

## **NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via Zoom**

#### **Police Report**

**Not available as PC Sharpless on annual leave**

#### **124/2020 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**

County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson  
Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO  
Ian Smith – JPI Media  
Shirley Rutter – Governor Seahouses Primary School

#### **125/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Alan McFarlane, Cllr George Price, Cllr David Shiel (due to family illness)

The Chair informed the meeting of the sad passing of former councillor Terrance Wainwright and asked for a minutes silence in remembrance of him and his dedication to the parish.

#### **126/2020 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hillan – 129/2020 – 4  
Cllr Donaldson – 130/2020 – 2

#### **127/2020 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 5 October 2020**

1 correspondence to be added – all agreed

#### **128/2020 CONSIDERATION OF:**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5 October 2020 – all agreed

#### **129/2020 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Update on whale bones – Cllr Stewart made note that the whale bones do not belong to the harbour and read an email from NCC confirming the executive team met on the 27/7/20 where it was agreed to pass the bones to the NSPC. NCC stated that they had powers to do this under Section 1 (4) of the Localism Act 2011. The meeting was also informed that Peter Baird had attended the old school site and following inspection reported that some of the bones were still at the site encased in concrete. The meeting agreed a quotation for the retrieval of these sections should be sought prior to any further decisions. Cllr Ailsa Shiel raised several queries with Guy Renner-Thompson that

she had received from parishioners. Cllr Ailsa Shiel was advised that the NCC made the decision and that any further queries should be addressed directly to them. The PC is not currently prepared to return them to the School and Cllr Renner-Thompson commented that the PC is considered to be the voice of the community. It was also noted that this subject had been discussed 21 times from Oct 2017 to date.

2. Memorial Service – Cllr Stewart informed the meeting that this will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov and he had made a request to close the road. A wreath will be laid and band placed around the memorial. He is in contact with NCC however no guidance has been received as yet regarding Covid restrictions from either the Government or British Legion.
3. Bank Mandate – The Clerk explained the benefits of moving to online banking and Cllr Hillan confirmed that she had discussed the security with the bank and was happy it was safe. The meeting agreed to the mandate being changed.
4. Donation to Hub (Storage) – The meeting was informed that whilst a new clerk was sought, the Hub had agreed to store the safe. Cllr Donaldson proposed a donation of £50 and Cllr Bramley seconded, all agreed. A letter of thanks is to be sent with the cheque.

### 130/2020 PLANNING

1. Demolition of 3no. existing sheds and erection of 3no. new wooden sheds (retrospective) **Land south of 12 Village Farm, Village Farm, North Sunderland ref 20/02184/FUL** – original decision stands
2. Replace all original timbers 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. Remove sills on left and right hand rear first floor windows and replace with French doors and Juliet balconies. Change existing front to window with a fixed light above. **The Dunes, St.Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS ref 20/02650/FUL** – discussion took place regarding if works would alter the façade of the building greatly, if the door/window sizes would change and maintaining the appearance of the property. A vote was taken on this application with 3 for, 1 abs, 2 against – plans approved
3. Hardstanding area to be used in association with **Springhill Farm, Springhill Farm Caravan Site, Seahouses, NE687UR ref 20/02826/FUL** – the meeting discussed the use of the hardstanding as stated in the application for storing farm machinery, on this conditional use the plans were approved.
4. Proposed single storey extension to rear and two storey extension to side of dwelling **2 Brownsman Court, Seahouses, NE68 7YR ref 20/02917/FUL** – discussion over size of extension and if it went to boundary with neighbouring property. It was agreed that the plans should be approved subject to adjusting plans to ensure that there is no overhang onto adjacent property.
5. Proposed conservatory to side of property, together with raised decking areas to rear **42 Longstone Park, Beadnell, NE67 5BP ref 20/02827/FUL** – no comments
6. **Permission Granted**  
20/01524/FUL Proposed rear extension and loft conversion, 211 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TY
7. **Permission Granted** – 20/02174/FUL First floor side extension, 1 Brownsman Court, Seahouses, NE68 7YR
8. **Permission Refused** – None

### 131/2020 CEMETERY

1. Tenders for works in cemetery – As yet none received, the meeting was informed that a contractor had been suggested and Cllr Stewart had asked for a written quotation. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

### 132/2020 FINANCE

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

	VAT	£	£
TOTAL			0.00

4. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £450.00
5. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£
Complete Landscapes Inv 1899		
2 September Grass Cutting		135.00
Cemetery Tidy – 4 hrs		80.00
14 September Grass Cutting		135.00
Cemetery Tidy – 5 hrs		100.00
Grass seed application		20.00
22 September Grass Cutting		135.00
Cemetery Tidy 5 hrs		100.00
Weed killing applications		90.00
23 September GRAVE (C.Taylor 634)		285.00
Prep/attendance/backfill		85.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	233.00	<b>1165.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>233.00</b>	<b>1398.00</b>

Note was made over the financial loss this month and it was agreed that overall costs should be reviewed and look again at other potential revenue streams such as pet cemetery or remembrance wall. Cemetery committee to meet and the Chair will also speak to groundsman. It was agreed that grass cutting could be reduced as weather colder now.

### 133/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

Email Bart Endean Memorials – Request received for a memorial – all agreed

Email Light Up North – An email was read regarding the Christmas Lights and it was agreed that it would be passed to David Swan. Cllr Trotter (PC rep on Lights Group) confirmed no decision had been made regarding the lights as still dependant on Covid 19.

### **134/2020 REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Cllr David Donaldson put forward thanks to Cllr Sylvia Hillan for "stepping into the breach" following the previous clerk's resignation. The meeting agreed that no-one expected it would be for 9 months and that Cllr Hillan was owed a profound vote of thanks for sterling work.

Cllr David Fordy had received a request from a parishioner regarding the damaged wall (photo shown) on the road leading to the water pumping station. Guy Renner-Thompson confirmed that he is already in talks with Water Board and will include this problem.

Cllr David Donaldson noted that there was a lot of mis-information regarding the Whale Bones and thanked NCC for passing them into the care of the NSPC.

Cllr Maureen Bramley queried problems on the Main Street with electrics. Discussion followed regarding problems encountered and also the issues of street markings being worn and not renewed. It was noted a few members of the public had been abusive and not following the one-way system. Also could the signs on the lampposts be put higher so more visible? Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson had already chased NCC regarding the street markings but it was generally felt that the wore away too quickly so wouldn't be replaced. The meeting agreed it was disappointing that a few visitors were risking the safety of the residents.

Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson confirmed that the scheme for Main Street (which had been put on hold due to Covid 19) Neil Snowdon, NCC is drafting traffic regulation orders including white lines and arrows. Experimental order for 18 months to make sure it works. Also confirmed yellow lines on Chapel Row are to be completed.

### **135/2020 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2020 at 7pm VIA ZOOM**

### **136/2020 Public Comments:**

Shirley Rutter- Governor of Primary School was invited to speak. Thanked for being allowed to speak and that she was standing in for Rachel Shiel. Accepted that the feeling of the PC was that the decision had been made regarding the Whale Bones, however wanted to register how sad she was that the school had lost them and felt there was a lack of communication from NCC and the PC and that the school had been "kept out of the loop". Discussion followed and it was noted that some residents do want them to be installed for all to see at the harbour. It was agreed that it was now necessary to move on.

Signed.....  
Chairman – Geoffrey Stewart