

## RENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Parish Council on **Thursday October 7th at 7:00pm** at Rennington Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the public and press are invited to attend. Please note that in line with Covid Restrictions and Guidance public seating may be limited. Attendees will be required to use hand sanitiser, maintain social distancing and may opt to wear face masks and/or visors. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.

**135/21 Apologies for Absence**

**136/21 Declarations of Interest** Members to inform the Chair of any declarations of interest for matters in connection with this agenda.

**137/21 Public Participation Time** In accordance with Section 3.5 of the Rennington Parish Council Standing Orders members of the public present may address the Council at this point on the agenda. The Council reserves the right to respond or debate the issue at a later date.

**138/21 Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on Monday August 9th 2021**  
To APPROVE the circulated draft Minutes (circulated in advance of the meeting and published on the RPC website).

**139/21 Matters Arising from the previous meeting**  
i) Filing cabinet and crate in RVH office – Cllrs Baggott, Dixon and the Clerk spent 3 hours sorting through the contents and have been able to recycle and confidentially destroy many documents. Most of the documents were planning applications which the PC does not have to keep. Work will continue on this and consideration needs to be given to purchasing a lockable cabinet to replace the filing cabinet for which there is no key.  
ii) NCC has replied re grass cutting that most parishes choose to pay for 3 additional grass cuts (2 in October and 1 in March) in addition to the NCC cuts (£145 per cut). Over the winter NCC remove lower branches and tree suckers which hamper their operatives when cutting the grass. As of 30.9.21 NCC Highways has not responded re drains and a reminder email has been sent.  
iii) Defibrillator – update from Cllr Dixon

**140/21 Adoption of new RPC Policies and Procedures**

- Co-option of Councillors Policy and Procedure (draft circulated in advance of the meeting)
- Standing Orders (draft circulated in advance of the meeting)
- Financial Regulations (draft circulated in advance of the meeting)

**141/21 Neighbourhood Development Plan**

- i) Report back from consultation drop-in session on 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 2-8pm

- ii) Terms of reference for Working Group
- iii) Grant funding

**142/21 Planning Issues and Enforcement**

**Live Planning Applications**

- i) **21/03303/DISCON** - Street Lighting - Fmr North Farm Site, Rennington (Condition 18 of 20/03446/VARYCO) – RPC was invited to comment – Report back from Cllr Dixon
- ii) **21/ 03294/FUL** – Erection of 4 no. dwellings (C3 use) and improvements to existing dwellings including upgrading of private roads, new parking and bin stores. Lnd North 9-23 Rock Village, Rock – comments by 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- iii) **21/00752/FUL** Land west of Rennington Village. Proposed Block Plans submitted showing car parking. Proposal suggests limitations and access problems relating to RVH parking.
- iv) **20/04399/REM** and **20/02451/REM**. Reserved matters land north of Grange Park. Drainage matters remain unresolved.
- v) **21/03612/AGRGDO** Gallowhill. Proposed general purpose agricultural building.
- vi) **21/00980/FUL** Broxfield. Part retrospective erection of 3 agricultural buildings. Amended plan submitted 6 September 2021.

**Other planning issues**

- vii) The training due to be carried out by the NCC Director of Planning has been postponed pending the finalisation of the Local Plan. The Discussion about future RPC decision making in connection with planning/enforcement matters and providing effective representation for the views of the community will take place after the training.
- viii) Proposed Meeting with Northumberland Estates following the refusal by at NCC at the Pre-planning application for Phase 2 of the North Farm Development – update from Cllr Dixon
- ix) Update on Stamford Lea (Mason's Arms) - removal of spoil
- x) 17/04588/FUL North Farm Rennington - Installation of foul and surface water drainage – report back from Clerk
- xi) Since 2008 local planning authorities are required to publish information checklists they use to 'validate' the planning applications they receive. A validation list has 2 components:
  - a). The national requirements, such as the application form, fee and certificates
  - b). Specific local validation requirements are known as the 'Local List'
 NCC has asked for comments on the draft Local Validation Checklist. The draft Local List is open for public consultation for a four-week period running until Friday 8th October 2021.
- xii) Any planning applications submitted since the drafting of the agenda

**143/21 Website and website Analytics – Analytics from July to September 2021. Options for website for the future.**

**144/21 Northumberland and Newcastle Society subscription**

**145/21 Transport North East Stakeholder Forum**

Report back from Cllr Green on plans to organise a focus group on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October to collect views from local people about the impact on lives of the lack of public transport.

- 146/21 NCC Climate Emergency Declaration** – NCC's request re Rennington Parish's plans to address climate change and declare a climate emergency
- 147/21 Rennington Parish Definitive Map** – NCC can supply a map of the parish A1 paper size at a scale of 1:12,000 that will show all the recorded public rights of way including all of the changes reflected in previous Modification Orders for an approximate cost of £30.
- 148/21 Christmas Lights**
- 149/21 Communications/Correspondence Received**  
1) Healthwatch are holding regular drop-in sessions around the county and Zoom drop-ins on the 2 Friday of each month to give residents an opportunity to tell them about residents experiences of NHS and Social Care Services. (details on RPC website in the News section)  
2) NCC has pledged to make Northumberland the first net-zero county by 2030 and is giving 15,000 free tree saplings to residents. (Details on RPC website in the News section)
- 150/21 NCC Local Transport Plan Programme 2022-23** – to decide on Rennington Parish's top three highways and transport priority issues.
- 151/21 Comparison of Spend with Budget for 21-22** (circulated in advance)
- 152/21 Review of Asset Register and Asset Maintenance** (circulated in advance)
- 153/21 Financial Matters**  
i) Financial Report and update of Lloyds Bank Account balances as at 30. September 21 (monthly financial report circulated in advance).  
Treasurer's Current Account Balance 30<sup>th</sup> September **£9,046.48**  
Business Bank Instant Reserve Account  
Parish Council Reserves **£2,875.50**  
Community Benefit Fund for Village Hall **£1,961.46**  
  
ii) **To approve current payments:**  
Clerk's mileage by car to RPC meeting 9.8.21 **£4.05**  
Clerk's mileage by bike to RPC to sort filing cabinet in office **£1.80**  
Clerk's purchase of 1 ream of paper **£3.50**  
Defibrillator Carry Case for iPad 11.8.21 **£91.14**  
Cllr Dixon's expenses for printing Flyer and Questionnaire for NDP Consultation Day 23.9.21 **£245.60**  
Cllr Baggott's expenses for Survey Monkey for NDP Consultation analysis for next 12 months, refreshments and stationery for NDP Consultation Day 23.9.21 **£430.40**  
Rental Payment to Northumberland Estates for 25.3.21 to 28.9.21 **£425**  
ICO annual Data Protection Registration Fee **£40**  
Rennington Parish Definitive Map showing all public rights of way **£30**

- 154/21 Online Banking** – Councillors needed to become signatories
- 155/21 County Councillor** – Monthly Report (circulated in advance)
- 156/21 Co-option of Parish Councillor (s)**  
Consideration of Co-option of Fred Bosanquet
- 157/21 Acceptance of office of new Parish Councillor(s)**
- 158/21 Setting dates for future Meetings**
- 159/21 Other Urgent Business**
- 160/21 Staffing Matters** – a motion to exclude the public will be proposed due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.
- 161/21 Date of Next Meetings** – Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm (RPC Business Meeting)  
Thursday 28th October 2021 7pm Rennington Parish Annual Meeting.  
(postponed from May 2021)