

# NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses**

### **Police Report**

*Over the last eight-week period there have been no incidents to which the community need to be made aware of. There have only been 10 recorded crimes whereby 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. If we identify any crime trends or incidents in which the community need to be made aware of, we will update the Parish Council immediately.*

### **015/23 PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO

### **016/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

none

### **017/2023 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

### **018/2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**019/2023 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA** 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 1 additional planning granted, 1 additional correspondence - all agreed

### **020/2023 AGREEMENT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & AGAR 2023**

The meeting agreed all statements & AGAR and the Chairman & Clerk/RFO signed the statements

### **021/2023 CONSIDERATION OF:**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - all agreed

### **022/2023 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Vote for Vice-Chairman – Cllr Donaldson proposed Cllr David Shiel, Cllr Fordy seconded – all agreed
2. Whale Bones installation – information board – The meeting discussed the suggested information for the notice board, it was agreed to add the date of installation to the information. One quote for a board has been received, the meeting agreed that the Clerk is to pursue other quotes. The siting of the board was discussed and the Clerk is to check with Insurance Company regarding PL insurance.
3. LTP considerations 2024 – 2025 – Discussions took place regarding safety considerations. Cllr Williams noted that why should we bother when our concerns are ignored? The meeting agreed that the Clerk is to contact Robin McCartney of NCC to request

meeting to discuss the road safety concerns as they need to be addressed before 2025. The meeting agreed to submit the same LTP priorities as previous.

4. Flowers for PC planters – within budget – A request to buy more plants for the PC planters had been received. All agreed that the planters are looking lovely and are very happy with all the work being done.
5. Consideration of response to Consultation on Gov Introduction of a Use Class for Short Term Lets and associated permitted development rights – The survey completion request had been received from Jen Hall and The Chair had discussed with her regarding the best way to complete. All agreed that something needs to be done over short term lets, AirBnB's and second homes and Cllr Williams suggested contacting Jen Hall and see if we could get a copy of their response. The Clerk is to complete the surveys.

## **023/2023 PLANNING - None**

### **Application withdrawn - None**

### **Permission Granted**

1. LBC & FUL for regularisation application for existing biomass heating plant granted approval under reference 18/00755/ **Beadnell Towers Hotel, The Wynding, Beadnell, Chathill, NE67 5AY**

### **Permission Refused – None**

**024/2023 CEMETERY** – Quiet works area & report of cemetery committee – A design was presented to the meeting showing a suggested layout for the quiet area and noting the works that would be needed. Cllr Hillan noted that the works would need to be put out to tender and a document should be progressed to this end.

It was noted that the trees in a neighbouring house were badly overgrowing this area and need to be dealt with. The meeting agreed to send a letter to the owner of the trees in question asking them to cut back their trees. A picture of the “memorial tree” is to be sent to Cllr Shiel to obtain a quote from Lee Wire. Cllr Williams confirmed that the works would be funded via the cemetery reserves. It was confirmed that money had been put aside from a grant previously received.

The committee reported that the cemetery committee had a meeting with the contractor who looks after the cemetery and had agreed to modify the contract regarding scarifying and wreaths. The notice board is being installed in the next few days. Cllr Hillan noted that the headstone course must be completed and the Clerk is to contact Cllr Renner-Thompson regarding NCC organising a course as a matter of urgency.

## **025/2023 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 May 23		718.19
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>334.08</b>	<b>3813.90</b>

3. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £180.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance		900.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>900.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>900.00</b>

- All payments agreed

**026/2023 CORRESPONDENCE** – Memorial request – Martin Spruce – A request had been received for a memorial stone for Mr Spruce – all agreed.

**027/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Cllr Renner-Thompson was not at the meeting

**028/2023 REPORTS AND COMMENTS** – Cllr Hillan reported on a problem she had experienced with Ariva buses and her electric scooter. It was noted that any electric scooter can travel with it on an Ariva bus.

Cllr Shiel had received a letter from a resident of Stone Close regarding a blocked right of way. The meeting agreed that comments should be passed to Bernicia whose responsibility it is to ensure residents observe clear pathways.

Cllr Shiel presented photos of pot-holes that were still causing issues around the village. The Clerk is to report on “fixmystreet” and some had already been reported. It was shown on the system that works are to be carried out on the 9<sup>th</sup> June so may already have been reported. Once again the thorn hedge at Rose Cottage, South Lane is overgrown and causing issues for pedestrians. This is to be reported to NCC again. The cycle path from Beadnell to Seahouses particularly at Ansteads is getting worse – NCC to be contacted again. The map is to be re-instated on the toilet block but it may have to wait until less tourists about.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel noted that complaints had been received about golfers crossing the road on a blind corner.

Cllr Fordy noted a near -miss with the private rubbish collector at the roundabout and the contractor’s “rude” attitude.

Cllr Hillan noted that a skip was in-situ on Kippy Law, causing issues for pedestrians and vehicles alike. This is to be reported to highways as no lights around the skip and large vehicles also being parked next to it or on the path.

Cllr Bramley noted that Village News had a report of the Coronation Board, but sadly no acknowledgement of the grant given by the PC.

Cllr Donaldson asked that NCC be contacted about the need for weed killer to be sprayed, particularly on Main Street. He also noted that drains were blocked in this area and it was again noted that any problems should be reported on “fixmystreet” <https://fix.northumberland.gov.uk/> as this may get a quicker response than waiting for PC meetings. The Broad Rd road surface was once again noted as being very poor and will again be reported to NCC.

Cllr Williams noted that the Neighbourhood Plan committee were meeting with Beadnell and Bamburgh committee, Cllr Renner-Thompson and Sarah Brannigan of NCC.

**029/2023 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close**

Signed.....

Chairman – Alan Trotter