

## Rennington Parish Council

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### PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Annual Rennington Parish Council meeting held at 7.30 on Thursday June 24th, 2021 in Rennington Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Robert Dixon (Chair), Karl Neilsen (Vice Chair), Lalage Bosanquet, Stephen Stephen Baggott

**In attendance:** Clerk Deb Still, NCC Cllr Wendy Pattison and 1 member of the public.

- 100/21 Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Jim McQueen, Cllr Alan Tremlett.
- 101/21 Receipt of Declaration of Acceptance of Office of co-opted member** – the Clerk received the Declaration of Office from the co-opted councillor.
- 102/21 Declarations of Interest** - none declared.
- 103/21 Public Participation Time** – one member of the public attended. There were no public questions.
- 104/21 Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2021** – the Minutes of the meeting were APPROVED as a true record with an amendment to item 78/21 as the motion had been proposed by AT rather than KN.
- 105/21 Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
- i) Progress is slowly being made. The Bank deleted the new Clerk's registration for a second time so a further application has been made and the appropriate mandate forms have been signed by Cllrs Bosanquet and Tremlett. The Clerk hopes to have online banking access before the next meeting.  
**Action: Clerk**
  - ii) Loumar Lodge, Hollyburn, Heatherfield and Rivendale Cottages – the residents will be written to in order to ascertain if they would like the Parish Council to attempt to remedy the incorrect designation of addresses.  
**Action: Clerk & Chair (who will hand deliver the letters)**
  - iii) A resident had raised the issue of the possibility of putting in traffic calming measures to reduce speed and noise, particularly on the B1340 at Orchard Loaning. NCC last considered this in 2018 when speed data did not show that speeds were a particular issue and consultation with residents was inconclusive. NCC has said they will need good

arguments, new speed data and strong backing from RPC and residents to reconsider their decision on this issue.

AGREED by all to consult with the Parish about traffic calming measures as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process.

iv) **North Farm Development** – RPC wrote to Northumberland Estates summarising the concerns of the Parish Council and parishioners about a range of issues arising from the build including: materials used; the disruption and impact on the village of the development due to poor site management and a lack of consideration for residents; health and safety issues from lack of signage; damage to verges and footpaths; removal of original roof trusses on the listed building element etc. Colin Barnes from Northumberland Estates proposed a meeting with members of RPC and have agreed to meet at Rennington Village Hall followed with a site visit to North Farm at 4pm on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

**Action: Cllrs Dixon and Neilsen to attend**

**Collapsed Wall on the Lonnen** – Northumberland Estates has replied to the PC's concerns and are consulting with their tenant on the timescales for repairs.

**Action: Clerk to follow up.**

**106/21 Neighbourhood Plan**

i) Update on project work – this will be brought to the next meeting.

ii) The Neighbourhood Area Designation application was made and has been approved by NCC.

iii) The Terms of Reference for the Working Group will be brought to the next meeting.

iv) Drop-In plans/preparation –the Working Group will arrange the first consultation meeting after the Covid Rules change to allow easier and more effective participation. More detailed proposals re promotional materials etc will be brought to the next PC meeting.

v) Grant funding applications – any proposals will be brought to the next meeting.

**107/21 Annual Parish Meeting** – the Parish Council will delay calling this meeting until Covid Regulations allow for more effective participation from members of the community.

**108/21 Planning Applications and Enforcement**

**i) 20/03447 (19/03478/VARYCO) and 20/03446 (19/03479/VARYCO) North Farm, Rennington.**

**22/01595 (19/03479/VARYCO (Landscaping)) North Farm, Rennington.**

There was considerable discussion about the three outstanding planning applications in relation to North Farm which relate mainly to technical matters (including materials used at the site such as stone and roof slates etc) for which permission is to date undecided by the planning authority. The Parish Council has already made comments as have many parishioners. The Planning Officer had recommended approval but the Planning Committee decided the issues should be referred to the North Northumberland Area Council due to widespread community, County Councillor and Parish Council concerns raised. Rob Murfin, the Director of Planning for NCC, has arranged a remote online meeting with the Chair of the Parish Council on 9.7.21. The North Northumberland Local Area Council are understood to have the North Farm development and VARYCOs on their agenda for 22.7.21 and the Director of Planning will attend that meeting.

**Action: Cllr Dixon to update at next PC meeting.**

**20/00301/DISCON North Farm, Rennington**

Sewer in watercourse leading to Rennington Burn

Following letters written to NCC and the Environment Agency, the Parish Council has received a request from the Flood and Coastal Risk Management Officer & Draining Engineer at NCC for additional plans and photographs in connection with this issue. It appears that this falls within NCC's remit due to the size of the watercourse. Cllr Dixon has prepared plans and photographs to be forwarded to NCC.

**Action: Clerk to send letter, plans and photographs to NCC.**

**ii) 20/04399/FUL Land north of Grange Park, Rennington.**

- 1-7 residential units.

- site surface water collection and drainage objection by NCC LLFA unresolved.

There have been no complaints from the 2 properties that may be affected by this application. AGREED that the Parish Council is neutral on the application.

**iii) 21/00752/FUL Outbuildings west of 1 Rennington Village.**

- Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to a single residential unit.

AGREED that the Parish Council is neutral on this application but will propose that conditions be placed on the application concerning:

a) reinstatement of any damage to the metalled roadway running past Rennington Village Hall (RVH).

b) that the metalled roadway not be obstructed during works as it is the only disabled access to the Village Hall

c) whether external storage/space is required for bins, fuel, car parking

**Action:** Clerk to send comments to Planning Dept by 28 June 2021 and review rights of access.

**iv) 21/00990/FUL Broxfield Farm.**

- Construction of three additional farm buildings

- Comments to Planning Dept by 28 June 2021.

AGREED that the Parish Council is neutral on this application.

**v) 21/01280/FUL Nab End.**

- Outside equestrian arena on current farm land

Planning Permission has been granted for this.

AGREED that the Parish Council is neutral on this application.

**vi) Contaminated land/buried waste at Stamford Lea (Masons Arms)**

The Parish Council has proposed to NCC that in the absence of any progress with the developer, that NCC carry out any testing and clean up and pass the costs to the developer. NCC are considering their options.

**Action: Clerk to seek update from NCC.**

vii) Discussion on future RPC decision making about planning/enforcement matters. The Chair requested that all the Councillors consider how RPC can be most effective within the Planning regime by making timely and appropriate comments on planning permissions, providing effective representation for the views of the community.

**Action: All Parish Councillors**

**109/21 Rennington Parish Council Website**

It was noted that contact details for Councillors have now been put on the website. It was also noted that the website needs to be updated and populated with more information and images. The website is hosted by Northumberland Association of Local Councils and the headings on the website are preset. The Neighbourhood Plan section is difficult to find as it is currently set up. The Clerk will investigate this. It would be good to have a brief history of Rennington and Rock and any other appropriate settlements in the Parish. The Parish Plan could also be uploaded to the website.

**Action: Clerk and Parish Councillors to source content and upload. Clerk to contact NALC re adding headings.**

**110/21 Communications/Correspondence Received**

An email has been received from the Prosper Learning Trust concerning a proposal to open the Gilbert Ward Academy - a new special free school for children with Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs and autism in Blyth, Northumberland. It was AGREED to send a letter of support as part of their consultation.

**Action: Clerk to send letter of support**

**111/21 Financial Matters**

i) The Finance report for 24th June was RECEIVED. The financial summary as at 24<sup>th</sup> June is: Treasurer's Account £7,537.85; Business Account: £4,836.84

ii) RESOLVED that the following payments be APPROVED for payment.

a) Clerk's expenses (receipted)	£10.42
b) Clerk's attendance at 3 courses online	£ 15.00
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c) Clerk's mileage to obtain signature on bank mandates	£ 5.40
d) Cllr Bosanquet's attendance at 1 course online	£ 5.00

**112/21 County Councillor's Monthly Report** – NOTED that the Councillor's Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Pattison also mentioned that the developer at South Meadows has agreed to repair damage caused. Cllr Pattison confirmed that the C73 will no longer be referred to as Church Road but that this will take some time to take effect.

**113/21 Other Urgent Business** – none.

**114/21 Date of Next Meeting** - Thursday 29th July 2021 at 7.30pm at Rennington Village Hall.

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