

## **NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 via Zoom**

#### **Police Report**

- 1 x Public Order offence, uninvited males at door at late hour, victim declines to prosecute.
- 1 x Theft, theft of milk bottles from exterior of business, no cctv or further enquiries.
- 1 x Theft of scrap from unattended yard, offender interviewed and admit offence, ordered to make financial compensation to victim.
- 1 x Public Order offence, verbal altercation between road users, offenders suitably advised as per victim wishes.
- 1 x Assault, minor injury, victim declines to prosecute.
- 1 x Malicious Communication, victim receives offensive text message, then blocks caller, victim declines to prosecute.

**As sent via email from PC Gary Sharpless**

#### **112/2020 PRESENT**

Cllr Geoffrey Stewart (Chairman)	Cllr David Shiel (Vice Chair)
Cllr Maureen Bramley	Cllr Cllr Ailsa Shiel
Cllr David Fordy	Cllr Alan McFarlane
Cllr George Price	Cllr Alan Trotter
Cllr Sylvia Hillan	

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson  
Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO  
Ian Smith – JPI Media  
Rachel Shiel – Vice Chair School Board of Governors

#### **113/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Matthew Stephenson

#### **114/2020 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

#### **115/2020 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 7 September 2020**

1 finance to be added and 1 granted planning permission – all agreed

#### **116/2020 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Update on whale bones – Cllr Stewart confirmed the whale bones were now back in the village and thanks was extended to Cllr David Shiel for collecting them. It was confirmed that no grant had been received and Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson had

offered funds towards the installation of the whale bones. The meeting agreed to meet at the storage site and all Cllrs could view the bones and discuss siting options.

2. Drains – A drainage report has been received confirming drains had been cleared 3 times this year, last completed in August 2020. It was noted that The Pinnacles was all clear.

## 117/2020 PLANNING

1. Proposal First floor side extension, 1 Brownsman Court, Seahouses, NE68 7YR  
Carol Kidd appl. no. 20/02174/FUL – no objections
2. (1) **Permission Granted** – 20/01703/FUL 32 Main Street, Seahouses – note made this was granted by NCC against the wishes of the PC  
  
(2) **Permission Granted** – 20/02150/FUL 32 James Street, Seahouses -no comment
3. **Permission Refused** – None

## 118/2020 CEMETERY

1. Tenders for works in cemetery – As yet none received, closing date for tenders is 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## 119/2020 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £8,000 second half of precept received
2. Monies paid from General Current Account since last meeting: NIL
3. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	VAT	£	£
2 x face shields reimburse S Hillan			9.70
Reimburse D Shiel – Fuel			78.68
Reimburse D Shiel – Meals			n/a
TOTAL			88.38

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

	£ VAT	£
24 July 2020 – Complete Landscapes Cemetery Tidy 10 hrs		200.00
Grass cutting		135.00
31 July 2020 - Cemetery Tidy 8 hrs		160.00
Grass cutting		135.00
Weed killing application		90.00
13 August 2020 – Cemetery tidy 6 hrs		120.00
Grass cutting		135.00
19 August 2020 – Cemetery Tidy 6 hrs		120.00
Grass cutting		135.00

21 August 2020 Grave (D Ward 640)		285.00
Prep/attendance/backfill		85.00
Grass seed applications		40.00
Grass seed		20.00
	<b>332.00</b>	<b>1660.00</b>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>1992.00</b>
JPI Media Advert reimburse S Hillan	24.50	147.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>356.50</b>	<b>2139.00</b>

Agreed

## 120/2020 CORRESPONDENCE

Email Bart Endean Memorials – Request received for a casket memorial but too wide as measures 60cm x 60cm. Max allowed 18" x 18" – Clerk to check if this memorial is to be between the two plots purchased.

Local Transport Plan – Cllr Bramley asked about the line painting at the top of the harbour – North St, previously agreed with Neil Snowdon NCC. Cllr Renner-Thompson will re-chase with Robin McCartney.

Yellow lines along Chapel Road should also have been completed – Cllr Renner-Thompson to chase.

Improvements to traffic calming measures requested from Neil Snowdon NCC

Sign at Monks House and South Lane is still ongoing.

Cllr Hillan informed the meeting that a request had been received from Liz Moore, Broad Rd for double yellow lines at St Aidens Court/Broad Rd junction as cars are parking up to the junction and buses cannot get passed – meeting agreed this was a problem area.

Cllr Alan McFarlane raised query over lighting on footpath in the area and reducing speed limit to 30mph as complaints had been received over speed. Cllr Renner-Thompson suggested putting on LTP if needed.

It was also noted that the dropped curbs on Broad Road, St Aidans had not yet been actioned. Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that NCC are progressing through work as quickly as possible. The meeting noted that this was very disappointing as had been requested 3 years ago and was proving a health and safety issue for the pedestrians with pushchairs or the disabled.

It was noted that the road passed the Ship Hotel into Chapel Road needs re-surfacing. Cllr Renner-Thompson agreed to include on own LTP. He will also chase the maintenance work required on lighting pole that had been knocked down which has sharp edges. Also broken pole at Main St, North Sunderland still requires removal as is potential hazard.

Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that complaints has been received at NCC regarding the damaged footpath along St Aidans as it is broken and sloping towards the road. Meeting agreed it needs re-surfacing as does the road at the top of North Sunderland into Main Street – Cllr Renner-Thompson to include on LTP.

The meeting was also informed that the pavement at Crumstone had been patched but was raised by 1" causing a potential trip hazard. Cllr Renner-Thompson to follow up.

Email Dr and Mrs C Radley re Golf Course Right of Way – a complaint has been received regarding abusive language used by golfers to pedestrians on right of way. The meeting agreed that the PC has no jurisdiction but a letter is to be sent to the Golf Club asking for a notice regarding language.

Email from Jen Hall re NCC Local Plan – Support had been sort for the NCC local plan – all agreed.

## **121/2020 REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Cllr Hillan made note of a complaint from a parishioner regarding pedestrians walking on Main Street in the road – the meeting agreed this was a difficult situation to “police”.

Cllr Renner-Thompson is to report the hole in the road.<sup>7</sup>

Cllr Bramley reported that PC Gary Sharpless had stated parking problems were not a police matter and this was being passed onto the Senior Parking Warden at NCC. Inconsiderate parking is becoming a real issue and the meeting was informed that a potential change to the Highway Code may prevent cars being parked on the pavement. There is an online consultation at [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-highway-code-to-improve-road-safety-for-cyclists-pedestrians-and-horde-riders](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-highway-code-to-improve-road-safety-for-cyclists-pedestrians-and-horde-riders) which everyone is encourages to complete the online forms. It was noted that the parking problems are all over the village and the traffic wardens are now back in attendance.

Cllr Alan Trotter queried about camper vans parking in the overflow car-park and would more signage help. Cllr Geoffrey Stewart raised the issue over a bye-law change with Cllr Renner-Thompson who confirmed Alnmouth PC were trying to affect this change. It was noted that if the PC got signs made this would be quicker than waiting for NCC however could just move the problem to elsewhere. Cllr Renner-Thompson reported that he had received complaints but NCC confirmed that at present it is not illegal.

Cllr George Price asked the outcome of a previous complaint regarding the mini-golf course and cleaning process. NCC had investigated and found the fault to lie with the public not following procedures.

A request had been received for the minutes to be re-introduced to the notice boards following the Covid 19 lockdown.

## **122/2020 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2020 at 7pm VIA ZOOM**

### **123/2020 Public Comments:**

Rachel Shiel, Vice Chair of School Board of Governors addressed the meeting regarding the Whale Bones which previously had been gifted to the school. Issue was made over the whale bones being passed to the PC from NCC and not returned to the school as had previously been discussed with NCC when the school was re-sited. Discussions followed regarding the original site at the old school and the costs involved in displaying the whale bones now. The meeting felt that despite Ms Shiel stating that the transfer of the whale bones had only been discovered that day by the Schools Head Teacher, this matter had been discussed at great length for sometime and Cllr Renner-Thompson read an email from the Service Director (dated 27/7/20) at NCC where it was confirmed that the Chair of the Board of Governors had agreed to the re-siting of the whale bones. The meeting agreed that nothing further was to be gained from discussions and that the problem was now between NCC and the school.

As the Chair – Cllr Stewart had lost zoom connection, the Vice-Chair closed the meeting.