

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 6th November 2023 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

Incidents and crimes –

5 crimes since the last meeting. None are linked and there is no threat to anyone other than persons reporting the crime. As a result there's no crime trends developing that would heighten tension in the area.

19 incidents, none of which appear to be linked or that involve anyone else in the community

No issues of vulnerability arising in the last few weeks.

Nothing to add from a police community perspective either.

086/23 PRESENT

Cllr Alan Trotter (Chair)

Cllr David Shiel (Vice Chair)

Cllr Maureen Bramley

Cllr Ailsa Shiel (part of meeting)

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr Louise Dawson

Cllr Jane Scott

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO,

087/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Fordy, County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson

088/2023 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

089/2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

090/2023 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 6th November 2023 – 3 additional planning matters, additional bill - all agreed

091/2023 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 2nd October 2023 – Proposed Cllr Bramley, seconded Cllr Scott - all agreed

092/2023 MATTERS ARISING

1. Response to letter of complaint Rob Murfin – NCC Planning

The response received was read out to the meeting and it was agreed that this was yet another disappointing decision from NCC planning which once again ignored the views of the PC and local residents.

2. Report on support of affordable houses – address to LAC

The Chair reported to the meeting on his address to LAC in support of the affordable housing development. It was noted that there had been 4 speakers, 2 for and 2 against. The application was passed 6 to 1.

3. The Clerk/RFO reported on the problems experienced with Barclays Bank and the hours of wasted time and the need now to open new accounts as Barclays had recorded the accounts incorrectly as "club" accounts. The RFO noted that an alternative would be to move banks to Unity, which many Parish Councils were already with. This bank does incur a monthly charge of £6 but has a much higher interest rate payable for the deposits which would offset the charges. Cllr Hillan proposed moving banks and keeping all current signing arrangements the same, Cllr Bramley seconded – all agreed.

093/2023 PLANNING

1. 23/03479/FUL New glazed gable to first floor living room on South elevation and new walkable balcony **Hastings House, South Lane, Seahouses, NE68 7UN** – The AONB comments were read out to the meeting and it was agreed that the PC supported these comments.
2. 23/04008/VARYCO Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans) and 3 (planting plan) on approved application 23/01477/FUL to allow changes in proposed planting to satisfy AONB requirements **Seahouses Masonic Hall, 145 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TT** – no objections
3. 23/03696/FELTPO Tree Preservation Order Application: Reduce overall canopy by 30%.....**1 Budle Sands, Bamburgh, NE69 7AJ** – no comment required, out of area
4. 23/03626/LBC Listed Building Consent for demolition of non original store and blocking up non original openings to rear, removal of non original fireplace and fitting of wood burning stove, internal damp proofing works and renewal of first floor to living room **17 Front Street, Bamburgh, NE69 7BW** – no comment required out of area
5. 23/01014/FUL Construction of single dwelling and detached garage **Land West of Budle Farm, Warren Mill, Northumberland** – no comment required out of area
6. 23/03973/FUL Single storey rear and side extension to enlarge lounge and create new entrance porch **11 Longstone Park, Beadnell, Chathill** – no comment required out of area
7. 23/03957/VARYCO Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans) and 6 (Drainage) pursuant to planning permission 21/00126/FUL to allow changes to the house types and materiality of the permission granted and amendment to the drainage design **Land South of 30 Swinhoe Road, Swinhoe Road, Beadnell** – no comment required out of area

Application withdrawn

Advertisement consent for timber post sign **35 – 36 Front Street, Bamburgh, NE69 7BJ**

Permission Granted:

1. Removal of existing signage, removal of external ATM and existing aperture infilled and render to match existing, removal of night safe face plate only and existing aperture to be infilled and render to match existing **1 Seafield Road, Seahouses, NE68 7SJ**

Permission Refused:

None

094/2023 CEMETERY – Update on quiet works area & discuss building work quotes, Memorial training, additional grass cut request

The Chair noted that only quote had been received and the meeting agreed to hold over until the next meeting and chase up outstanding quotes. Discussions took place regarding change to cemetery regulations. Cllr Bramley proposed that the size limit of memorial headstones is to remain but that no specification of design is to be stipulated. All agreed.

The NCC officer who is offering headstone testing training is not at work currently absent from work due to sickness.

The Chair noted that an additional grass cut would be needed – all agreed.

It was further noted that the sunken grave had been attended too.

095/2023 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 Oct 23		718.19
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
Mazars – External audit fee	42.00	252.00
Bulbs & plants for planters		107.96
Total	45.25	1,098.05

3. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £540.00

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance		900.00
Sub Total		900.00
TOTAL		900.00

- All payments agreed

096/2023 CORRESPONDENCE – Memorial headstone request for David Glen Lawson had been received – all agreed

An email had been received from Mr Bell, 29a Rannoch Lodge which was read out to the meeting. Whilst the Parish council were sympathetic to Mr Bell it was agreed that it had no powers to act and that any issues over the building works should be directed at NCC planning enforcement and building control.

The Chair read out a letter that had been received from the Seahouses Festive Lights Group asking for a donation towards the Christmas Lights and Fireworks. It was proposed that £100 should be donated to each event - all agreed.

097/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson was away so no report was available

098/2023 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Hillan had received a complaint about a holly tree that was planted on a neighbouring grave and was encroaching on the next plot. It was noted that the cemetery rules state nothing is to be planted on graves. The Chair is to investigate.

099/2023 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 4th December at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close

Signed.....

Chairman – Alan Trotter