

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 4th October 2021 at The Hub, Seahouses Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses, NE68 7YL

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Police Report

2 x damage to vehicles – These offences did not occur in a recent time frame and have different victims and different MO. Not believed to be linked.

1 x Malicious Communication – offender advised as per victim wishes.

There have been no reported instances of ASB.

118/2021 PRESENT

Cllr David Shiel (Chairman)

Cllr Maureen Bramley

Cllr Steve Williams

Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair)

Cllr Jill Hall

Cllr Amy Armstrong

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr David Donaldson

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO, George Price

119/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Matty Stephenson, Cllr Alan McFarlane, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson,

120/2021 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

121/2021 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

122/2021 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 4 October 2021

Additional items 1 planning, 2 Granted, £450 in cemetery income – All agreed

123/2021 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 6th September 2021 – all agreed

124/2021 MATTERS ARISING

1. Parish Survey – results - Cllr Hillan informed the meeting of the survey returns. It was noted that a very disappointing response of only 39 out of 1000 had been received. It was agreed to allow Cllrs to review all responses and be reviewed at next meeting prior to start of budgeting process. All results will be published after next PC meeting.
2. Bin – Car Park update - Cllr Trotter reported that NCC had requested confirmation be sought from the managing agents of the Viking Apartments prior to siting the bin. An email had been

sent but still awaiting response. He also noted that the bins and seats are expected to be cleaned during the month.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel noted that Cllr Renner-Thompson had previously agreed to look at the re-design of the town. The Clerk is to send an email and raise the issue again.

3. Remembrance Sunday Service – Discussions over whether a serviceman should read names of The Fallen took place, Cllr Hillan proposed it should be a parish councillor, Cllr Donaldson seconded, 5 for, 5 against with the Chair casting vote for the proposal.
Cllr Ailsa Shiel proposed Cllr my Armstrong to represent the Council, seconded by Cllr Fordy
Cllr David Shiel proposed Cllr Donaldson, seconded by Cllr Bramley. 5 votes for Cllr Donaldson, 4 votes for Cllr Armstrong, 1 abstention

Clerk to order the wreath from the Royal British Legion.

4. Litter picking equipment request – An email was read out from Mrs Laura Sykes regarding litter picking equipment and bins on the School Field site. It was noted that this site belongs to NCC and it is their responsibility to provide bins. Cllr Hall noted that Coastal Care arrange litter picking and this request could be included with their work.

125/2021 PLANNING

1. 21/03380/FUL Improvement scheme incorporating new entrance porch and decking area, existing driveway replaced with block paving and new fence to north boundary. **Church View, 147a Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TT** – The Council had no objections to this application.
2. 21/03554/FUL Removal of existing front extension and construction of new front extension, **The Tumblers, 14 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS** – The Council has no objections to this application
3. 21/21/03617/FUL First floor extension (above existing) **17a North Street, Seahouses, NE68 7SD** – It was noted that Heritage Statement plan are at odds with proposed layout plan. This property is also in the conservation area and these are to be raised with the planning officer prior to comment.
4. 21/03727/FUL Erection of a shelter in beer garden and additional toilet block. **Land South of 2 King Street, King Street, Seahouses** – Discussions took place regarding application and existing use. Cllr Williams proposed asking for planning condition of 10pm cut off for music – Agreed with 1 abstention

Application withdrawn

None

Permission Granted

1. Loft conversion with dormers and general internal remodelling works and associated alterations to fenestration **40 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS**
2. Development of 3no. residential dwellings including associated access, car parking, landscaping and all other ancillary works. **Land South of 30 Swinhoe Road, Swinhoe Road, Beadnell**

Permission Refused – None

126/2021 CEMETERY

The Chair is to measure and cost replacement door, Cllr Fordy noted that the contractors will be available to start clearing site in 2 weeks. It was noted that the caretaker had not attended the cemetery this month and the Clerk has not been able to contact him. A complaint had been made regarding a grave which had excessive ornaments and it was agreed that the cemetery committee would meet and inspect all graves for excessive items. A complaint was also received regarding the time the replacement grave digger attended site.

127/2021 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £8,000.00

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
Hp Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.58	3.49
NCC – Clerks salary Sept 21		646.18
NCC admin costs	2.50	15.00
The Hub – room rental		40.00
PKF Littlejohn – Audit	40.00	240.00
Total	43.08	944.67

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £1,350.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£VAT	£incl VAT
A Haile re grave digging – 3 rd September		200.00
Timbercraft – Grave digging 13 th September		200.00
TOTAL	0	400.00

All payments agreed

128/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

None

129/2021 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Fordy noted that no action had been taken regarding the uneven paving stones at the Co-op corner – The Clerk to report to NCC Highways again.

Cllr Donaldson noted that complaints had been received regarding the surface of Broad Road and also asked for the yellow lines to be extended to Farne Crescent (as included on the 2022-2023 LTP)

Cllr Donaldson asked when it will be possible to get back into the Sheltered Housing Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses – The Clerk to check if limitations on numbers had been lifted.

Cllr Donaldson asked if a letter of complaint could be sent to Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP as the post box had been removed from St Aidans, which was well used, predominantly by older residents.

Cllr Hillan reported on the zoom meeting she had attended regarding the Government initiative to improve bus services. £3bn has been made available to provide enhanced network, better links with rail, cleaner and greener vehicles and better integration with other bus companies. Further meetings are to be arranged. It was noted that a complaint had been received that the timetable at Seahouses (and other areas) had not been replaced since Jan '21. Discussion followed regarding possibility of shuttle service between Bamburgh/Seahouses/Beadnell.

Cllr Fordy made note that the bus stop sign was missing.

Cllr Hall reported that the council planters could not be looked after at this time.

Cllr Donaldson informed the meeting about findings from the archives regarding various amounts received towards the cemetery. It was again agreed that legal advice is to be sought from Liam Henry at NCC regarding the legal position of using the "Ring Fenced Funds" for other uses in the cemetery. (The Clerk had sent an email and is awaiting a response)

Cllr Bramley offered to copy all the documents she had from the archives relating to the cemetery for all Councillors.

Cllr Hillan noted that a fridge/freezer had been dumped in a layby and this is to be reported to NCC.

George Price was invited to address the meeting and raised issue of overflowing bins on the Harbour Hill and could bigger bins be sourced. Mr Price also questioned the decision to allow the Bamburgh Hotel to have a further 15 bedrooms without car-parking on site as this would cause more issues for residents in Crumstone. The Chair noted that the Parish Council had objected on the grounds of no parking spaces but NCC passed it.

The Chqir also thanked Mr Price for his help in clearing the rubbish on the Bank Holiday.

130/2021 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 1st November 2021 at 7pm Venue to be confirmed

Signed.....
Chairman – David Shiel

The Council then met in camera.