

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 5th December 2022 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

The Clerk informed the meeting that both the Chair & the Vice chair were ill, Cllr Hall proposed Cllr Williams take the chair for the meeting, Cllr Donaldson seconded, all agreed. Cllr Williams took the Chair and welcomed all to the meeting.

Police Report

Over the last 28 day period there have been a total of 14 incidents. No incidents of youth ASB reported. There has been five crimes recorded. Due to the nature of the incidents I am unable to give you further specific details. I can confirm however that none of these are relevant or have a wider impact on the community.

143/2022 PRESENT

Cllr Steve Williams
Cllr Jill Hall
Cllr David Fordy
Cllr Karen Armstrong

Cllr Maureen Bramley
Cllr Louise Dawson
Cllr David Donaldson
Cllr Amy Armstrong

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, Alison Nation (Beadnell PC), Geoff Martindale (Chairman Beadnell PC), Ed Walker (Countryside Services)

144/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Shiel (Chairman), Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair), Cllr Ailsa Shiel, Cllr Sylvia Hillan

145/2022 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

none

146/2022 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ed Walker – Cemetery work

Mr Walker reported issues with sinking graves, 2 in particular. In his opinion this is due to the clay soil. Mr Walker proposed the PC purchase top soil which can be used to infill all sunken graves. Grass seed can then be used to ensure regrowth where necessary. He has sourced good top soil (ungraded) for £150 delivered by Macleans of Alnwick. Several of the barge boards also need replaced, however, they are of differing lengths and it is difficult to give a price. Cllr Williams proposed the top soil is ordered and 2 boards are replaced to give a better idea of cost, Cllr Dawson seconded – all agreed. Cllr Bramley proposed that Len Smith & Sons are contacted to remove the clay in the soil pit, to allow the top soil to be delivered and stored in the soil pit, Cllr Fordy seconded – all agreed.

Cllr Dawson noted how well the cemetery is looking and thanked Mr Walker for his hard work.

147/2022 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 5th December 2022 – 2 correspondence, 1 public comment (as below)

Cllr Donaldson proposed acceptance, Cllr Bramley seconded - All agreed

Cllr Geoff Martindale – Chairman of Beadnell Parish Council addressed the meeting and explained that the footpath between Seahouses & Beadnell which was installed in 2007. He noted that the footpath is a valuable asset but that the surface has deteriorated over the last 15yrs. NCC are responsible for the maintenance and Cllr Martindale requested that North Sunderland PC write a letter of support to NCC. The meeting all agreed that this was a greatly used asset and the Clerk is to write to both Paul Jones and John Riddle of NCC.

148/2022 CONSIDERATION OF:

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149/2022 MATTERS ARISING

1. Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group – Alison Nation addressed the meeting and noted that since the Neighbourhood Plan had originally been accepted, issues had arisen that were not included and these should be brought to the attention of NCC. Following a meeting with Rob Murfin, NCC Director of Planning, it had been recommended that more bolder changes to the plan are considered. Such changes could include signage, parking issues and preserving green verges. The deadline for funding to review the NP is the end of March 2023. Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that depending on what changes are proposed, the plan may need to go to consultation. Chris Anderson is taking over from David English. Cllr Williams proposed that all councillors send individual views to the Clerk to collate suggested amendments. To be sent by mid January 2023 and an extra meeting to be convened- date to be agreed. Cllr Donaldson seconded, all agreed. Thanks extended to Alison Nation for the presentation.
2. S106 on potential new development – Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed there had been no further movement.
3. Defra Proposal regarding Farne Islands fishing ban – Update Still no official answer regarding this consultation has yet been made.
4. Parish Clock Contract – 3yr option (£150pa)/ Insurance Renewal (Yr 2 or 3yr deal) – The meeting agreed to opt for the 3-year deal as this would save over £100.
5. Precept/budget 2023/2024 – considerations – Cllr Williams noted that current budget fine for current expenditure but suggested that potential for up to £8k is transferred from reserves into RFF for new projects. Cllr Hall suggested looking at climate change/green projects. Cllr Bramley suggested a posting on facebook to garner residents opinions. The meeting agreed that the final decision on budget/precept will be decided at the next meeting.
6. Parish & Community Council Conference – January The meeting agreed that the Clerk should request an extra place to allow Cllrs Hillan, Bramley & Hall can all attend.

150/2022 PLANNING

1. 22/03817/LBC Listed building consent for various works including changes to internal layout, replace windows with single glazed timber units and installation of air source heat pump. – **West House, Seahouses, NE68 7SX** – no objections in so far as in accordance with Conservation officers' comments
2. 22/04289/FUL Replacement of existing caravan used as an office/reception with new purpose-built office/reception building. **Beadnell Links Caravan Site, Beadnell, Chathill, NE67 5BN** – no comment required

Application withdrawn

1. Proposed new balcony to first floor rear elevation and alterations to existing window opening to form French doors **Greenlee House, Thorburns Yard, South Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RB**

Permission Granted

1. Side extension and removal of roof and replace with new, including higher ridge line to accommodate attic trusses and rooms in roof space with dormer to the rear, **195 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TX**

Permission Refused – None

151/2022 CEMETERY – To consider internment fees considering increased grave digging fees - Cllr Bramley reported that the cemetery committee had not met (due to illness). It was proposed that a meeting will be held with the funeral directors before the next full council meeting.

152/2022 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £0
2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.75	4.49
NCC – Clerks salary Nov 22		657.50
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
Total	3.25	676.99

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £3030
4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Edward Walker – Cemetery Management – Nov chgs		700.00
(1 grass cut and 10hrs maintenance)		
Sub Total		700.00
TOTAL		700.00

- All payments agreed

153/2022 CORRESPONDENCE – Bart Endean – New headstones for Mary & Ken Day, Ronald Dickson, Mick Hillan and Frederick Smith – All agreed

A letter of thanks was read out from the Festive Lights Team.

A letter was read out from Beadnell PC regarding the proposed red lines on Main Street, Seahouses. Cllr Bramley noted that disabled parking would be allowed in the area before 9am and after 6pm. It was noted that the police had requested no parking 24/7, and this had been resisted. Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that it was expected the work would be completed by the end of the financial year. NCC are currently looking at the provision of more short stay parking in the car park to replace those bays taken away. It should also be noted that parking permit costs and parking costs are to be reviewed.

154/2022 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – The spot light is still a problem at the recycling centre, despite it being reported by the Clerk. Graham Bucknall is liaising with the Bamburgh Castle Inn regarding the broken flagstones, likely to now be tarmaced.

Cllr Renner-Thompson has been appointed to the harbour commission, NCC have agreed to look at appointing representatives. A road safety scheme between Beadnell and Chathill is being carried out with a road temperature monitor currently in operation. Note was made of the closure of the B1341 between the Purdy Lodge and Bamburgh which will cause disruption. Report was also given on the proposals to double council tax on second homes. A new High School may be built in Amble, which would allow for a SEND school to be relocated in Alnwick which would allow children from Seahouses (needing a SEND school) to attend Alnwick. NCC budgets are ongoing.

155/2022 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Donaldson asked about the National Trust signs which were missing – the Clerk to send contact email address as National Trust have maintained no signs have been removed. Cllr Hall asked if the NEAT team had been contacted – The Clerk confirmed that Bob Hodgson had confirmed the street cleaning team had been informed.

156/2022 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 9th January 2023 at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel