

# **NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses**

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

### **Police Report**

“Over the last 28 day period there have been four recorded crimes. A total of 21 incidents. 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”

### **040/2022 PRESENT**

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

Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Ailsa Shiel  
Cllr David Fordy  
Cllr David Donaldson  
Cllr Karen Armstrong

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Kerren Rodgers – Parish Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, John Holwell

### **041/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

### **042/2022 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**043/2022 PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 1. Request to plant trees on Main Street to replace badly damaged ones – A request had been received from Mr Hepburn – North Lane to replace the trees damaged on Main Street. The PC have no issue with this request but request to be forwarded to Cllr Renner-Thompson as thought to be NCC land.

2. John Holwell regarding more trains calling at Chathill station – Mr Holwell addressed the meeting asking for support to lobby for more trains to stop at Chathill, even for a trial period of 2 years The Councillors agreed that this could have a positive impact for Seahouses, especially if the bus to meet the trains could be re-instated. This would give the opportunity for day trippers, lessen the car parking issue and also encourage people to live and work in the area. Cllr Renner-Thompson to also put pressure on NCC transport.

### **044/2022 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 7 March 2022**

Additional items 1 planning refused, memorial bench request – type, cemetery burial plot issue, water bill cemetery £95.40, cemetery income £250 – All agreed

### **045/2022 CONSIDERATION OF:**

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

## 046/2022 MATTERS ARISING

1. Update by Cllr Jill Hall on old Railway line improvements – groundworks have been completed and NCC have cut back trees and bushes to open up path. AONB are not replacing the interpretation boards so a decision may need to be made and Cllr Renner-Thompson suggested getting a replacement cost and then the matter can be considered. Thanks were extended to Gilbert Birdsall for an excellent job, NCC and Coast-Care. An article is to be written in the next Village News about the works.
2. Platinum Jubilee Commemoration bench – site. Discussions followed regarding Cllrs preferred locations for bench to give maximum accessibility for local residents. Various locations suggested but no agreement could be reached. Meeting agreed to carry forward to next meeting and Chair to measure if bench would fit on Seafield Road overlooking sea. Vote taken on this site but not carried unanimously.
3. Update of charitable donations policy for North Sunderland PC – Cllr Williams suggested that the draft policy submitted by Cllr Bramley should be accepted but with no “examples” of local clubs that would be supported. Cllr Fordy proposed accepting with changes, Cllr Bramley seconded – all agreed.
4. Update on whale bones – The Chair produced one of the “broken” parts of the whale bones which had been excavated from the First School Site, the second to be located. It would appear they had already been cut off when originally placed at the Old First School Site. Cllr David Shiel thought it might be possible to pin the parts together. This to be investigated. Cllr Ailsa Shiel asked once they are installed in the harbour who would be responsible for insurance – Clerk confirmed as on harbour Commissioners land they would fall under their insurance.
5. Police connected request – Northumbria police had circulated a request for help publicising the new Northumbria Connected initiative. The joining page to be displayed in the noticeboards. The meeting made note of the disappointment that no police attend PC meetings anymore, which does not allow for any issues to be raised directly. Other PC's are having similar problems and a letter of complaint is to be sent to the Chief Constable and PCC regarding lack of information forthcoming regarding local crime and also lack of attendance at meetings.

## 047/2022 PLANNING

1. 22/00557/FUL Single storey temporary food retail unit (A3 use) with indoor and limited outdoor terrace seating **Land South West of Sandy Lane Court, Bernicia Way, Beadnell – no comment required**  
**Application withdrawn - None**

### Permission Granted

1. Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 21/01007/FUL to reduce the window size to the first-floor east elevation. **14 Broad Road, Seahouses, NE68 7SU**

### Permission Refused:

1. Listed building consent for replacement of sash windows throughout and replacement of front door, **Brockburn, Monkhouse Seahouses, NE68 7SY**

2. Resubmission: Retrospective installation of garden shed **Wyndgrove House, 156 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7UA**

## 048/2022 CEMETERY

Tender submissions – despite extending the tender period, no further submissions had been received, Cllr Williams proposed accepting the tender submitted, Cllr Amy Armstrong seconded, all agreed. The Clerk to inform successful applicant.

Grave digging policy - The meeting agreed that the grave digging by hand costs is now prohibitive and therefore the responsibility for sourcing and paying the grave digger is to be put to funeral directors. The cemetery committee is to meet and agree new cemetery charges to be circulated along with the change in policy to all funeral directors. Cllr Trotter confirmed that he had ensured that the latest grave dug by machine, used the soil box to keep surrounding plots tidy.

The PC were updated on the legal situation regarding a request for a burial where the original grant of rights was not available. The Clerk to update funeral directors and also continue to investigate if any other options were available.

049/2022 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 Mar 22                                |               | *** 788.23 ***  |
| NCC Admin costs   | 2.50          | 15.00           |
| The Hub – room rental                                     |               | 32.00           |
| Parish Election recharge May 21 – NCC                     | 269.87        | 1882.12         |
| Mrs L Trotter – refund of jubilee plant/compost purchases |               | 305.69          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>272.95</b> | <b>3,026.53</b> |

**NB Increase to previously noted on agenda due to backpay being processed in Mar '22 payroll**

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 1971               |                       |              |               |
| 18 March                                   | Cemetery tidy – 10hrs |              | 200.00        |
|  | Grass cutting         |              | 135.00        |
|  |                       |              |               |
|  | <b>Sub Total</b>      | <b>67.00</b> | <b>402.00</b> |
|  |                       |              |               |
| Wave – water bill April 22 – 31 March 2023 |                       |              | 95.40         |
|  |                       |              |               |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>67.00</b> | <b>497.40</b> |

All payments agreed

## **050/2022 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. BART ENDEAN – New headstone for RUBY LORIMER – all agreed

## **051/2022 REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Cllr Ailsa Shiel noted that complaints had been received about the bus shelter next to the CO-OP being broken and a mess. Cllr Donaldson suggested writing to Aviva/Nexus requesting a new bus stop.

Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed he had been speaking to the Lord Crewes Trust regarding the fields between Broad Road and the new estate regarding affordable housing. No further news on development of old school.

Cllr Shiel noted that the thorn hedge was overgrown again (previously reported) Cllr Renner-Thompson to ask NCC to send further letter.

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

**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close**

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel