of building 11.11.20* **Land South West of Sandy Lane Court, Bernicia Way, Beadnell** – no further comments required
3. Planning Re. 20/03850/FUL Proposed conservatory, **5 Dukesfield Cotages, St Aidans Cottage, Bamburgh NE69 7AG** – no comments required out of area
4. Planning Ref. 20/03849/FUL Proposed conservatory, **Barn Cottage, 1 Dukesfield Cottages, Bamburgh, NE69 7AG** – no comments required out of area

#### **Planning - Withdrawn**

1. Installation of 3no. roof lights, amendments to garage door and change 2no. windows to Juliet balconies. **Juniper Cottage, 1 South Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RB ref 20/03079/FUL**
2. Constructin of a roof terrace in place of existing pitched roof, **3 Union Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RT**

#### **Permission Granted -**

1. Proposed single storey extensions to rear and two storey extension to side of dwelling. **2 Brownsman Court, Seahouses, NE68 7YR**
2. Replace all original timber single glazed sash windows and doors in the ground and first floor of the property to same design but with double glazed uPVC frames. Remove rear conservatory and form patio doors. Replace central ground floor window with new entrance door. Remove sills and replace ground floor rear and front right hand windows with French doors- Change existing front to window with a fixed light above. **The Dunes, St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS**
3. Demolition of 3. No existing wooden sheds and rection of 3.no new wooden sheds (retrospective) Land South of **12 Village Farm, North Sunderland**
4. Proposed single storey extensions to front, side and rear of dwelling. **91 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TW**

#### **Permission Refused**

None

#### **157/2020 CEMETERY**

1. Cemetery sub-committee report – The report was read out to the meeting by the Chair which included the investigation into the matters below. It was noted that some headstones had been changed without gaining permission from the PC. The clerk is to contact the mole catcher and instruct him to start work at the cemetery. The Birch tree is to be pruned and quotes are to be obtained for a safety inspection of the trees. It was agreed that an area is to be cleared that could be used for siting benches in memory of loved ones.

2. Pet Cemetery – The sub-committee had information on the Government guidelines on Pet cemeteries and other information pertaining to this subject. After careful consideration it was proposed that due to costs and residents' objections, a pet cemetery is not a feasible option at present. – All agreed.

3. Damage to headstones - Thanks had been sent to Mark Nelson who had kindly cleaned all the headstones which had been subject to vandalism and he had also cleaned the Church.

### 158/2020 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £NIL
2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
PKF Littlejohn – External Audit	40.00	240.00
Cllr S Hillan – Expenses -		
Zoom Subs 15.6-13.11 incl (now canc)	14.40	86.34
Ink Subs 4.6-3.12 incl	2.90	17.45
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17.30</b>	<b>103.79</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57.30</b>	<b>303.79</b>

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £970.00
4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£VAT	£incl VAT
Complete Landscapes Inv 1910		
5 November Grass cutting		135.00
Cemetery Tidy – 4hrs		80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43.00</b>	<b>258.00 (inc vat)</b>

### 159/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

Email Bart Endean Memorials – 4 (prev sent) Meeting agreed

Email: Caravan owner – the meeting discussed an email that been received regarding the sad loss of a dog which had been knocked over on the Rd whilst off the lead. The meeting agreed this should be forwarded to NCC Highways and County Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson confirmed that a speed survey is due and he will chase. Further discussion followed regarding speeding in the village which the Clerk is to report to the police. Motorbikes are also reported being on the old railway line and this is to be also included in the police complaint.

### 160/2020 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Ailsa Shiel raised the issue of lighting on the Broad Road, and requested that this be looked into. Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson agreed to look into this, although noted this may be very costly. The Chair suggested that solar panel lights might be an option. The meeting acknowledged that there is a need for these lights especially at this time of year but that cost needs to be known before decision can be made.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel asked a question regarding the Local Transport Plan for the North East to 2035 and what if anything the PC had been involved in with this plan and how it would affect our area.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel had also had a request for information on the Borderland deal and how the area would benefit. Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson explained that these funds were made available from Government for large projects, such as the Alnwick Gardens, The Maltings at Berwick and Ad Gefrin at Wooler. No immediate benefit to our local area but will benefit the wider community.

Cllr Donaldson asked about a damaged headstone that was still needing repaired. The Chair confirmed that the stone mason had been instructed to repair this asap. The Chair will contact the owner of the headstone and confirm this.

Cllr Donaldson also asked if Jim Donaldson had been thanked for his kind offer to clean the headstones. The Clerk confirmed that this had been done via text.

Cllr Alan Trotter asked the County Councillor if the Christmas “dispensation” allowed for caravans to be open as an advert had been seen on Facebook. It was confirmed that this was to be checked on the Government website (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period#travel-within-the-uk>)

***You can stay in a hotel, hostel or B&B, in line with the rules in your tier. In tier 3, in order to be located near your Christmas bubble, you can stay in a hotel between 22 and 28 December, as long as you’re staying by yourself or with other members of your household, or support bubble. You should not gather as a Christmas bubble in a hotel, hostel or B&B unless a member of your bubble lives there permanently.***

***You can stay in private rented accommodation such as short-term holiday lets with members of your household, or your Christmas bubble.***

The Chair raised the issue of the bins being close to the seats and the potential health hazard and asked for consideration of this for the next meeting. Discussion followed regarding the re-siting of the bins together. Cllr Ailsa Shiel to provide proposed plan.

**161/2020 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY 4 January 2021 at 7pm VIA ZOOM**

The Chair closed the meeting wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Meeting concluded at 8.57pm

Signed.....  
Chairman – Geoffrey Stewart