

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 1st November 2021 at The Hub, Seahouses Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses, NE68 7YL

The Vice Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Police Report

No report forthcoming

131/2021 PRESENT

Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair)

Cllr Maureen Bramley

Cllr Steve Williams

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr Jill Hall

Cllr Amy Armstrong

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr David Donaldson

Cllr Alan McFarlane

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO

132/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Shiel (Chairman), Cllr Matty Stephenson, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson,

133/2021 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Trotter & Cllr Hall 138/2021-21/03864/FUL,

134/2021 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

135/2021 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 1 November 2021

Additional items 1 planning, 1 correspondence – All agreed

136/2021 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4th October 2021 – all agreed

Cllr Donaldson requested that the “final minutes” were circulated prior to the meeting – all agreed.

137/2021 MATTERS ARISING

1. Parish Survey – Consideration of suggestions for projects- Report discussed, Cllr Williams noted that the majority of the suggestions were not under our control but did not want the report to seem “negative”. He proposed a pro-active response with PC lobbying for change. Cllr Donaldson proposed car-parking and double yellow lines as a number of areas are quite dangerous now due to the lack of yellow lines and inconsiderate parking. It was agreed that all councillors would look at areas of the town and report back to next meeting. The Clerk to post report on facebook, PC website and notice boards along with information as to what the PC can and cannot do. It is to be made clear that even if it is not within remit of PC, Cllrs will actively lobby other responsible groups for change where possible. It was also noted that a pedestrian refuge was removed from the junction of King Street and James Street and has never been replaced. The Clerk is to chase NCC Highways regarding when the red lines are to

be painted on Main Street. Cllr McFarlane raised the issue of reducing the speed limit especially on Broad Road as it is so dark and many children use that road to get to the football pitches.

2. Bin – Car Park update - Cllr Trotter reported that NCC were to install the bin at the agreed site on a block. The existing bins and seats are to be cleaned this month as these were delayed due to number of tourists.
3. Remembrance Sunday Service – update – The Clerk reported that the wreath had been purchased, a bugler had offered to play at the service and his details were passed to Cllr Donaldson to liaise. The events team at NCC had been notified and no objections had been raised and the road closure team were to be in touch.
4. Going green initiative – Cllr Hall asked if the PC could be more proactive and develop areas such as the Old Railway Line? Some suggestions put forward were for better surface, remove weeds and re-plant with wild flowers, upgrading of information boards. She proposed to liaise with AONB/NCC and then report back. Cllr Bramley asked who owns the land, Cllr Hillan confirmed the Lord Crewe Trustees and they may help with grants for improvements. Coast Cares work was acknowledged and all agreed that Cllr Hall should develop the project and report back.
5. Councillor training request – The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Hall had requested to attend a training session with NALC taking place on the 24th Jan 2022 on Planning enforcement at a cost of £5. – all agreed

138/2021 PLANNING

1. [21/03650/FUL](#) Retrospective installation of garden shed **Wyndgrove House, 156 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7UA** – The meeting was not happy that this application was retrospective and considered the shed was too large and potentially was a change of use. On those grounds an objection is to be raised.
2. [21/03864/FUL](#) First floor extension to rear of existing dwelling, **2 Staple Court, Seahouses, NE68 7YN** – the council has no objection to this application
3. [21/03914/FUL](#) Renovation of Apartments 5 (Farne Haven), 6 (Gulls crest) and 7 (Cragg End) to alter the internal layouts to provide open living/dining/kitchen rooms and improve the bedroom sizes and bathroom/en-suite sizes, including replacement and reconfiguration of the external windows to this section of the building to reflect the internal layout alterations. These works are the first phase of a total building renovation. **5,6 and 7 Farne House, 12 Crewe Street, Seahouses** – Cllr Bramley asked if this building was within the conservation area and the meeting agreed to note this whilst having no objections.
4. [21/03897/FUL](#) Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage, **77 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TW** – the meeting had no objections to this application
5. [21/03408/FUL](#) Proposed new balcony to first floor rear elevation and alterations to existing window opening to form French doors **Greenlee House, Thorburns Yard, South St, Seahouses, NE68 7RB** – Cllr McFarlane noted that a member of public had informed him of original agreement that there should be an area of 1m between the building and the caravan site to allow for privacy. The meeting felt that this balcony would infringe on the privacy of the caravan occupier and was not in keeping with the rest of the building therefore an objection is to be raised.
6. [21/02718/FUL](#) Single storey and two storey extensions 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 lean-to roof canopy

over. **Brownsman Cottage, 4 Monkhouse Seahouses, NE68 7SY** – the meeting agreed to reiterate its previous objection and to agree with the AONB comments. Cllr Donaldson noted that all other units are listed buildings and this development would greatly impact on them.

It was also noted that sand dunes were being moved in this area and the Clerk is to report this to National Trust.

7. 21/03843/FUL Erection of Agricultural Building **Solar Array C64, Springhill Junction to Ingram Bamburgh** – the meeting had no objections to this building as an agricultural unit.
8. Change to use of car park to area of land to allow individuals to sleep in self-sufficient Motorhomes, **Land South West of Bamburgh Castle Car Parks, Links Road, Bamburgh** – no comment required
9. Change to use of car park to area of land to allow individuals to sleep in self-sufficient Motorhomes, **Car Park, Benthall, Beadnell, Chathill** – no comment required

Application withdrawn

None

Permission Granted

1. Conversion of integral garage to provide bedroom with en-suite, toilet. Planning permission sought to comply with approval N/03/B0830 with conditions 15 and 17 **4 Regal Close, North Sunderland, NE68 7US**
2. Removal of existing front extension and construction of new front extension **The Tumblers, 14 St Aidans, Seahouses NE68 7SS**

Permission Refused

1. Listed building consent for works including changes to internal layout, ensuite shower room, 2 new timber windows to rear, replace windows/external doors with double glazed timber units, installation of external door to sun room, raised deck and steps down to garden. **West House, Seahouses, NE68 7SX**
2. Retrospective: Replacement of all windows and doors **67 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TN**

Note was made that an illegal sign was still in situ and the Clerk is to chase NCC enforcement again.

139/2021 CEMETERY

Cllr McFarlane noted his thanks to Seafield Caravan Park as they had stepped in and sent groundsman to cut grass and tidy the cemetery in the absence of the usual contractor. Cllr Shiel had received comments about how sad it was that the cemetery appeared to have gone downhill. Cllr Hillan asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Seafield and to put a thankyou on facebook as well. Cllr Donaldson noted his disappointment in the contractor as he had not answered any communications. Cllr Hillan noted that whilst his previous work had been excellent, it would have resulted in a deficit of over £16000 if the costs had been allowed to continue. Discussions followed about the breach of contract and Cllr Hillan proposed a recorded delivery letter should be sent giving him 14 days to respond or it will be deemed that he has terminated the contract with immediate effect. Cllr Fordy seconded – all agreed.

The Clerk reported that she had received advice from SLCC regarding release of RFF and the meeting agreed to follow this advice and publish reasoning and plans with 2 month deadline for comments.

140/2021 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £819.60 (reimbursement for bin)
2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
Hp Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.58	3.49
NCC – Clerks salary Oct 21		646.18
NCC admin costs	2.50	15.00
The Hub – room rental		40.00
Clerk expenses for wreath, etc		67.98
Cllr Trotter exps for transport to NALC AGM 82miles@40ppm	5.47	32.80
Total	8.55	805.45

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £850.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£VAT	£incl VAT
A Haile re grave digging – 27th September		200.00
TOTAL	0	200.00

All payments agreed

141/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

A request had been received from one of the volunteers who has been looking after a PC planter for help with cost of plants etc. Cllr Hillan noted that volunteers should be supported. Cllr Shiel also noted that Louise Trotter looks after PC planter and thanks should be sent, seconded by Cllr Donaldson – all agreed. Meeting agreed that costs so far should be requested as budget of £250 for plants already agreed for PC planters. Discussion followed regarding planters and costs. Meeting agreed that £50 should be offered for water pump site and costs of other planters to be ascertained. Cllr Donaldson asked for update on rockery removal – Clerk to send reminder to NCC.

142/2021 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Shiel gave report of street lights that need attention, Clerk to send on to NCC.

143/2021 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 6th December 2021 at 7pm

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel