

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 7th November 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 6 recorded crimes. A total of 16 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.

130/2022 PRESENT

Cllr David Shiel (Chairman)	Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair)
Cllr Jill Hall	Cllr Louise Dawson
Cllr David Fordy	Cllr David Donaldson
Cllr Karen Armstrong	Cllr Amy Armstrong
Cllr Sylvia Hillan	Cllr Maureen Bramley

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson

131/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ailsa Shiel, Cllr Steve Williams

132/2022 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

none

133/2022 PUBLIC COMMENTS: An email had been received from Barbara Mason;

“Sorry to moan, but I am in a wheelchair and I spent a few days in seahouses during half term. Most of the places we went in seahouses i, e, fish and chips restaurants and all public bars had steps and no disabled toilets. Each time, I have had to try and get out of my wheelchair and climb up steps to get inside various places. The worst place was a big fish and chip restaurant which had no toilets and we were asked to go over the road to their other restaurant which was very packed (at least it had a ramp though). Their toilets weren’t disabled, there was only a man and a woman’s tiny toilet which I couldn’t get the wheelchair in at all. If none of the seahouses business’s can be altered, because of age, at least a ramp could be made available for inaccessible places which was in the majority of places.

Thankyou for listening,”

The council discussed the email and the answer previously given by the Clerk regarding the PC lack of jurisdiction over businesses and the provision of the new NCC toilet block. The paths are too narrow for ramps although the Post Office does have a ramp that is available on request.

134/2022 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 7 November 2022 – 2 additional withdrawal of planning, 1 correspondence, 1 public comment (above)

Cllr Donaldson proposed acceptance, Cllr Bramley seconded - All agreed

135/2022 CONSIDERATION OF:

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136/2022 MATTERS ARISING

1. S106 on potential new development – Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed there had been over 30 bids for the land. Cllr Hillan asked if lights on Broad Road could be included in a S106? Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed there would have to be pedestrian access but until potential plans are submitted it is difficult to decide. To be carried forward to next meeting.
2. Defra Proposal regarding Farne Islands fishing ban – Update Still no official answer regarding this consultation has yet been made.
3. Remembrance Service – Update Wreath has been delivered; road closure signs are in place. Cllr s Shiel and Fordy are to put a wire to secure wreaths after the event. Turf checked and found to be acceptable.
4. Precept/budget 2023/2024 – considerations – the meeting was asked to start considering what projects may be looked at for the forthcoming year. Figures are to be circulated prior to next meeting.

Cllr Karen Armstrong had spoken to Jay

ne Smith about the proposal to ask Young Adventurers to varnish the seats – cannot undertake this year as workload already scheduled but the clerk is to write and ask if this work could be scheduled for completion prior to Easter next year.

137/2022 PLANNING

1. 22/03690/FUL Demolition of single storey utility room, construction of single storey dining room and associated internal alterations. Alterations to garage door opening, rooflights and re-rendering external elevations. – **52 South Lane, Seahouses, NE68 7UL – no objections**
2. Proposed loft conversion with front and rear dormer and velux roof windows. **5 Farne Crescent, Seahouses, NE68 7ST – no objections**
3. Replacement balustrade, replacement windows, external wall insulation, rendered external walls, solar panels, replacement dormer and replacement single storey extension. **29A St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS – discussion over “in-keeping” following work next door and vehicles reversing out of the property. No objections**

Application withdrawn

- 1 Second floor extension to create two new self catering holiday units. **1 Farne House, 12 Crewe St, Seahouses, NE68 7RW**
- 2 Removal of conservatory and erection of a 2 storey rear extension. **52 Kippy Law, Seahouses, NE68 7YH**

Permission Granted

1. Conservatory to rear, **6 Southfield Avenue, Seahouses, NE68 7YT**
2. Proposed replacement porch **1 Osborne Gardens, Seahouses, NE68 7UF**

Permission Refused – None

138/2022 CEMETERY – To consider internment fees considering increased grave digging fees

The meeting was informed that the new grave-digger engaged by the funeral director was charging £100 more than when the amended costs were agreed. The cemetery committee is to meet and discuss the costings in light of this information

- To consider workload for cemetery management contract over the winter – Cllr Hillan noted that there had been no complaints, works needed to be carried out includes kickboards, hedges to be cut, leaves need clearing. The contractor had suggested 20hrs per month. Cllr Bramley proposed 20 hrs per month from November – March, to include one more grass cut, Cllr Hillan seconded – all agreed.

139/2022 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 Oct 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: £0

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Edward Walker – Cemetery Management – Oct chgs		900.00
Sub Total		900.00
TOTAL		900.00

- All payments agreed

140/2022 CORRESPONDENCE – an email had been received confirming that the village Show 2023 would be able to go ahead as a new Chairman and Secretary had been secured. The meeting expressed its great pleasure at the news and wished all involved the very best.

A request had been received from Bart Endean for a new headstone in memorial of Mr Ronnie Dickson – all agreed.

141/2022 REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Donaldson asked for an update on the missing “no parking” sign at St Aidans – The National Trust have said it has not been removed – Clerk to go back and let them know which sign has been removed.

Cllr Shiel noted that "muck" had been deposited outside of the cemetery. Not only was there no permission for this to be deposited in this place, but that the meeting felt this was particularly insensitive given that a funeral was to take place the day after. Cllr Shiel had spoken to the person responsible and requested it be removed asap and not to repeat it. He also noted overgrown hedges and photos of problem hedges had been taken – these are to be sent to Highways for letter to be sent to owners of properties infringing whose hedges are on the paths.

Cllr Donaldson noted that "no Overnight Parking" signs had been removed between Monks House and Broad Road. The meeting discussed the problems with rubbish being left.

Cllr Fordy noted that 2 swings were missing from James St/Stone close playground – Clerk to ask NCC for update.

Cllr Bramley made note of the cones outside both the old cemetery and the church. These have been checked with the Police but they are not theirs, the ones at the Old Cemetery are for NCC workers when they need to cut the grass.

Cllr Hall asked if the NEAT teams are still working? Some streets need sweeping – a request is to be made to Bob Hodgson – NCC.

Cllr Hall reported that some bus stop signs were broken – a new timetable has been produced and were available for circulation. The suggestion of a new bus stop opposite the existing one was raised, Cllr Renner-Thompson noted this was a Parish Council responsibility. The meeting felt the footpath was not wide enough for a full bus shelter.

Cllr Dawson noted that the light at the skips on Broad Road was very bright – Clerk to contact SUEZ who operate the skips for NCC to ask if this can be changed.

Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson informed the meeting that he had no further information for the Council. Very few complaints currently being made which was pleasing.

142/2022 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 5th December 2022 at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel