

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 9th January 2023 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

Over the last 28 day period there have been 7 recorded crimes. No incidents of youth ASB reported. Only 18 recorded 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.

157/2022 PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, Mr Christopher Brown

158/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Steve Williams, Amy Armstrong, Karen Armstrong, Ailsa Shiel

159/2022 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

none

160/2022 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr Christopher Brown re planning app. Farne House 22/04165/FUL

Mr Brown presented his objections to the meeting regarding the above planning application of which he is a direct neighbour. Discussions followed regarding the change in this application from the previous applications and concerns raised over the "overdevelopment" of the building in the Seahouses conservation area. The lack of parking in this area was also noted and it was felt the problem would be added to if this application was to go ahead.

161/2022 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 9th January 2023 – 1 Memorial request, & footpath meeting

Cllr Totter proposed acceptance, Cllr Bramley seconded - All agreed

162/2022 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5th December 2022 – Cllr Bramley proposed, Cllr Dawson seconded - all agreed

163/2022 MATTERS ARISING

1. S106 on potential new development – Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed there had been no further movement.
2. Defra Proposal regarding Farne Islands fishing ban – Update Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that due to the level of public response, the report had been delayed but an answer was expected before Spring.

3. Memorial safety training and liabilities – The meeting considered the requirement for headstone safety testing to ensure all were safe. Cllr Hillan has taken the training course, and the meeting agreed to obtain quotes for the testing of the headstones in the cemetery. Cllr Hillan proposed, Cllr Bramley seconded.
4. Precept/budget 2023/2024 – considerations – Discussions followed regarding if the precept needed to increase. Cllr Bramley noted that with increases in holiday lets, it may appear that the precept levy per council tax paying household may increase. Cllr Hillan proposed that no increase in precept be imposed, Cllr Donaldson seconded – all agreed.

164/2022 PLANNING

1. 22/04165/FUL Proposed second floor roof extension to existing building to allow the re-formulation of the layout of the existing apartments – **Farne House, 12 Crewe Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RW** – see comments above – meeting objected to this application on grounds of overdevelopment, not in keeping with conservation area, lack of parking provision.
2. 22/04599/FUL Replacement of existing single glazed timber shop front windows with double glazed timber shop front windows. **65 Main St, North Sunderland, NE68 7TN** – no objections
3. 22/04728/COU Change of use from hotel only (C1) to dual-use hotel and self-catering holiday accommodation under schedule 2, Part 1, Class V of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended **St Aidan Hotel, 1 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SR** – it was noted that no proposed layout was available on the application. The meeting agreed that if parking requirements were not altered, there were no other objections to the application
4. 22/04708/FUL Refurbishment of 3no. existing staff pitches and upgrade of 3no. existing hardstanding pitches to staff pitches **The Camping and Caravanning Club, Beadnell Bay Caravan Site, Beadnell, Chathill, NE67 5BN** – no comment required
5. 22/04739/FUL & 22/04740/LBC Provision of a Changing Places toilet and accessible parking within Bamburgh Walled Garden including vehicular and pedestrian accesses with openings in the garden wall (and listed building consent for the same) **Land South East of Grace Darling Museum, Bamburgh, NE69 7AE** – no comment required

Application withdrawn - none

Permission Granted

1. 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. (additional information received 28.11.22 and 1.12.22) **52 South Lane, Seahouses, NE68 7UL**

Permission Refused – None

165/2022 CEMETERY – report of cemetery committee – The Chair reported on a meeting held with funeral directors. It had been agreed that the interment fees would stand at £500 from the 1st April and the grave digging costs would be born by the funeral directors.

Cllr Donaldson proposed that the Cemetery rules should be altered to reflect the new size of memorial headstones, 36" x 36", Cllr Bramley seconded – all agreed.

The Chair had obtained 10 bags of top soil to start the levelling of the sunken graves. He suggested that the clay pit should be extended to allow for the delivery/storage of top soil rather than emptying the small amount of clay already in it. Cllr Bramley proposed that quotes should be obtained for the works, Cllr Donaldson seconded - all agreed.

166/2022 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £17.61

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.75	4.49
NCC – Clerks salary Dec 22 (to include backdated payrise from April 22)		1265.22
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
Smith of Derby – Clock Contract (3yrs)	108.00	648.00
Total	111.25	1932.71

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £21.03

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Edward Walker – Cemetery Management – Dec chgs (Hedgecutting and 20hrs maintenance)		500.00
Puncture repair to wheel barrow from Hawthorn		12.00
Sub Total		512.00
TOTAL		512.00

- All payments agreed

167/2022 CORRESPONDENCE – Murray Memorial – Additional inscription for John Patterson- All agreed

Graham Bucknall, NCC Highways, had offered to meet Cllrs from Beadnell & North Sunderland regarding the footpath between the two parishes. Cllr Shiel will be available, particularly concerned about the section at Annsteads – all Cllrs welcome, date to be circulated once agreed.

168/2022 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson had spoken with SITA regarding the light, this should have been replaced. Following the poor weather, any empty grit bins should be notified to NCC. The football club has agreed to move their defrib. to outside of the grounds to make it accessible at any time. Following a complaint, he has received assurances from Anchor housing that the windows in the properties at Chapel Court are going to be replaced.

The new toilet at Seahouses should be on the "Changing Places" list and NCC are currently pushing to get this included.

The Clerk had received an email about the replacement trees on the green on Main St, Cllr Renner-Thompson to chase the Estates team.

169/2022 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – The Chair noted that The Ship had closed its car-park for visitors and thus adding more strain to the public car-park. This practice is to be reported to planning enforcement.

Cllr Donaldson asked if the Whale Bones installation had been progressed – Cllr Shiel is to discuss with contractors and report back to next meeting.

Cllr Hall had been contacted by a resident on King St who were struggling to exit their drive due to parked cars. The option of extending the double yellow lines was discussed, but previously had been canvassed and rejected.

Cllr Donaldson asked if the “no Overnight Parking” signs had been replaced along the road side towards Monks House – Cllr Renner-Thompson to chase.

Cllr Dawson asked about the possibility of a disabled access point onto the beach – Vehicular access is via the public access at Monks House.

It was noted that a Zoom meeting will be held to discuss if any changes are required to the neighbourhood plan – Wednesday 18th January 7pm – Clerk to send invite.4m

170/2022 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 6th February 2023 at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel