

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 7th August 2023 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

There's been 7 crimes in the Seahouses area since the last meeting. None are linked but a couple are attempted internet frauds. This being the case can we offer a reminder for people to be careful when they are on line and not to share personal information with persons whose identity cannot be confirmed.

There has also been a number of thefts of outboard motors from boats in the surrounding area so can we ask that boat owners are vigilant with their security where applicable to try and prevent further thefts.

No further incidents of note on top of the above.

044/23 PRESENT

Cllr Alan Trotter (Chair)
Cllr Maureen Bramley
Cllr David Donaldson
Cllr Jane Scott

Cllr David Shiel (Vice Chair)
Cllr Ailsa Shiel

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO,

045/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Sylvia Hillan, Louise Dawson, David Fordy, County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson

046/2023 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

047/2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

048/2023 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 7th August 2023 – 3 additional correspondence - all agreed

049/2023 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3rd July 2023 – Proposed Cllr Trotter, seconded Cllr Shiel - all agreed

050/2023 MATTERS ARISING

1. To agree to be lead authority in respect of revision of neighbourhood plan
Cllr Bramley proposed acceptance of above, Cllr Ailsa Shiel seconded – all agreed

It was further agreed that with the resignation of Mr Williams, Cllr Jane Scott is to join the NP group.

051/2023 PLANNING

1. 23/02354/FUL Garage extension **Rannoch Lodge 29 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS** – no objection
2. 23/02653/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension, **10 Links Road, Bamburgh, NE69 7AX** – no comment required
3. 23/02685/FUL Installation of 20 roof mounted solar photovoltaic panels to roof on south west elevation **Womens Institute Hall, Meadow Lane, Beadnell, NE67 5AJ** – no comment required

Application withdrawn

None

Permission Granted:

1. Demolition of conservatory on rear elevation and creation of single storey rear extension. Provision of two car parking spaces to front of property **42 Longstone Close, Beadnell, Chathill, NE67 5BS**
2. Proposal for the use of vacant land as public car parking – temporary use **Land South West of Sandy Lane Court, Bernicia Way, Beadnell**

Permission Refused:

None

052/2023 CEMETERY – Update on quiet works area – Cllr Trotter reported on the meeting with Mrs Davidson regarding the overhanging trees, it was agreed that Mrs Davison would obtain quotes for the works. Cllr Trotter confirmed that the Clerk and he had been to Tree-locate but that they sadly could not manufacture the type of tree we were looking for. Prices had been received from Columbaria to provide a memorial tree with "leaved" leaves. Further suggestions were to contact both University of Newcastle and to contact Ashington again as they may now be back from summer holidays. Cllr Bramley suggested contacting Mr Fisher who works for the College.

053/2023 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	.75	4.49
NCC – Clerks salary July 23		718.19
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
Total	3.25	737.68

3. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £1000.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance		900.00
Sub Total		900.00
TOTAL		900.00

- All payments agreed

054/2023 CORRESPONDENCE – The Chair confirmed that the Village show is being held on the 2nd September and the Parish Council are happy to support this event.

An email had been received from Jill Pearson concerning the parking of cars overnight in the car park by patrons of the hotels and visitors to holiday homes parking in the residential streets. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this issue with planning enforcement.
Cllr Donaldson noted that employees of local businesses were also using local residential streets to park on rather than providing parking.

A request for an additional inscription on the headstone for Jeran Wilkin was agreed.

A request for a memorial headstone by Bart Endean for Valerie Sue Johns was refused as it was a design not allowed in the cemetery rules. The Clerk is to email Bart Endean and ask for a revised design.

A request from the AONB to explain proposed and current projects had been received. It was agreed that 15 minutes should be allowed directly prior to the next public meeting.

055/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson had sent apologies and also a brief report on the yellow lines on Main Street:

"...Further to your email we have visited the site and agree that unfortunately on this occasion the standard of the finished product isn't as we would have wished. Some patching of the channels should have been carried out prior to the lines being put in place and the contractor has not used primrose yellow which is the standard used for lining throughout the AONB.

To avoid further disruption during the summer period, we will wait until the Autumn and will then carry out some patching and then re-line. We have also discussed with the contractors and staff involved to try to prevent this happening in future and will be looking to have the further lining works carried out at their expense"

The Chair also reported on the situation regarding parking for hearses, wedding cars and the Festive Lights Volunteers. The following clarification had been received from NCC parking Services:

Amendments to the parking restrictions on Main Street, Seahouses have been implemented, kerb blips and loadings bays in particular.

Main Street forms a key focal point to Seahouses, therefore it is important to impose a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which enables an appropriate level of access to businesses, whilst maintaining and improving road safety.

With varying footway and carriageway widths to enable free flow of traffic, running lanes in both directions are further compromised by the increased volume of Blue Badge holder parking. Parked vehicles adversely affect the available footway space for pedestrians to negotiate, due to instances of partial footway parking or parking immediately adjacent to the kerb line, disembarking drivers and passengers are also at risk.

Given that Main Street is a through route and coastal route forming part of the B1340 with increased traffic flows as a result, there is a need to amend the existing parking restrictions. Key considerations in the development of these proposals include the need to;

- *Improve road safety for all users by maintaining or reducing traffic speeds;*
- *Maintain ease of access to local businesses where possible (both for visitors and deliveries);*
- *Allow parking where it is considered safe to do so, and shift any displaced parking into the nearby car parks.*

Therefore with the above taken into consideration elderly members of the congregation can be dropped off on the opposite side of the road on double/single yellow lines. Funeral and wedding cars are exempt and our Civil Enforcement Officers will not enforce them.

With regards to the festive lights committee, they can apply to suspend the Traffic Regulation Order by emailing parkingservices@northumberland.gov.uk at least one month in advance providing the date, how long they require the suspension for and length of road required to be suspended.

056/2023 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Donaldson noted that A frames had been situated on the footpath advertising the Beach House hotel and that the posts which had been installed for the illegal sign remained. The clerk is to report this and the Insieme sign to planning enforcement.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel had received complaints about the James St play park, with the grass being uneven and un-cut. The Clerk to report to NCC NEAT team, although the PC has no authority over this play park. Discussions followed regarding Green Spaces and it was confirmed that both James Street and the playing field next to the Old First School were designated green spaces in the neighbourhood plan and therefore should be protected from development.

Cllr Scott noted that bollards had been installed outside Spider Cottage and these are to be reported to Enforcement.

The Town & Parish Council meeting is to be held at Morpeth in October; Cllrs Bramley & Scott are to attend.

057/2023 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY 4th September at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close

Signed.....

Chairman – Alan Trotter