

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 15th May 2023 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

None received

001/23 PRESENT

Cllr Alan Trotter (Chair)	Cllr Maureen Bramley
Cllr Sylvia Hillan	
Cllr David Fordy	Cllr David Donaldson
Cllr Jane Wood	
Cllr Steve Williams	

IN ATTENDANCE

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

002/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Shiel, Cllr Louise Dawson, Cllr Ailsa Shiel

003/2023 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

004/2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

005/2023 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 15th May 2023 - All agreed

006/2023 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4rd April 2023 - all agreed

007/2023 MATTERS ARISING

1. Update on James St Green Space application – Email from NCC legal services was read out. The meeting agreed that an email should be sent to include Sarah Brannigan Head of NP at NCC to query the issues raised.
2. Whale Bones installation – information board – It was agreed that all councillors should forward any information they felt relevant to the whale bones, to the Clerk. This will be compiled and a draft circulated. Cllr Donaldson thanked Cllrs David Shiel and Alan Trotter for their hard work in installing the whale bones in time for the coronation.
3. £250 donation from Arc4 – decision on beneficiary – Following discussions the meeting agreed that 50% should be donated to Cancer Cars Seahouses and 50% to the Festive Lights.

008/2023 PLANNING

1. Variation on condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 22/04165/FUL **Farne House 12 Crewe Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RW** - A resident, Christopher Brown whose property is adjacent to the Farne House, asked to speak to the Council. He raised concerns over the constantly changing plans, which makes ascertaining how many units, and bedrooms within the units very

difficult. He also noted that the “modules” that are to be delivered in June which will make up the 2nd floor, are to be delivered on lorries with no highways plan currently in place. Discussion followed amongst the Cllrs regarding the planning issues and concerns again over parking and additional traffic within the conservation area of Seahouses. Cllr Renner-Thompson advised that it would be worth checking with building control if the plans had been agreed as the original building would not have been built to take this amount of weight. A letter is also to be sent to Rob Murfin, head of planning raising the PC concerns over this development.

2. 22/03755/FUL Siting of timber bin store (retrospective) – **Black Swan Inn, 2 Union Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RT** – A vote took place with 5 in favour/2 against
3. 23/01477/FUL Retention of Access Ramp to Hall **Seahouses Masonic Hall, 145 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TT** – 23/01395/FUL – The meeting noted concerns that the ramp was not aesthetically in keeping with the building and would prefer a different material had been used. However they understood the need for the ramp and hoped that a means to disguise the ramp could be found.
4. 23/01510/FUL Removal of conservatory and erection of a single storey side extension and 2 storey rear extension **52 Kippy Law, Seahouses, NE68 7YH** – no objections raised
5. 23/01014/FUL Construction of single dwelling and detached garage **Land West of Budle Farm, Waren Mill** – no comment required
6. 23/01116/FUL & 23/01117/LBC Regularisation application for existing biomass heating plant granted approval under reference 18/00755/FUL **Beadnell Towers Hotel, The Wynd, Beadnell, NE67 5AY** – no comment required
7. 23/00918/FUL Demolition of existing 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, NE67 5BS** – no comment required

Application withdrawn - None

Permission Granted

1. Variation on condition 2 on approved application 22/02350/VARYCO in order to alter glazing configuration to front elevation dormers to match neighbour (description amended 26.04.2023) **Rannoch Lodge 29 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS**
2. Construction of side two-storey extension and rear single storey extension **22 James Street, Seahouses, NE68 7YD**
3. Proposed internal alterations to 41 & 43a North Street and 16 Harbour Road including changing size of window/door openings to improve fenestration of the terrace **31 & 43a North Street and 16 Harbour Road, Seahouses, NE68 7SD**

Permission Refused – None

009/2023 CEMETERY – Cllr Hillan noted that her grandson had cleared all the remaining waste in the area designated as the quiet area. There had been considerably more rubbish than expected with 2 trailer loads being led away. Still 2 dumpy bags of tree guards which remain in case the PC need them. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Rosie Barber as it was her equipment and man hours that were used to clear this area. The Clerk circulated an article showing a memorial tree that had been installed in a different parish, and the meeting agreed that costs should be established and quotes obtained from local suppliers. The Chair noted that the trees in the White House were encroaching on the area and needed to be cut back. It was agreed that the cemetery sub-committee should meet and agree works needed.

The memorial stone regulations were amended to allow for silver lettering – all agreed.

The chair noted that the tree line on the right-hand side of the path only has bare earth and the cemetery contractor had suggested sowing wild flowers – all agreed

010/2023 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £8,000.00 (precept)

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.75	4.49
NCC – Clerks salary Apr 23		718.19
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
NALC Website/subs		461.72
Norton – annual subs pd by Cllr Hillan	10.83	64.99
Futuform – Park style benches (x3)	320.00	1600.00
J P Taylor (seat cleaning)		505.00
Total	334.08	3813.90

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

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance/grass seeds		920.00
Sub Total		920.00
TOTAL		920.00

- All payments agreed

011/2023 CORRESPONDENCE – Eyes in the Sky – Report received by police on drone use to catch offenders

- Request for donation from Hospicecare- Berwick – a letter is to be sent confirming preference for local charities.
- Event notification – Information was given to the meeting regarding the Mighty Hike taking place on 2023 which is taking place on Saturday 15th July and Sunday 16th July in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

- Memorial request – Ernest Pringle – A request had been received for a memorial stone for Mr Pringle – all agreed.

012/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson reported that he had met with Arc4 and requested they include Beadnell and Bamburgh as they were also affected by the housing shortage. Site meetings had taken place at the Old First School Site and discussions ongoing between NCC and The Lord Crewe Trustees.

Discussions are ongoing regarding additional trains stopping at Chathill. A further meeting is planned for the 7th June.

Cllr Renner-Thompson noted his disappointment at the planned closure of the Barclays bank and it was noted that a greatly reduced service was planned to be based at the Hub, but would not include any cash banking or withdrawals.

Dame Andrea Leadsom had visited the area in connection with her review of Childrens services and Outreach work.

Lord Richard Benyon (Fisheries Minister) had visited the area to discuss the Farne Islands Advisory Committee and Cllr Renner-Thompson had made note of the importance of local village involvement.

The LAC meeting at which the Bamburgh Castle Inn planning is to be discussed is at 2pm, in Berwick and Cllr Hillan made note that she had received several complaints that some affected residents could not attend as were at work – A letter of complaint is to be sent.

013/2023 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – The Chair noted that he had received a request to move the seats on King Street so they face the sea however the meeting agreed that this was unlikely to be agreed by NCC Neat team as it would affect the grass cutting.

Cllr Donaldson noted that the new “no overnight parking” signs between Monks House and St Aidans had been removed – Cllr Renner-Thompson to discuss with highways

Cllr Donaldson also noted the potholes on the roundabout at Seahouses towards Seafield Road were very bad, and the Broad Road surface still had not been repaired. All po-holes should be noted on the NCC “fix-my-street” portal on the website. The Chair also noted that the street lights were not working on the roundabout and the clerk is to report these.

014/2023 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 5th June at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close

Signed.....

Chairman – Alan Trotter