

## NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at The Hub, Seahouses Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses, NE68 7YL**

**The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.**

#### **Police Report**

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

No recordable crimes since the last PC meeting

#### **66/2021 PRESENT**

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| 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 Jill Hall                 |                      |
| Cllr Amy Armstrong             |                      |

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

#### **67/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Alan McFarlane, Cllr Matty Stephenson (after the meeting)

#### **68/2021 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

#### **69/2021 PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Peter Olver re: Green Space

Mr Oliver requested that the PC apply for village green status for the playing area on James Street (The Horseshoe) to ensure this space remains available for the children to use and to hopefully avoid any development of the land. The area fits the criteria for village green as has been continually in use for over 20 years by local people for recreation. Discussion followed as to how best to support and Cllr Donaldson proposed that the Parish Council apply for Village green Status on this area, Cllr Ailsa Shiel seconded – all agreed. The Clerk is to look into how to make the application.

#### **70/2021 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 12 April 2021**

Additional items 1 invoice to be paid, 1 receipt of monies into the cemetery account - All agreed

#### **71/2021 CONSIDERATION OF:**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 17 May 2021 – all agreed

## 72/2021 MATTERS ARISING

1. Quotes received – Cleaning of bins and seats  
3 x quotes received for cleaning of the bins alone, one received for seats, discussion followed regarding number of cleans that may be needed. Cllr D Shiel proposed accepting NCC quote as being the most cost effective for the Parish and ask him to also clean the seats. All agreed and the meeting asked that the Clerk contact NCC to ascertain if they have a bin cleaning programme elsewhere in the County.
2. Planning Committee – The Chair informed the meeting that Rob Murfin, NCC Director of Planning had agreed to present to Cllrs a zoom training session regarding how best to approach planning applications, what can and cannot be taken into account. This will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm. The Clerk will send out zoom invitations. The meeting then discussed whether a separate Planning Committee should be set up, Cllrs Donaldson & Bramley had agreed that the *Old Parish of Bamburgh Local History Archive* projector can be made available when the meeting takes place in its usual site. Further discussion followed regarding if a separate committee should be set up and the meeting agreed that any planning applications should still be considered by all Councillors at the PC meeting.
3. Parish Survey – A request to provide a parish wide survey to ascertain if the village want any particular changes, ideas of what the PC may be able to provide. Discussions on what form, Cllr Ailsa Shiel suggested facebook, Cllr Sylvia Hillan suggested the Parish Meeting would be the usual place for the parish to bring forward requests although cannot hold a parish meeting at present due to covid restrictions. Cllr Williams suggested that not just one way, Cllr Bramley suggested that the Village News is delivered to all households and that a donation could be offered. The meeting agreed that the Clerk will circulate Beadnell survey for information, contact the Village News for delivery costs and printing prices and that Cllrs will discuss at next meeting what questions are to be included.
4. Standing Orders – Discussions followed regarding change to **section 2.2** with the addition of the following:  
..... A Councillor shall hold the position of Chairman consecutively for 2 years (where possible) but a maximum of 5yrs if no other Councillor is willing to take the position.

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**Section 5.5.3** amendment to standing order to allow for internet banking to as follows:  
..... Cheques or internet banking payments are raised by the Clerk and will be authorised by two Councillors at the meeting where they appear on the agenda.

**Section 3.6** Members of the public may speak at a council meeting at the discretion of the Chairman of the meeting. There will be a period of 5 minutes allowed after declarations of interest have been made, at the beginning of the meeting.

*Discussion took place regarding section 3.12 and whether the election of Chair and vice-Chair should continue to be by a show of hands or whether a secret ballot is more appropriate. Cllr Donaldson proposed it remain the same, Cllr Fordy seconded – 5 for, 4 against.'*

## 73/2021 PLANNING

1. 21/01386/FUL Conversion of detached stable into habitable one bedroom holiday let. **Rear of 174 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7UA** – plans discussed, concerns raised over parking availability – objections to be noted.
2. 21/00922/FUL Construction of two glazed dormer windows with bi-fold door and glass safety panel to the first-floor elevation. Demolition of two single storey extensions, one rear dormer window, single storey rear extension with balcony above. Demolition and replacement of rear detached garage with gym and auxiliary storage above. **Rannoch Lodge, 29 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS** – revised plans discussed, meeting agreed – application still remains an overdevelopment and does not allow for vehicles turning on property – objections to be noted.
3. 21/01491/FUL Construction of raised decking area to the rear and 1.2m high wire balustrade with stainless steel handrail and posts **42 Longstone Park, Beadnell, NE67 5BP**
4. 21/00914/FUL Proposed eco glamping development, formed with 10 yurts, erection of associated toilet block and car parking and landscaping **Land South East of Glororum Farm Cottages, Belford**

**Permission Granted**

1. Single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling **40 James Street, Seahouses, NE68 7YD**
2. Rear Dormer window, **2 Twin Palms, South Lane, Seahouses, NE68 7UN**
3. Construction of first floor extension to side of dwelling **44 Kippy Law, Seahouses, NE68 7YH**

**Application withdrawn**

None

**Permission Refused – None**

**74/2021 CEMETERY**

Cllr Donaldson read out a letter he had received from Ms K Davies in complaint that the damaged headstone was still awaiting repair after 2 ½ yrs. It was noted that Bart Endean had emailed the Clerk prior to the meeting to say he would be doing the repairs. The Clerk is to send a letter of apology for the delay to all parties involved and assure them the matter is in hand.

**75/2021 FINANCE**

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £0.00
2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

|  | £ VAT       | £ incl vat    |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| May 21 Payroll Costs Clerk – NCC                 | 0           | 646.18        |
| NCC Charge for payroll admin                     | 2.50        | 15.00         |
| Cllrs NALC training – Clerk reimbursement        | 0           | 40.00         |
| The Hub – Room Rental                            |             | 40.00         |
| HP Instant Inks – May subs 7.49 (election forms) | 1.25        | 7.49          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>3.75</b> | <b>748.67</b> |

Cllr Hillan raised a query over the training costs, following discussions it was agreed that in this instance all training would be paid (as a misunderstanding about what had previously been agreed had arisen) but for future reference, any expenses must be agreed by the full council prior to being booked.

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £450.00
4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

|                              | £VAT                    | £incl VAT     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Complete Landscapes Inv 1936 |                         |               |
| 6 May                        | Grass Cutting           | 135.00        |
|                              | Cemetery Tidy – 8hrs    | 160.00        |
| 18 May                       | Grass Cutting           | 135.00        |
|                              | Cemetery tidy – 4 hrs   | 80.00         |
|                              | Grass seed applications | 20.00         |
|                              | Weedkilling application | 45.00         |
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|                              | <b>Sub Total</b>        | <b>115.00</b> |
|                              |                         | <b>690.00</b> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>115.00</b>           | <b>690.00</b> |

All payments agreed – Cllr Hillan made note that these costs may need to be reviewed.

## 76/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Bramley noted that a thank you had been received from the Head Mistress at the Primary School.

## 77/2021 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Fordy asked for an update on bus lanes – Cllr Renner-Thompson to find out when the additional areas are to be marked out.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel – complaints received about COOP lorry parking on the pavement on the corner, then leaving vehicle unattended. Also, causing damage to the pavement. Further complaints received about parking on King Street and also the speed vehicles are travelling at along King Street. Questions had been asked about the old First School Site and litter, grass cutting etc. Cllr Renner-Thompson replied that there was no budget for maintenance on the site, matter still going through legal process with the Lord Crewe. Cllr Armstrong asked about the alarm that keeps sounding – this should be reported to NCC property. Cllr Shiel also reported that it had been asked if the Parish Council could help the Harbour by installing litter bins as there were none on the Harbour Site – Cllr David Shiel confirmed that no bins would be provided on the Harbour.

Cllr Donaldson again raised the issue of the concrete lintels on the grass verge by Monks House. Cllr Renner-Thompson to investigate this matter.

Cllr David Shiel asked Cllr Renner-Thompson if the old First School Site could be given to the village. He suggested that a direct approach to the Lord Crewes Trustees may be more appropriate. Discussion followed as to the asset this may be to the village and Cllr Williams suggested that we nominate the site as an "Asset of Community Value". Cllr Renner-Thompson supported this approach.

Cllr Hillan had received complaints about the fish and chip shop staff, smoking outside the door which opens onto the Crumstone and discarding cigarette butts on the street. The Chair to approach the owners.

Cllr Jill Hall made note that the Northumberland Day on the 30<sup>th</sup> May made the village look nice. Thanks to Cllr MacFarlane who repaired bunting at 5.30am in the morning, photographs have been sent to County.

Cllr Trotter asked Cllr Renner-Thompson if the rockery beside the toilets could be removed to alleviate the problem with the motor bikes parking on the path. Clerk to send request to NCC

Cllr Armstrong asked about the grass cutting on the path between Seahouses and Bamburgh as this was overgrown. Cllr Renner-Thompson made note that the unevenness of the area made it difficult to get machinery in to cut. Problem with type of grass and this path was privately funded so not carried out the way NCC would have done it.

Discussions regarding problems at Annsteads Farm, parking and footpath.

Cllr Williams – asked about progress with the repairs to the lonning path, Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that this is with the design team but has been held up due to Covid. The recent housing needs assessment that had been circulated was raised as out of date data had been used. Cllr Hillan suggested that a supporting email should be sent to Jen Hall. It also discussed and strongly objected to the facts that no prior consultation had been carried out with the Ward Cllr and/or the 3 Parish Councils, and that the Housing paper which informed the Neighbourhood plan had been ignored. Cllr Renner-Thompson explained the reason for the report and was awaiting a response from Rob Murfin. Discussions followed regarding social housing and allocation of the same. Cllr Renner-Thompson notes that he had asked the NCC to look into the social housing policy and how much weight is given to the local need.

Cllr Fordy asked for an update on lights on Broad Road. Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that this would be very expensive and not likely to happen quickly – need to add onto LTP. Cllr Bramley noted the grass verges overgrown and difficult to step out of the way of cars.

Cllr Trotter asked if the two small bins could be replaced with larger bins in car park as rubbish is regularly needing to be picked up and left in wheelie bin. Cllr Renner-Thompson suggested a temporary siting of wheelie bins. Clerk to check with Bob Hodgson – NCC Neat team.

#### **78/2021 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY 5 July 2021 at 7pm at The Hub, Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses**

Signed.....  
Chairman – David Shiel