

# **NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses**

### **Police Report**

*Over the last 28 day period there have been a total of 6 incidents. 0 crimes and 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.*

### **171/2022 PRESENT**

Cllr David Shiel (Chair)

Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair)

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr Steve Williams

Cllr Maureen Bramley

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr Louise Dawson

Cllr David Donaldson

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, Mrs Lizzie Moor SVG, John Holwell, Richard Hastings, Keith Blaice, Mark Nelson

### **172/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Jill Hall, The Chair informed the meeting of the resignations of Amy Armstrong and Karen Armstrong – both due to work commitments.

### **173/2022 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Williams – 178/2022 (1), Cllr Donaldson – 178/2022 (3)

**174/2022 PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Lizzie Moor, Seahouses Volunteer Group addressed the meeting and explained that the SVG wanted to erect a board commemorating the Kings coronation and it was proposed to fix this to the existing brackets on the Barclays Bank building. The board, materials and fixings were expected to cost £150 and the SVG were asking for a donation of £150 towards this board. Discussions followed regarding what alternatives might be suitable and it was suggested that the Volunteers put together a “wish list” and this could be discussed at the next meeting.

**175/2022 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023** – 2 planning, 2 planning granted, invoice for Xmas tree - £400, 1 correspondence

Cllr Fordy proposed acceptance, Cllr Hillan seconded - All agreed

### **176/2022 CONSIDERATION OF:**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 — Cllr Bramley proposed, Cllr Hillan seconded - all agreed

### **177/2022 MATTERS ARISING**

1. S106 on potential new development – It was agreed to discuss this matter with the planning application 23/00013/PREAPP

2. Defra Proposal regarding Farne Islands fishing ban – Update Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that due to the level of public response, the report was still delayed. Cllr Fordy reported it could be June before an answer is received.
3. Chathill Station – Cllr Renner-Thompson has meeting set up with Cllr Wendy Pattison, John Holwell and NCC to discuss progressing the request to get trains to stop at Chathill on a more regular timetable. John Holwell reported to the meeting on the survey results received and will extend invite to the Councillors once a meeting has been agreed.
4. Neighbourhood Plan – Planning Committee Report – to agree action points – Cllr Bramley reported on the meeting held with Cllrs Donaldson and Williams of the Planning Committee. Information had been collated in relation to what possibly needed reviewed within the neighbourhood plan. It was agreed that Cllr Renner-Thompson was to progress the review with the other PC's and as the grant application needed to be made by the end of March, this should begin as quickly as possible. The Clerk is to request a meeting for the PC with Rob Murfin – NCC Director of Planning to discuss areas of concern such as relevancy of the neighbourhood plan, parking control, shop fronts and advertising, protection of open spaces and particularly Planning Enforcement or rather the lack of it. Cllr Donaldson noted thanks to Cllr Bramley for her work in producing the report.
5. Duelling of A1 – Belford PC Supporting letter – A request had been received from Belford PC for support in writing to Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, to bring pressure regarding the duelling of the A1. Discussions followed and all Councillors agreed this was urgently required.
6. Coronation of Charles III – Parish Celebrations – Discussions took place regarding what celebrations would be appropriate, Cllr Ailsa Shiel noted that The King had wanted the Bank holiday Monday to be a Volunteering Day and possibly this could be considered? It was suggested that the Hub and School could be invited to collaborate? Other suggestions where a large screen to show the ceremony particularly for those that were on their own? Bouncy castles and a community picnic were also suggested. Cllr Bramley suggested the Clerk ask if the supplier of the Queens Jubilee Seat were making a bench for the coronation. Cllr Trotter suggested that the RNLI may be able to host a large screen. All ideas to be collated and brought to next meeting.

## 178/2022 PLANNING

1. 22/04503/FUL Residential development – 9no. affordable homes – **Land South West of St Cuthbert Close, Main Street, North Sunderland** – Discussions took place regarding the size of the properties and the need for family homes within the area. Cllr Renner-Thompson has requested this be taken to the planning committee as the development is outside the settlement boundary. All Councillors in favour of the development as more affordable homes are desperately needed.
2. 22/04429/FUL Retrospective: Change of use of extension to be used as separate holiday let. **14 Castle View, Seahouses, NE68 7BD** – Various emails had been received and circulated to all councillors from interested parties regarding this application. All raised concerns regarding parking, noise and disturbance. It was noted that this extension had only been allowed previously as long as it remained part of the existing residency. The estate had also been originally given planning consent for permanent residences and therefore none should be used for holiday lets or Air BnB's. Concern was also raised as the extension appears to have been built up to the boundary of the neighbouring property and this is to be referred to NCC

Planning. It was unanimously agreed that an objection should be lodged against this application.

3. 22/04753/FUL & 22/04754/LBC Installation of roof mounted solar photovoltaic panels **St Pauls Church, Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TT** – Cllr Williams noted his concern about solar panels being unsightly on a listed building. The meeting voted and it was agreed by a majority of 8:1 that this application should be supported.
4. 23/00013/PREAPP Full Planning Application for the development of 80-100 dwellings across part of housing allocation ref. 1 (c) (v) land east of Broad Road, Seahouses and land immediately to the south **Land East of Broad Road, Broad Road, North Sunderland** – The meeting discussed the limited information supplied with this preapp, and noted the need to request S106 at this stage. It was agreed that all utilities within the area were under-resourced for the properties currently within the area and any further development could not be serviced on existing supplies. Upgrades of water, sewage, electric, road infrastructure and street lighting were all to be upgraded prior to start of development. All/any properties built should be for permanent residence only, 30% of the development should be affordable housing (either as rental or as part rent/part buy). Adequate parking should be included in the design with at least one parking space per bedroom for each property. Phasing of the building of the development should be included to ensure properties are built to “need”. A clear idea of what is to happen with the old mining area as there is currently no indication.
5. 23/00034/FUL Proposed two storey extension to front of dwelling to replace existing single storey extension **14 James St, Seahouses, NE68 7YD** – Concerns were raised as to the level of development of this property in relation to the surrounding properties and the property connected to this one. The meeting agreed that this was an overdevelopment and would encroach on the connected property and therefore objected to this application.
6. 23/00121/FUL Proposed Internal Alterations to 41 & 43a North Street & 16 Harbour Road Including changing size of window/door openings to improve fenestration of the terrace **41 & 43A North Street and 16 Harbour Road, Seahouses, NE68 7SD** – Concerns were raised that this work had already begun without planning consent. It was felt that this work was not in keeping with the conservation area and being in such a prominent position on the harbour. The meeting agreed that this application should be objected too.
7. 22/04165/FUL Proposed second floor roof extension to existing building to allow the re-formulation of the layout of the existing apartments (amended plans rec'd 25.01.23) **Farne House, 12 Crewe Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RW** – The meeting agreed that no material change had been made and the Councils objections remain the same.
8. 22/00381/FUL Construction of side two-storey extension and rear single storey extension **22 James Street, Seahouses, NE68 7YD** – The meeting had no objections to this application.
9. 22/00274/FUL 2no. proposed conservatories to 2no. semi-detached dwellings **The Duke and The Duchess, Dukesfield Cottages, Bamburgh, NE69 7AG** – No comment required.

**Application withdrawn - none**

## Permission Granted

1. 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**
2. Conversion of detached stable into habitable one bedroom holiday let **Land to North of 172 And 174 Main Street, Main Street**, North Sunderland – The meeting expressed its great disappointment in this decision and it was agreed that a letter of complaint should be sent to Rob Murfin – NCC Director of Planning.

## Permission Refused – None

**179/2022 CEMETERY** – report of cemetery committee – Cllr Bramley circulated the minutes of the Cemetery sub-committee meeting and the action plan for consideration. All councillors to review and agree at next meeting. Cllr Hillan reported on her findings regarding the Memorial testing and reported on this information received from the ICCM. It was agreed that this information should be passed to the Clerk and Cllr Renner-Thompson with a view that NCC may organise a training session with other interested parties. The Clerk is to confirm what Public Liability Insurance is in place regarding the memorials and testing of the same.

Quotes for extension to soil pit area – The Clerk read out the 3 quotes received for this work along with the anticipated start date for each quote. It was agreed that further information was needed but given the urgency of this work, it was proposed by Cllr Hillan that the Clerk should confirm the information needed with each of the builders and circulate this to all councillors via email. A decision will be made via email to expedite the decision, Cllr Bramley seconded – all agreed.

## 180/2022 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	.75	4.49
NCC – Clerks salary Jan 23		718.19
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
Gallagher – Insurance		465.01
Xmas Tree – Festive Lights		400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>1,602.69</b>

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £50.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance		500.00
72 ft Barge board replacement		433.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>933.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>933.00</b>

- All payments agreed

**181/2022 CORRESPONDENCE** – Bart Endean – Robert Bell Headstone additional inscription– All agreed

The Clerk noted that an email had been received regarding the red lines for Main St and the lack of parking for Blue Badge Holders. The email previously received from Highways confirming the position regarding the red lines and the double yellow blip markings. Cllr Renner-Thompson had also expressed his concerns regarding the lack of blue badge parking in the car-park.

**182/2022 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Cllr Renner-Thompson reported that the Football Club is to pay for the defrib. to be situated outside of the grounds and he will recompense in May. The land transfer to the Development Hub is ongoing and is with solicitors. Comments had been received regarding the building works in St Aidans and the yellow storage cabins. These are a temporary structure to allow the builders to have a canteen facility whilst working and the building works have planning consent.

The discussions regarding the Frist School Site are ongoing, however, he has now requested that Ascent Homes look at taking on the development as Bernicia have been so slow.

Cllr Renner-Thompson has reported all pot-holes in the village on the NCC website and also noted the terrible stat of some of the footpaths. An email had been received from the PCC Kim McGuinness offering to come and visit the area and Cllr Renner-Thompson had responded that Seahouses would be an ideal PC to visit – a response is awaited. Cllr Trotter asked if the tarmac at the Bamburgh Castle Inn entrance was to be yellow as requested? Cllr Renner-Thompson had expressed his preference to highways and it should be noted that the rockery will be removed and paved over when the tarmacing is done at the end of February.

**183/2022 REPORTS AND COMMENTS** – Cllr Ailsa Shiel reported that shop lifting in the local shops was a problem and appeared to be very organised. Discussions followed regarding what action may be taken and it was suggested a scheme such as the “pub watch” initiative may be appropriate.

It was noted that the “Shepherds Hut” planning application had still not been determined by NCC.

Cllr Donaldson note that the National Trust sign at St Aidans had re-appeared.

**184/2022 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

**MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close**

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel