

# **NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

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

### **Police Report**

“Over the last 28-day period there have been four recorded crimes. No incidents of youth ASB reported. 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”

### **027/2022 PRESENT**

Cllr David Shiel (Chairman)  
Cllr Amy Armstrong  
Cllr Maureen Bramley  
Cllr Steve Williams  
Cllr Jill Hall

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, Rach Douglas, Louise Dawson, Karen Armstrong, Sandra MacFarlane & Judith from Womens Inst.

### **028/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received

### **029/2022 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hillan planning 21/03727/FUL

**030/2022 PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Members of the Women's Inst requested planting of 2 miniature cherry trees, for Plat Jubilee Comm. Agreed to be planted in raised bed near toilet block. Also have three trees to plant, (2 hazel & 1 elm) suggestion of King St near to wall. Cllr G R-T to get NCC permission. Also noted Seahouses WI will be celebrating centenary in 2 years' time.

### **031/2022 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 7 March 2022**

Additional items 1 planning granted, 1 Planning (Bamburgh) & 1 planning 22/0684/FUL 17a North Street (previously seen) – All agreed

### **032/2022 CONSIDERATION OF:**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – all agreed

### **033/2022 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Co-option of new councillors – Louise Dawson & Rach Douglas presented to the Council. Karen Armstrong had previously presented. Candidates left meeting and PC agreed to closed ballot, proposed by Cllr Donaldson, seconded by Cllr Ailsa Shiel, all agreed. Ballot took place and

Louise Dawson & Karen Armstrong were co-opted onto the Council by majority vote. The Chair welcomed both to the Council and acceptance of office forms were signed.

Cllr Louise Dawson had to leave the meeting due to prior engagement.

2. Update by Cllr Jill Hall on old railway line improvements – Cllr Hall reported that it had transpired that this “pathway” had no legal designation i.e. not foot path, bridle path etc. known as traffic free cycle zone. Permission had been sought and gained by the Lord Crewe Trust and NCC strategic estates for the PC to proceed with repairs to the path (will require necessary H & S assessments completed). Gilbert Birdsall having provided the lowest quote & can start works at the end of March, should take 3 days. Cllr Williams proposed that the works be started, Cllr Trotter seconded – 11 agreed, 1 abs. Clerk to put in official order & confirm start date.
3. Consideration of return to Stone close Community Hub building – **Council agreed to move back from next meeting to Community building, Stone Close.**
4. Budget/Insurance 2022/2023 – consider premium quotes – The meeting agreed to the increase in insurance premiums by £52 to cover the additional costs of bins. Cllr Trotter presented the expected costs for the “jubilee flowers” being organised by two MOP, expected to be about £300. Cllr Hillan asked that invoices are obtained for expenses – all agreed to additional costs.
5. Platinum Jubilee Commemoration bench – site. Cllr Trotter suggested the siting of the bench should be at the top of Dunstan View (existing bench to be re-located), Cllr Donaldson felt outside the toilet block would be a better site. Heated discussions followed regarding motorbikes parking outside toilet block. Cllr Karen Armstrong requested a minute was made of her objection to “unfair” comments made directly to her by Cllr Donaldson. Cllr Bramley proposed that the purchase of the bench go ahead and that proposals for a site should be brought to the next meeting, Cllr Williams seconded – all agreed.

## 034/2022 PLANNING

1. [21/03727/FUL](#) Erection of a shelter in beer garden and additional toilet block **Land South of 2 King St, King Street, Seahouses – meeting agreed to resubmit comments as previously made**
2. [22/00684/FUL](#) First floor extension (above existing) **17A North Street, Seahouses, NE68 7SD– meeting agreed to resubmit comments as previously made**
3. [21/03792/FUL](#) Retrospective: Construction of outdoor timber serving building and temporary siting of 4 no. all weather restaurant sheds **Land East of the Craster Arms, The Haven, Beadnell – no comment required**
4. [22/00417/FUL](#) Replace existing single storey garage with a new two storey annexe to provide additional accommodation ancillary to the enjoyment of the house. **32 Front St, Bamburgh, NE69 7BJ – no comment required**
5. [22/00193/FUL](#) Change of use from dwelling house (C3) to holiday let (Sui Generis) and construction of new rear dormer window **N Sonne Moline, 7 Lucker Road, Bamburgh, NE69 7BS – no comment required**
6. [22/00666/FUL](#) New detached house for permanent residence **Land West of Radcliffe Park, Radcliffe Park, Bamburgh, NE69 7AN – no comment required**

Application withdrawn - None

### Permission Granted

1. Construction of single storey front extension, **28 North Lane, Seahouses, NE68 7UQ**
2. Listed building consent to provide modernisation work alterations to Lighthouse.  
**Inner Farne Lighthouse, Inner Farne Island, Northumberland.**
3. Construction of new industrial building, containing 6no. self-contained industrial units  
**Land North of Sovereign Court, North Sunderland Trading Estate, North Sunderland**

### Permission Refused - None

### 035/2022 CEMETERY

Tender submissions – only one tender received and discussions followed. Meeting agreed to extend tender closing date to ensure best possible “value for money” is obtained. (Note was made that current contractor is providing an excellent service) To be extended to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

### 036/2022 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 Feb 22		646.18
NCC admin costs	2.50	15.00
The Hub – room rental		32.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.08</b>	<b>696.67</b>

It was noted that due to the LGA pay scales now being increased therefore the Clerks pay would be increased from next month and it will be backdated as rise should have been implemented in April 2021

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £31.00
4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Complete Landscapes Inv 1969		
17 February Cemetery tidy – 8hrs		192.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>192.00</b>
Clerk expenses for advert – cemetery management contract	29.40	176.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49.40</b>	<b>368.40</b>

All payments agreed

## **037/2022 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Request for memorial bench – James St – Peter Olver had written asking to place a seat on James St (The Horseshoe) in remembrance of Terry Taylor. As this land belongs to Bernicia, the request is to be made to them.
2. BART Endean – Headstone additional inscription for Ronald Davidson – all agreed
3. Donation requests from Citizens advice for 2022-2023 Discussions followed regarding level of donations. These to be held over until next month as Cllr Williams suggested at next meeting to consider what the PC wants to have as a policy. Cllr Bramley is to bring a draft policy for consideration.
4. Promotion & donation request from Age UK – as above.

## **038/2022 REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Cllr Hillan reported that a tree was suspended over the path on the Lonning and held up by a tree in the school. Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that NCC are aware and will deal with it.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel asked about the bollards around the roundabout – it was reported that NCC highways are aware and will replace with larger bollards in rota.

Cllr Hall noted that Seahouses volunteer group had permission from NCC to install bunting around the war memorial for the jubilee.

Cllr Donaldson noted that the telephone box at the entrance to the car-park was an eye sore as the door had now been damaged. Cllr Trotter had reported to owner and they were supposed to be removing it as H & S risk.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel had received complaints about the Tourist information building. Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that NCC Estates had renovated 4 years ago but would report again.

## **039/2022 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm at Community Bulding, Stone Close**

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel