

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 3rd April 2023 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

Over the last 28 day period there have been a total of 15 incidents. 5 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.

200/22 PRESENT

The Chair informed the meeting of the resignation of Jill Hall

Cllr David Shiel (Chair)	Cllr Maureen Bramley
Cllr Alan Trotter (Vice Chair)	Cllr Sylvia Hillan
Cllr David Fordy	Cllr David Donaldson
Cllr Jane Wood	Cllr Ailsa Shiel
Cllr Steve Williams	Cllr Louise Dawson

IN ATTENDANCE

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

201/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

202/2022 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

203/2022 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

204/2022 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 3rd April 2023 – 2 planning, 2 correspondence

Cllr Fordy proposed acceptance, Cllr Hillan seconded - All agreed

205/2022 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 6th March 2023 – Cllr Bramley proposed, Cllr Fordy seconded - all agreed

206/2022 MATTERS ARISING

1. Coronation of Charles III – Parish Celebrations/Bench/Town Map – A commemoration bench in recycled material was shown to the meeting at a cost of £462.65 (inc vat) Cllr Hillan proposed ordering, Cllr Bramley seconded – all agreed Cllr Hillan reported that the Hub had agreed in principle to install the volunteer's commemoration sign, but given the sign were concerned where it could be displayed. NCC had also agreed to install on the toilet block which may be a better option.
2. Whale Bones – Update – The Chair confirmed that everything is in place to install the whale bones, just held up by professional as he is inundated with work.
3. Replacement benches – for recycled plastic benches – 4 x bench bundle £1550 + vat – The meeting was informed of an offer for recycled benches (as per minute 149/2022 item 5 budget considerations) Cllr Trotter noted the Broad Road bench had not yet

been renewed and a rolling programme of replacements had previously been agreed as repairs were costly – all agreed

4. Rural Market Town Group – Membership consideration – Cllr Bramley reported on attendance at one of the zoom meetings and felt that the PC did not “fit” in this group as most Councils represented were larger town councils. Cllr Hillan noted that £95 could be better spent if nothing was to be gained. Cllr Williams felt that in order to benefit a Councillor would need to take an active roll and all current councillors are busy – all agreed
5. Consideration of local housing needs in Seahouses/North Sunderland prior to Arc4 meeting/consultation – The meeting discussed housing needs in North Sunderland & Seahouses and all agreed that affordable social housing was desperately needed, particularly for families to attract and retain “workers” into the village. Cllr Williams noted that it was important to collect evidence and Cllr Shiel suggested contacting Jen Hall of the AONB as she had carried out a study on this issue. The Clerk is to contact her to see what information she currently has and is to continue talks with Arc4 regarding a face to face meeting. The offer of a donation of £250 to a local cause was welcomed and ideas are to be brought to next meeting.

207/2022 PLANNING

1. Variation on condition 2 on approved application 21/02442/FUL in order to alter glazing configuration to front elevation dormers to match neighbour **Rannoch Lodge, 29 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS** No objection
2. 23/00918/FUL Demolition of 3 x 3m conservatory prior to erection of single storey extension to rear of property extending 3.8m beyond existing rear wall, or 0.8m beyond current garage wall. Proposed 2.65m extension to side elevation of existing garage of property to create entrance area. Installation of light cement fibre shiplap panel with insulation to be used as cladding – **42 Longstone Close, Beadnell, Chathill, NE67 5BS – no comment required**
3. Change of use of car park to area of land to allow individuals to sleep in self sufficient Motorhomes (permanent permission requested) **Car Park, Links Road, Bamburgh** – No comment required although supported by PC to try and clear roads
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Application withdrawn - None

Permission Granted

1. Listed building consent for various works including changes to internal layout, replace windows with single glazed timber units and installation of air source heat pump **West House, Seahouses, NE68 7SX**
2. Construction of side two-storey extension and rear single storey extension **22 James Street, Seahouses, NE68 7YD**

3. Proposed second floor roof extension to existing building to allow the reformulation of the layout of the existing apartments (AMENDED PLAN REC'D 25.1.23) **Farne House, 12 Crewe Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RW**

4. Proposed two storey extension to front of dwelling to replace single storey extension **14 James Street, Seahouses, NE68 7YD**

Cllr Williams raised concern that yet another application to which the PC had noted objections, (particularly in relation to local knowledge of traffic/parking issues) had been passed by NCC planning. The agreement to no.3 above, was on the condition of a "parking management strategy" being in place. The meeting was concerned that this would put further strain on local streets and the main car park. The question was raised regarding "policing" of this car-parking strategy and the Clerk is to contact NCC planning and ask for clarity over this parking management strategy. Cllr Bramley noted that at a local meeting with Cllr Glen Sanderson, leader of NCC, he had asked what can be done better, it was agreed that an email should be sent suggesting listening to "local knowledge" should be implemented.

Permission Refused – None

208/2022 CEMETERY – The Chair noted that the contract for the maintenance of the cemetery had previously been granted for 1 year and the meeting was asked about extending this contract with Edward Walker. All agreed that the work had been excellent over the last year and Mr Walker had confirmed that there would be no increase in pricing for the 2023 -2024 year. Cllr Donaldson suggested making an offer of a 3 year contract with annual pricing reviews – all agreed. Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that NCC are willing to host the Memorial testing training, a date has yet to be agreed but he will chase. Cllr Wood noted that she had experience of the testing (albeit not qualified) in her work at Whittingham Church.

The Chair updated the meeting on the extension to the soil pit at the cemetery. The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk had removed 2 large bags of wreaths and David Smith – contractor – had agreed to remove the rest. The meeting was informed that new notices were to be put on gates requesting that all waste from flowers etc be put in bins by the entrance, not put into the clay pit. The noticeboard kindly refurbished by Geoffrey Stewart, was to be installed near to the claypit for notices. Cllr Donaldson noted that the bin to the right of the gate was broken and dangerous and it was agreed that an email is to be sent to NCC to request a replacement be installed. Cllr Shiel also noted that the soil dug out to extend the soil pit, could be graded and used to "level" graves that had sunk. Previously agreed a cost of £150 for a delivery of 4 tonne, meeting agreed that it was preferable to use what was onsite at a cost of £200 for the grading on site. – all agreed

Cllr Bramley had prepared the revised cemetery regulations and charges for the coming year (following the cemetery committee meeting) and these are to be circulated by Cllr Bramley.

209/2022 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £1,921.19 (VAT refund)

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.75	4.49
NCC – Clerks salary Mar 23		718.19
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
Total	3.25	737.68

3. Monies paid onto Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £1,200.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance		516.00
Sub Total		516.00
TOTAL		516.00

- All payments agreed

210/2022 CORRESPONDENCE – Answer to joint PC letter to MP re: dualling of A1

Thank you for your email to Anne-Marie from the Parish Councils regarding their concern about the dualling of the A1.

No one is more disappointed about the current delay than Anne-Marie, particularly as so much work has been done and money spent.

Anne-Marie has asked if you would thank the Parish Councils for their concern and reassure them that she is actively pushing the Secretary of State for a positive decision for the dualling of the A1.

A request had been received from Strettle Memorials for a new headstone for Joy Pettifer – all agreed

211/2022 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson reported that The Duchess High School in Alnwick had expressed a wish to become an academy. The Seahouses Primary School had just gone through an Ofsted inspection and it was expected to be a good result.

A donation from his NCC small grants scheme had given the volunteers £2325 for planters and statues to improve the village. A further donation of £900 had been made to the football club to move the defibrillator.

Cllr Renner-Thompson reported on the first meeting with NCC regarding trains stopping at Chathill. 2 Churches are organising a litter -pick and NCC are providing equipment etc.

A request had been made for signs on King Street to enforce bicycles NOT riding on pavements.

The meeting noted that signs used to be in place and Cllr Renner-Thompson is to request replacements.

212/2022 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Donaldson noted his thanks for the work that had been carried out on some of the potholes, however the meeting agreed that Broad Road would need resurfacing rather than repairs. Cllr Williams asked if any update on the NP had been received – Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that this was now with NCC for consideration.

Cllr Donaldson noted the poor repair of the Old First School site.

213/2022 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 15th May 2023 at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close to include Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Signed.....

Chairman – David Shiel