

# **NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at The Hub, Seahouses Sports & Community Centre, Stone Close, Seahouses, NE68 7YL**

**The Vice Chair welcomed all to the meeting.**

### **Police Report**

“There has been 6 incidents which there are 3 crimes attached for your area. Due to the nature of the incidents, I am unable to give you any further details of the incidents or crimes.

There has been a recent increase in vehicle thefts – Land rover defenders. Whilst these thefts have not been in the area of North Sunderland, the general advice we are giving is 1) Fit a tracking device, 2) Use a steering wheel lock, 3) Consider an immobiliser. Keep your vehicle locked at all times and remove the keys when not in use.”

### **001/2022 PRESENT**

Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Ailsa Shiel  
Cllr David Fordy  
Cllr David Donaldson  
Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr Amy Armstrong  
Cllr Maureen Bramley  
Cllr Steve Williams  
Cllr Jill Hall

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, Karen Armstrong, Mr Brown

### **002/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Vice-Chair reported that Cllr Alan McFarlane had resigned from the PC with immediate effect.

Cllr David Shiel (Chairman)

### **003/2022 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Planning 92 Main St – Cllr Armstrong

### **004/2022 PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

### **005/2022 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 10 January 2022**

Additional items 2 planning– All agreed

### **006/2022 CONSIDERATION OF:**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – all agreed

### **007/2022 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Election of new councillor – The Clerk informed the meeting that with the resignation of Cllr MacFarlane there now needed to be a further 14 day notice of Vacancy. In light of this, the Clerk recommended to the Council that they ask Mrs Armstrong to present to council, but that no decision was made and that both vacancies were dealt with together after the expiration of the 14 day notice period and when the vacancies had been advertised. All agreed.

Mrs Armstrong addressed the meeting and was thanked for her time.

2. Budget 2022/2023 – Cllr Williams suggested that an amount be agreed for ad-hoc projects that may be undertaken during the forthcoming year. Cllr Hall noted that the old railway line project could cost up to £5k and Cllr Donaldson suggested approaching the Lord Crewe Trust. Cllr Hillan noted that perhaps the PC should be planning something for the village to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Discussions followed regarding the various community groups input, Cllr Hall noted that the volunteers were looking at having events notice board and also enhancing the land at the carpark end of the Old Railway Line in commemoration. Cllr Williams proposed the £8k budget allocation for future projects, Cllr Hillan seconded – all agreed.  
Cllr Donaldson proposed a teak seat with plaque to commemorate the jubilee, Cllr Fordy seconded. 4 for, 5 against. More information is to be gathered to allow Council to consider options.
- 3.&4. Insurance renewal/Asset Register– The Clerk confirmed the figure that were on the insurance renewal form and also noted that some figures may need to be increased and that the asset register should be reviewed to ensure all assets were valued correctly. It was agreed that Cllr Trotter and the Clerk would review the register.
5. Street repairs – Cllr Williams reported that the road surface on Main St from Broad Road junction to South Lane junction should be reported as well as Crumstone. Cllr Donaldson noted that Broad Road by the Meadows was also in a poor state and that some of the road surface was missing. NCC website should be used for reporting potholes  
<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/SelfService/Report.aspx>.

## 008/2022 PLANNING

1. [21/04806/VARYCO](#) Variation of Conditions 2 (approved Plans) and 3 (Glazing)pursuant to planning permission 21/01007/FUL to reduce the window size to the first-floor east elevation and fit with clear glazing **14 Broad Road, Seahouses, NE68 7SU** – the meeting agreed that the original objection should remain
2. [21/04868/FUL](#) Proposed alterations to internal apartment layouts and replacement and rearrangement of external windows to reflect the interna layout alterations. **1,2,3 and 4 Farne House, 12 Crewe Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RW** – Cllr Donaldson reviewing item 2 and 5 together as related to the same property – all agreed. Mr Brown addressed the meeting to explain his objections to the development. Discussion followed and Cllr Williams proposed that an objection should be raised to all applications relating to this project as it was being hugely overdeveloped, was against the neighbourhood plan and also no allowance for car parking had been made, Cllr Hall seconded – all agreed.
3. [21/04844/FUL](#) Construction of single storey front extension **28 North Lane, Seahouses, NE68 7UQ** – no objections to be raised
4. [21/04858/FUL](#) Development of an additional 2 storey C3c dwelling used as a holiday let to be built within an existing courtyard with access through existing archway **1 Cliff House Cottages, Crewe Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RW** – it was agreed that an objection would be raised for the same reasons as above (see item 2)
5. [21/04884/FUL](#) Second floor extension to create one new self-catering holiday unit and one dwelling **1 Farne House, Crewe Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RW** – see comments on item 2 above.

6, 21/01386/FUL Conversion of detached stable into one habitable one-bedroom holiday let, **Land to North of 172 and 174 Main Street, Main Street, North Sunderland** – The meeting agreed that this should be objected too as it did not comply with the neighbourhood plan nor allowed for additional parking within own land.

7, 21/04865/FUL Enlargement of 1 no. first floor window (w1), and 1 canopy to entrance door with replacement of windows and doors. **5 East Burton, Bamburgh, NE69 7AR** – no comment required

**Application withdrawn**

1. First floor front extension (above existing) **17a North St, Seahouses, NE68 7SD**

2. Retrospective installation of garden shed – **Wyndgrove House, 156 Main St, North Sunderland, NE68 7UA**

**Permission Granted**

1. First floor extension to rear of existing dwelling, **2 Staple Court, Seahouses, NE68 7YN**

2. Resubmission: Erection of 4 industrial units **Phillips (Seahouses) Ltd, Broad Road, North Sunderland, NE68 7UP**

3. Small rear single storey flat roof extension, and associated internal and external works **92 Main St, North Sunderland, NE68 7TP**

4. Enlargement of existing garage separate to main house **20 Armstrong Cottages, Bamburgh, NE69 7BA**

**009/2022 CEMETERY**

Cllr Hillan confirmed that the cemetery committee needed to meet and to look at the new form of tender/contract. Cllr Fordy agreed to join the cemetery committee. Once draft documents have been agreed they are to be sent to the Clerk. The Clerk is to obtain prices for advertising in local papers.

**010/2022 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 Dec 21		646.18
NCC admin costs	2.50	15.00
The Hub – room rental		32.00
Ann Tenglesen – flowers		99.92
Leafield – seagull flap	15.00	90.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.08</b>	<b>886.59</b>

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £450.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Complete Landscapes Inv 1964		
2 December Grass cutting		135.00
Cemetery tidy – 5hrs		100.00
Grave (460 W Maynard)		285.00
Prep/attendance/backfill		85.00
14 December Cemetery tidy – 14hrs		280.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>177.00</b>	<b>1062.00</b>
Mr Brannigan – new shed door		170.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177.00</b>	<b>1232.00</b>

All payments agreed

### 011/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

The Vice Chair read out a letter received from Beadnell Seahouses Campaign Group regarding the releasing of funds from cemetery reserves. They were asking if these funds could be used for the purchase of land for affordable housing. A letter is to be sent explaining that the PC cannot purchase land for development and that if this land adjacent to the cemetery did become available, the only reason the PC could purchase it is to extend the cemetery.

### 012/2022 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Ailsa Shiel asked Cllr Renner-Thompson for an update on the old first school site – it was confirmed that although plans were in the very early stages, it is hoped to develop 1.5 acres into affordable housing with a partner such as Bernicia.

Cllr Shiel also noted that she had been approached by some residents wanting to find out about “house swaps” and it was noted that both NCC and housing associations have information on their websites.

Cllr Trotter reported that the car park lights are on continuously, Cllr Renner-Thompson to report to NCC.

Cllr Fordy asked Cllr Renner-Thompson when the red parking lines are to be painted on the Main St, and it was also noted that when traffic management is installed to carry out these works the rockery should also be removed adjacent to the toilet block.

Cllr Trotter also noted that the children crossing flashing lights were outside of the old first School Site and requested that they be moved to the new site – Cllr Renner-Thompson to speak to Highways.

### 013/2022 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

**MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm**

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel