

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2021 via Zoom

The Chair opened the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year

Police Report

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

- 1 x import small quantity class A tablets for personal use – intercepted via UK Border Agency, enquiries ongoing.
- 1 x malicious communication, via social media, offender unknown – victim has changed security settings, no further.
- 1 x public order offence – victim happy to receive written apology from offender as resolution.

There have been no reported road traffic issues since email received from the parish council dated 10/12/20.

1/2021 PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

2/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Matthew Stephenson, Cllr George Price

3/2021 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Sylvia Hillan Item 7/2021 5

4/2021 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 4 January 2021

All agreed

5/2021 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7 December 2020 – all agreed

6/2021 MATTERS ARISING

1. Hanging Baskets – Cllr Ailsa Shiel confirmed that the shops that were currently open had been approached and were all happy to water a hanging basket if they were given one by the PC. Discussion followed over liability, insurance, costs going forward and it was agreed that all businesses needed to be consulted and more information was to be gathered.
2. Relocation of bins – the Chair had prepared a plan suggesting an alternative site for the bins to make the seating area a more pleasant place to sit. A copy of the plan is to be circulated to all Cllrs and then a site meeting to discuss what is the best option. Cllr MacFarlane asked about seagull proof lids. Discussion followed regarding the emptying regularity of the bins and Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson agreed to speak to Bob Hodgson NCC, regarding the option of a different lid and more regular emptying. The meeting did agree that sadly not all people use the bins and it had been witnessed when litter was put on the floor next to the bins.

7/2021 PLANNING

1. Planning Ref. 20/03904/FUL Construction of single storey garage side extension **Lea Rig, 105 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TS** – the plans were discussed and the meeting agreed they had no objections
2. Planning Ref. 20/03902/FUL Proposed first floor rear extension over flat kitchen roof **48 James Street, Seahouses, NE68 7YE** – the plans were discussed and the meeting agreed they had no objections
3. Planning Ref. 20/03697/FUL Extension and conversion to provide 18no additional hotel rooms and improved pub/restaurant facilities **Bamburgh Castle Inn, Seafield Road, Seahouses, NE68 7SQ** – The meeting discussed this application and in particular regarding existing parking arrangements and the lack of any additional parking provision. The meeting agreed that they had grave concern over the existing parking issues in Crumstone and that the road surface was also an issue. The Chair confirmed that several emails had been received regarding this application and invited Sandy Richie, a resident of Crumstone to address the meeting and he voiced his concern over the developers' statement of "adequate public parking". He had twice had cars damaged as a result of the additional cars using local hotels and had tried for 20 years to get regulated parking in the Crumstone area. The meeting unanimously agreed that an objection to this plan should be lodged with the planning department as an over development and lack of provision for additional parking.
4. Planning Ref. 20/04036/FUL Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey extension to rear of property **179 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TU** – the plans were discussed and the meeting agreed they had no objections
5. Planning Ref. 20/03988/FUL Proposed side extension for kitchen extension with bedroom and ensuite over **18 Kippy Law, Seahouses, NE68 7YH** – the plans were discussed and the meeting agreed they had no objections
6. Planning Ref. 20/03814/LBC 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** - the plans were discussed and the meeting agreed they had no objections
7. Planning Ref. 20/03992/FUL Erection of a single storey glass and aluminium lean to. **23 St Ebbas Way, Beadnell, Chathill, NE67 5GH** – no comment required
8. Planning Ref. 20/01002/COU Change of use of agricultural land for use as a caravan park as an extension to the exiting camping and caravanning club site **Land North West of Beadnell Bay Caravan Site, Beadnell** – no comment required

Permission Granted

1. New extract and air intake ductwork mounted to the flat roof of the existing kitchen area **Seafield Ocean Club, Seafield Caravan Park, Seahouses, NE68 7SP**
2. Proposed part single and part two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling and loft conversion including construction of new dormer windows **36 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS**

Permission Refused – None

8/2021 CEMETERY

1. Tree Update – The Chair read out an email received from Barry Wilson, tree office with NCC regarding his observations from the visual ground inspection:

None of the trees appeared to have any major defects.

1. ***None of the trees appeared to be adversely affecting neighbouring properties, structures or other trees.***
2. ***All of the trees appeared to be in general good health, with full live crowns and good branching structures.***
3. ***None of the trees had any signs of major cavities, fungal fruiting bodies or other obvious signs of disease or pathogens that may be of concern to their health or structural integrity.***

I therefore do not recommend any works to the trees at the current time.

The Chair confirmed that the Silver Birch tree required a single branch to be removed. He offered to undertake this work himself – the meeting accepted.

2. Moles – The Chair informed the meeting that 2 moles had been caught and the bill will be £40. The payment of this invoice was agreed.

9/2021 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £2918.82 (VAT refund)

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
Clerk 50% of SLCC membership	0	83.00
Total	0	83.00

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £2,350.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£VAT	£incl VAT
Complete Landscapes Inv 1914		
4 December Grave (R Latimer)		285.00
Prep/attendance/backfill		85.00
Cemetery Tidy – 4hrs		80.00
15 December Casket (A.Whaley)		105.00
Cemetery tidy – 10 hrs		200.00
22 December Grave (787 J Pettifer)		285.00
Prep/attendance/backfill		85.00
Cemetery tidy – 3 hrs		60.00
Sub Total	237.00	1185.00
R Collins – Mole Catcher		40.00
TOTAL	237.00	1462.00

All payments agreed

10/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

- AONB minutes previously circulated to all Cllrs

11/2021 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cllr David Donaldson asked if the memorial stone repair had been undertaken. The Chair noted that requests had been sent to the stone mason but that so far no contact had been received. Cllr Donaldson asked that the Chair contact K Davies to update her – he agreed.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel reported a request from some of the younger members of the public asking for either suggestion box or Facebook page. Discussion followed as to whether this would encourage younger people to become more involved. The meeting agreed to trial a NSPC Facebook page for 4 months with the Clerk and Chair to jointly administer.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel asked if any progress had been made with lights on Broad Rd. Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson answered that no progress as yet as a lot of NCC staff had been off on holiday.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel had also had a complaint about speeding on the road approaching the school - Discussions followed regarding if it was at a particular time of day? Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson commented on the speeding and stated that this should be reported to the police as the speed limit had already been reduced to 20mph. Speed bumps would be the next traffic calming measure.

Cllr Donaldson asked if the councils bank balances can be circulated to all Cllrs as there seemed to be some confusion at the last meeting – the Clerk to email figures.

Cllr Alan MacFarlane asked Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson if the dropped curbs were to be installed at the end of Broad Rd as previously agreed as the paths had been worked on this week but this had not been done – Cllr Renner-Thompson to chase and see if he could fund the works out of his budget.

Cllr David Shiel informed the meeting that he was going to look at the Whale bones installation at Whitby. He asked Guy Renner-Thompson if access had been granted to the old school site to inspect the whale bones left in the ground. Cllr Renner-Thompson to chase. If they cannot be retrieved then the project can be progressed without them.

Cllr David Donaldson asked Cllr Renner-Thompson about possible progress on the disposal of the Old First School site as it was rapidly becoming an eye sore, with weeds taking over. Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that he had chased with legal services but that this had been held up with the Department of Education.

Cllr Alan Trotter asked the Chair if there had been any groundworks carried out at the cemetery – The Chair confirmed that due to the wet weather, no works had been started.

Cllr David Fordy asked if the street markings for the bus stops were going to be re-instated? This was becoming a problem as cars were parking at the bus stops and causing congestion when the buses have to pull up in the middle of the road. Cllr Renner-Thompson to chase with Highways.

12/2021 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 1 February 2021 at 7pm VIA ZOOM

The Chair thanked Sandy Richie for attending and closed the meeting.

Meeting concluded at 8.21pm

Signed.....
Chairman – Geoffrey Stewart