

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 2nd August 2021 at The Hub, Seahouses Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses, NE68 7YL

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Police Report

Crime totals to date since last North Sunderland PC meeting are as follows –

- 1) Public Order offence – victim decline to prosecute, instructs police to advise offender regarding future conduct.
- 2) Public Order offence – victim decline to prosecute, victim preferred matter to be recorded only.
- 3) In charge of Dangerous Dog – holidaymaker's dog bitten by unknown offender's dog.

92/2021 PRESENT

Cllr David Shiel (Chairman)	Cllr Ailsa Shiel
Cllr Maureen Bramley	Cllr David Fordy
Cllr Steve Williams	Cllr David Donaldson
Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair)	Cllr Sylvia Hillan
Cllr Alan McFarlane	Cllr Matty Stephenson
Cllr Amy Armstrong	

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO

93/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jill Hall, County Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson

94/2021 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

95/2021 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

96/2021 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 2 August 2021

Additional items 1 planning decision, 2 correspondence, finance 3 - All agreed

97/2021 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5th July 2021 – all agreed

98/2021 MATTERS ARISING

1. Parish Survey
Parish survey now being distributed and responses already received. Cllr Hillan suggested a sub-committee to collate responses. Cllr Ailsa Shiel to distribute trays to shops for collection. Cllr Armstrong & Donaldson agreed to aid Cllr Hillan. Cllr Donaldson suggested closing date of end of September with information to be brought to October meeting – all agreed.
2. Bin – Car Park – Nothing has been done about replacement yet, Clerk is to chase Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson and Chair to also call.

3. First School Site – The Clerk confirmed that Bellview Trust have expressed an interest and will address the next Parish Council meeting. The Chair noted that no further decisions can be made until a viewing has happened.
4. Village Green – The Clerk confirmed that an appointment had been made with a solicitor to swear the forms and then will be submitted. Thanks extended to Mr Oliver for gathering letters of support. Cost of £5 for Oath agreed.

99/2021 PLANNING

1. 21/02442/FUL Replacement of two glazed dormer windows to the front elevation. Demolition of rear single storey extension. Construction of replacement single storey rear extension with balcony and dormer window above. **Rannoch Lodge, 29 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS** – Discussions regarding change of application, meeting agreed that application still not in keeping with surrounding properties and is still an overdevelopment.
2. 21/01871/FUL Convert existing first floor window on rear elevation to French doors. Brickwork below cill height to be removed to first floor level, Fit metal safety barrier (Retrospective) **5 The Old Smokery, Seahouses, NE68 7RP** – discussions took place and meeting agreed to stand by original decision.
3. 21/01668/LBC Listed Building Consent for replacement of sash windows throughout and replacement of front door, **Brockburn Monkshouse, Seahouses, NE68 7SY** – meeting agreed that no objections as long as wooden replacement, not upvc and in keeping with originals.
4. 21/02619/FUL Conversion of integral garage to provide bedroom with en-suite, toilet. Planning permission sought to comply with approval N/03/B/0830 with conditions 15 and 17 **4 Regal Close, North Sunderland, NE68 7US** – Cllr Williams confirmed that no affect on parking and therefore the meeting agreed no objections.
5. 21/02614/FUL Resubmission: Erection of 4 industrial units. **Phillips (Seahouses) Ltd, Broad Road, North Sunderland, NE68 7UP** – Meeting fully support this application, potential employment and additional income to village.
6. 21/02612/FUL Proposed rear dormer extension, **124 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TR** – Concerns raised over sufficient car-parking. This to be noted on comments.
7. 21/02718/FUL Single storey and two storey extension to the existing house; alteration of the existing roof to create three dormer windows and a gable over an existing balcony; replacement of two existing ground floor windows with bay windows with a lean-to roof canopy over. **Brownsman Cottage, 4 Monkshouse, Seahouses, NE68 7SY** – Discussion took place over Right of Way and burn. Over-development for this area in AONB, lack of car parking also a concern.
8. 21/02614/FUL Construction of new industrial building, containing 6no. self-contained industrial units. **Land at Broad Road Industrial Estate, North Sunderland, NE68 7UP** – Fully support this application, potential for employment.
9. 21/02384/FUL Retrospective: Change of Use from residential family annexe to self-contained holiday let. **Sinhoe Cottage, Sinhoe, Chathill, NE67 5JP** no comment required.

Application withdrawn

1. Listed Building Consent: Replace 8no. single glazed windows with double glazing and replace existing front door with visually similar replacement. **East House, Seahouses, NE68 7SX**

Permission Granted

1. Erection of new rear extension with internal alterations. **14 North Lane, Seahouses, NE68 7UQ**
2. LBC to Bamburgh Friars and ancillary cottage..... **The Friars and Armadale, Radcliffe Road, Bamburgh, NE69 7AE**

Permission Refused – None

100/2021 CEMETERY

Cllr Hillan reported on cemetery sub-committee meeting. Cemetery contract does not allow 50% extra for weekend funeral. Costs of grave-digging discussed and Cllr Donaldson suggested that investigations should be made into funeral directors providing their own grave-diggers and removing this from the cemetery contract at renewal in March 2022. Figures presented to date showing loss of £5095 so far this year. Concerns raised over cost of maintenance of cemetery and Cllr Hillan proposed reducing grass cuts to twice monthly and cemetery tidy once a month (as had previously agreed) seconded by Cllr Donaldson – all agreed. Cllr Hillan noted that NCC tree officer had inspected the trees and Cllr Bramley requested that the Clerk investigate the cost of a written tree report and how long this would be legally valid. The Chair is to contact Simon Gregory again regarding the removal of the grass cuttings etc. Discussions followed regarding use of the land not able to be used as a cemetery as a quiet area, memorial seats etc. Meeting agreed to get area tidied and then discuss what can be done. Further discussions took place over RFF and if new land will be needed. The Clerk is to investigate whether the RFF can be used for any other purpose in connection with the cemetery. Cllr Bramley proposed The Chair speak to Simon Gregory regarding clearing the area and then converting this area is fenced and used as a quiet area. Cllr Donaldson seconded – all agreed.

101/2021 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £123.00

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
Hp Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.58	3.49
Clerks expenses for printing of Parish Survey		33.80
NCC – Clerks salary July 21	0	646.18
NCC admin costs	2.50	15.00
The Hub – room rental		40.00
Total	3.08	738.47

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £0.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£VAT	£incl VAT
Complete Landscapes Inv 1946		
1 July Grass cutting		135.00
Cemetery Tidy – 8hrs		160.00
Weedkilling application		45.00
7 July Grass cutting		135.00
Cemetery Tidy – 2hrs		40.00
Grave (421 – G S Lamb)		285.00
Prep/attendance/backfill		85.00

20 July	Grass cutting		135.00
	Cemetery tidy – 8hrs		160.00
TOTAL		236.00	1416.00

All payments agreed – note made of high cost of cemetery maintenance

102/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

A proposed letter had been received from Jen Hall, AONB to Rishi Sunak MP, Chancellor of Exchequer concerning the impact of holiday homes and FHL in the area. Discussions followed regarding advantages of tourism to North Sunderland and if the AONB suggestion of increased council tax was the right solution or should all properties pay without any rates relief. This would increase payment to the PC and allow for increased works in village. Cllr Williams suggested amending the letter to allow for the above – all agreed

103/2021 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

The Chair had received a complaint regarding an overgrown thorn hedge which had not been cut back to boundary fence. Owner name to be submitted to Highways to request immediate action.

Cllr Hillan asked the Clerk if Rob Murfin presentation could be circulated – Clerk to action. Cllr Ailsa Shiel had received comments about the tennis courts at the Hub as they are in a state of disrepair. Cllr Hillan reported (as a Trustee) that grants are being sort and the matter is “in hand”.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel had been approached by the Ocean Club regarding signage as other businesses are putting up signs which have not been authorised. Discussions followed and it was suggested that the brown tourist signs might be an option.

Cllr McFarlane had received a complaint from a resident that had a vehicle parked over his driveway. Tourists are being advised to park in local residential streets and this is causing a problem for residents. Discussions followed regarding the poor parking in general in the town. Cllr Trotter noted that he had asked for signs to stop motorbikes parking on the path, as police have informed him that these would aid them with clearing motorbikes.

Cllr Williams reported on his investigation into the NCC local plan modifications. He felt that one change that should NOT be made was to alter the following;

Policy HOU 10. Second and holiday homes: *Within Parishes identified in the most up-to-date Census as having 20% or more household spaces with no usual (i.e. permanent) residents, new market dwellings will only be supported where first and future occupation is restricted in perpetuity to ensure that each new dwelling is occupied only as a 'principal residence'. This restriction will be secured through a **planning condition or** Section 106 agreement.*

The meeting agreed that the Clerk was to send comments to NCC that their opinion was it should remain as a S106 agreement not both planning and S106.

Cllr Williams had also been approached about road safety issues and road crossing. Despite previous requests NCC had not agreed. The Clerk to contact the local liaison officer to organise a meeting to discuss the problem as a danger to children crossing the road after school.

104/2021 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 6 September 2021 at 7pm at The Hub, Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses

Signed.....
Chairman – David Shiel