

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 6th December 2021 at The Hub, Seahouses Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses, NE68 7YL

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Police Report

No report forthcoming

144/2021 PRESENT

Cllr David Shiel (Chairman)

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr David Donaldson

Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair)

Cllr Maureen Bramley

Cllr Steve Williams

Cllr Jill Hall

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson

145/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair reported that Cllr Matthew Stephenson had resigned from the PC with immediate effect.

Cllr Amy Armstrong, Cllr Sylvia Hillan, Cllr Alan McFarlane

146/2021 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

147/2021 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

148/2021 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 6 December 2021

Additional items 1 planning– All agreed

149/2021 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1st November 2021 – all agreed

150/2021 MATTERS ARISING

1. Precept/budget 2022/2023 – Discussion took place regarding the need to increase spending and re-evaluate the budget. Cllr Williams noted that the reserves currently held should be used to fund any additional spending before raising precept. Cllr Donaldson proposed keeping the precept at £16,000 for the year 2022/2023, Cllr Fordy seconded – all agreed. It was agreed that all councillors would look at budget expenditure at the next meeting.
2. Bin – Car Park update - Cllr Trotter confirmed that the new bin was now in situ but that a new seagull proof flap would be needed for one of the other bins. The meeting agreed that should be ordered.
3. Insurance renewal – The Clerk reported that the renewal documents had been received and some items listed were unknown so a query was to be raised with the insurance company.

151/2021 PLANNING

1. [21/04267/FUL](#) Proposed alterations to fenestration together with sub-division of unit to create a holiday cottage on lower floor **45 North Street, Seahouses, NE68 7SD** – The meeting raised concerns about lack of available parking and also lack of rubbish collections, the meeting agreed to object to this application
2. [21/04377/FUL](#) Small rear single storey flat roof extension, and associated internal and external works **92 Main St, North Sunderland, NE68 7TP** – The meeting had no objection to this application
3. [21/04375/LBC](#) Listed building consent to provide modernisation work alterations to Lighthouse **Inner Farne Lighthouse, Inner Farne Island, Northumberland** – the meeting had no objection to this application
4. [21/04610/LBC](#) Listed building consent for internal and external works including en-suite shower room, installation 2 new windows to rear, replace windows/doors with double glazed timber units, installation of external door to sunroom, removal of rear porch, raised deck and steps down to garden **West House, Seahouses, NE68 7SX** – discussion took place and it was agreed that the AONB lead should be followed again and to make same comments as on previous application.
5. [21/04120/FUL](#) Demolition of flat roofed extension, replaced with a pitched roof extension and a rear extension with internal staircase **16 Meadow Lane, Beadnell, NE67 5AJ** – no comment to make
6. [21/04346/FUL](#) Replace existing building (3no flats/20no bed sit space) with 3no detached houses with the same bed spaces **On the Beach, Harbour Road, Beadnell, NE67 5AN** – no comment to make

Application withdrawn

None

Permission Granted

1. Improvement scheme incorporating new entrance porch and decking area, exiting driveway replaced with block paving and new fencing to north boundary, **Church View, 147a Main St, North Sunderland, NE68 7TT**
2. Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage **77 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TW**
3. Erection of Agricultural Building, **Land to North West of Springhill Farm Caravan Site, Seahouses**

Permission Refused Appealed – Retrospective: replacement of all windows and doors **67 Main St, North Sunderland, NE68 7TN**

152/2021 CEMETERY

The chair informed the meeting that the new shed door would cost £175 including fitting – all agreed. It was noted that the cemetery contractor has resumed his role and the Chair noted that it was a large area to be maintained. Cllr Williams suggested that the tender documents should start being prepared and presented at the next meeting as the new contract would start at the beginning of March 2022 – all agreed.

A letter of complaint sent to Alan Haile funeral directors had been forwarded to the Clerk regarding a poorly dug grave. Cllr Donaldson proposed a letter be sent to the complainant explaining that it was not our usual contractor – all agreed.

Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that Belford cemetery maintenance was not as costly as Seahouses and it was agreed that all contractors should be invited to tender.

153/2021 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £0.00

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

| | £ VAT | £ incl vat |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| Hp Instant Inks – Monthly charge | .58 | 3.49 |
| NCC – Clerks salary Nov 21 | | 646.18 |
| NCC admin costs | 2.50 | 15.00 |
| The Hub – room rental | | 32.00 |
| Clerk expenses – training as agreed for Cllr J Hall | | 5.00 |
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| Total | 3.08 | 702.29 |

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £630.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

| | £ VAT | £ incl VAT |
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| Complete Landscapes Inv 1960 | | |
| 24 August Grass cutting | | 135.00 |
| Cemetery tidy – 10hrs | | 200.00 |
| 11 November Grass cutting | | 135.00 |
| Cemetery tidy – 8hrs | | 160.00 |
| 22 November Grass cutting | | 135.00 |
| Cemetery tidy – 10hrs | | 200.00 |
| Weedkilling applications x 2 | | 90.00 |
| Sub Total | 211.00 | 1266.00 |
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| A Haile – Grave digging cost 5 th November | | 200.00 |
| TOTAL | 211.00 | 1466.00 |

All payments agreed

154/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Donaldson queried if the PC website was up to date as he had seen a NSPC website with the previous clerks' details listed. It was confirmed that a very old website (1 page) was still showing on a google search and despite extensive investigations by the Clerk, no details of the owner of this site could be found. The new NALC hosted website is fully up to date with all information.

An email received from Mr & Mrs Penney was read to the meeting regarding the previous minutes and their planning application at Brownsman Cottage. The meeting confirmed that it was not implied, nor intended to imply that the moving of sand dunes reported in the previous minutes, was linked in anyway to their planning application. The Clerk confirmed that a query had been

raised with NCC enforcement and the removal of the sand dunes would now be investigated. Discussion followed regarding the right of way and coastguard access.

Cllr Fordy asked if the flood gate had been opened and the situation was to be investigated and reported back.

Cllr Donaldson asked if a letter could be sent to the Lord Crewes Trustees regarding the damaged dry-stone wall on the Broad Road at St Aidans.

155/2021 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Bramley asked (on behalf of Cllr Hillan) if the PC planned to commemorate the Queens platinum jubilee – meeting agreed to bring ideas forward at the next meeting.

Cllr Donaldson, as suggested at the previous meeting, looked into double yellow line requirements

- 1) Broad Road end at North Sunderland cars are parking up to the junction and making sight lines very difficult.
- 2) Broad Rd, at St Aidans up to Farne Cresc.

Cllr Williams agreed with the Broad Rd problems and also suggested;

- 1) Harcourt & Southfield Ave near to the school as very dangerous with children crossing the road
- 2) James St/Stone close near to Drs and edge of Horseshoe
- 3) Osbourne Terrace and South Lane/Main Street – cars parking on both sides of road

Cllr Williams suggested that the next survey could be road repairs needed to put report into the NCC. Further sites of problem roads were discussed and it was agreed that pot-holes were to be reported at the next meeting.

Cllr William reported that a branch had come off of a tree in the cemetery and landed on a car outside of the cemetery. No claim is likely to be forthcoming.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel reported complaints made about parking on South Lane as it would appear that camper vans/cars were parking in South Lane when staying at accommodation that does not have parking on site. Discussion followed regarding this village wide problem and private businesses benefitting from the public car park rather than provide on-site car parking.

The Chair wished everyone a happy Christmas and happy New Year.

156/2021 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 10th January 2022 at 7pm

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel