

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 6th September 2021 at The Hub, Seahouses Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses, NE68 7YL

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Police Report

Nothing received from police as PC Sharpless on leave

105/2021 PRESENT

Cllr David Shiel (Chairman)

Cllr Maureen Bramley

Cllr Steve Williams

Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair)

Cllr Alan McFarlane

Cllr Amy Armstrong

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr David Donaldson

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr Jill Hall

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO, Rachel Douglas, Christine Williamson Geoff Martindale, Amy Dolan, Laura Keen

106/2021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Matty Stephenson, Cllr Ailsa Shiel

107/2021 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

108/2021 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Rachel Douglas (et al) addressed the Parish Council regarding the lack of affordable housing in Seahouses and the surrounding area and had started an online petition. It was requested that 1) all Councillors sign the petition, 2) a letter is sent to Glen Sanderson (leader of NCC) and Anne-Marie Trevelyan (MP) supporting the petition 3) Identify pockets of land that could be used for affordable housing. It was noted that the St Cuthberts Close development is very much ongoing and Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that affordable housing was “top of the list” for development of the Old First School Site. Cllr Donaldson proposed acceptance of the 3 request, Cllr Bramley seconded – all agreed.

109/2021 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 6 September 2021

Additional items 1 planning – All agreed

110/2021 CONSIDERATION OF:

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111/2021 MATTERS ARISING

1. Parish Survey

Clerk reported surveys still being returned, getting a good response. Note made of closing date at end of September.

2. Bin – Car Park – Cllr Trotter confirmed that new bin had been delivered and discussion followed regarding best siting of bin. It was agreed that the large bin should be placed by the gents toilets and that smaller bin be moved to top of the Lifeboat Hill if possible, Cllr Donaldson proposed writing to NCC to request this site, Cllr Bramley seconded – all agreed. The Chair thanked Cllr Trotter, Fordy and Renner-Thompson for stepping up during the bank holiday when normal rubbish collection had not taken place. Cllr Renner-Thompson had subsequently complained and it appears that there had been a “mix-up” in the NCC staff rotas. It was noted that there was a lot of household rubbish that had been put in the street bins. Cllr McFarlane asked for support regarding football pitches and collection of dog waste. The football club is prepared to purchase bins and site them but would like help in getting NCC to collect the waste 3 x week. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the NEAT team to request this be included on the rubbish collection route. Cllr Trotter noted that he had cleaned the field at the Old First School where a bag of rubbish had been collected. NCC are due to clean this site and also was/clean the bins this month. It was also agreed that the damage to the fence would be reported to the police.
3. LTP 2022/2023 - Discussion took place regarding which highways improvements are most needed. It was agreed that the following should be put forward as LTP requests:
 - 1) Pedestrian crossing on Southfield Ave/James Street near to School as dangerous for children
 - 2) Double yellow lines at St Aidans/Broad Road should be continued to entrance to Farne Crescent as parked cars causing issues for buses etc.
 - 3) Pedestrian crossing on King Street as school children alighting from school buses crossing busy road.
 It was also agreed that the Clerk would put forward a request for James Street residents parking scheme to NCC highways as they are having huge issues with tourist parking.
4. Remembrance Sunday Service – The Chair informed the meeting that Remembrance Sunday was to be 14th November and that Cllr McFarlane may be able to take over the Parish Council role – he will confirm. The Clerk is to apply for the road closure.

112/2021 PLANNING

1. 21/03142/FUL Loft conversion with dormers and general internal remodelling works and associated alterations to fenestration. **40 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS** – The Council had no objections to this application as long as submitted plans were maintained.
2. 21/01737/FUL Erection of one no. Managers Dwelling (C3 use) **Springhill Farm Caravan Site, Seahouses, NE68 7UR** – discussions took place regarding need for additional building as Manager already living on site. Plans reviewed as to site of proposed new build and concerns raised as appears to be in “open countryside” rather than near development/holiday complex. Objections to be raised on basis of need and site.
3. 21/02571/ADE Advertisement consent for Installation of car park management system (ANPR system & 6no. pole/wall mounted 800mm x 600mm signs. **Car Park, Craster Arms, The Wynding, Beadnell**
4. 21/02572/LBC Listed building consent for the Installation of car park management system (ANPR system & 6no. pole/wall mounted 800mm x 60mm signs **Car Park, Craster Arms, The Wynding, Beadnell**
5. 21/02570/FUL Installation of car park management system (ANPR system & 6no. pole/wall mounted 800mm x 600mm signs. **Car Park, Craster Arms, The Wynding, Beadnell**

6. 21/03191/FUL Change of use and conversion to single holiday unit, **The Boathouse, Heather Cottages, Budle, Bamburgh, NE69 7AH**
7. 21/01807/FUL Proposed use of an existing building as a 8no. bedroom self-contained holiday let; associated internal and external alterations; demolition of rear extensions replaced with new extensions. **St Aidans, 35 Front Street, Bamburgh, NE69 7BJ**

Application withdrawn

1. Proposed change of use of 4 storey residence to 2no. two storey flats. **3 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7RD**

Permission Granted

1. Proposed demolition of existing garage, rebuilding along with ground floor kitchen extension and first floor bedroom extension with pitched roof over.. **14 Broad Rd, Seahouses, NE68 7SU**
2. Replacement of two glazed dormer windows to the front elevation. Demolition of rear single storey extension. Construction of replacement single storey rear extension with balcony and dormer window above. **Rannoch Lodge, 29 St Aidans, Seahouses NE68 7SS**
3. Convert existing first floor window on rear elevation to French doors. Brickwork below cill height to be removed to floor level. Fit metal safety barrier (Retrospective) **5 The Old Smokery, Seahouses, NE68 7RP**
4. Single storey side extension and loft conversion to include dormers to front and rear **25 Links Road, Bamburgh, NE69 7AX**

Permission Refused – None

113/2021 CEMETERY

Request to buy back grave 515 Mrs J Tindale – The Clerk had received a request as Mrs Tindale had moved from the area and would not be using the grave space. It was agreed that the Clerk is to send Statutory Declaration to be completed and the grave to be purchase at the original price paid.

Report on archive findings – Cllrs Hillan, Bramley and Donaldson had attended the Berwick Archives but had not found any documentation confirming where the money subsequently set a side to purchase cemetery land had originally come from. The Chair felt that if the money was being used within the cemetery, then this should be acceptable but the Clerk is to check with NCC legal office Liam Henry.

The Chair confirmed that he had made contact regarding the removal of the grass and debris and a price is to be submitted. He had also discussed the possibility of the large grass area being fenced and grazed. Cllr Hillan noted that the shed door is in need of repair, The Chair to inspect.

114/2021 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £0.00

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
Hp Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.58	3.49
NCC – Clerks salary Aug 21	0	646.18
NCC admin costs	2.50	15.00
The Hub – room rental		40.00
The Hub – Parish survey distribution		50.00
Total	3.08	754.47

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £50.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£VAT	£incl VAT
Complete Landscapes Inv 1949		
27 July Grass cutting		135.00
Cemetery Tidy – 8hrs		160.00
Grass sees application		20.00
5 August Grass cutting		135.00
Cemetery Tidy – 8hrs		160.00
Weedkilling application		45.00
12 August Grave (449 – M.E.Hogg)		285.00
Prep/attendance/backfill		85.00
Grass cutting		135.00
TOTAL	232.00	1392.00

All payments agreed

115/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

Memorial stone requests had been received from Robertsons memorials re Fitzwalter additional inscription and Bart Endean regarding Avery additional inscription and Weddell replacement stone. – all agreed

116/2021 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Donaldson had received complaints that the 20mph sign were small in comparison to the other road signs. Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that the signs entering the 20mph area would be a normal size and additional signs were there to remind drivers and were smaller.

Cllr Donaldson also raised the issue of the uneven paving stones outside the chemist as a resident had recently tripped. This is to be reported to NCC highways.

Cllr Fordy noted that the pavement outside the COOP is also damaged due to the delivery lorries parking partly on the pavement – again this is to be passed to NCC highways.

Cllr Hall raised the concern of a resident that the new rail service does not include a stop at Chathill. Discussion followed regarding ability to influence a private rail company and Cllr Renner-Thompson agreed to approach the rail company.

Cllr Williams asked if a councillor was attending the “Bus service Improvement Plan – Stakeholder forum. Cllr Hillan confirmed that as Council Buses Representative, she was attending “virtually” and will report back at next meeting.

Cllr Trotter informed the meeting that Cost care had trimmed the hedge at the toilet block. He also noted that they had asked for volunteers to clear the old railway line on the 28th September (bottom half) and 5th October (top half). It was agreed that a notice would be put out on Council facebook page and Cllr Hall will also contact the Seahouses Volunteer group. It was pleasing that a call for volunteers for a beach clean on the 18th September had already got the 20 volunteers needed.

Cllr Fordy asked if the works carried out at St Aidans of the strimming of grass around the posts had resulted in damage. It was thought that these belonged to the National Trust and work was ongoing.

It was agreed that the Clerk is to pay Leafield for the bin and then submit the invoice for reimbursement from Cllr Renner-Thompsons' small schemes fund.

117/2021 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 4 October 2021 at 7pm at The Hub, Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel