

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Warden Parish Council held on Monday 6th November 2023 commencing at 7pm in Newbrough Town Hall

Those Present: Cllr S Robson (Chairman), Cllr G Charlton, Cllr WJ Foot, Cllr L Kay, Cllr D Liddle, Cllr D Bowman, Cllr S Heminsley, County Cllr N Morphet, (County Council), C Miller (Clerk), two members of the public

2023/92 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Martin

2023/93 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr's S Robson & SJ Heminsley declared an interest in the Railway Inn.

Cllr G Charlton declared an interest in allotments.

2023/94 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter

Mossy had been flooded for two weeks and full of horrendous potholes – to be discussed further down agenda.

Stanegate editorial committee to drastically reduce number of copies, which could lead to loss of advertising revenue and the end of the magazine. Parish Council to offer assistance to editorial committee to seek a resolution.

2023/95 Minutes of previous meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2023 be accepted as a true record further to amendments to presentation on river quality to include **KNOWN** as follows. 7726 hours of **KNOWN** spillage on the North Tyne, and 4251 hours **KNOWN** spillage on South Tyne.

2023/96 Allotments - to receive update on pump for well

Cllr's D Liddle & WJ Foot had drilled hole in lid for pump installation, to be fitted Springtime. A simple bar could then be installed to make well safe. **ACTION: Cllr Liddle.** Flooding from an allotment plot had been rectified, no further problems with subsequent rain. Landowner aware of the problem.

2023/97 Community litter pick

Litter pick had taken place around Fourstones with paths cleared of mud. Twelve bags of refuse collected which County Council had disposed of the following, day also carrying out road sweeping.

2023/98 Roads/footpaths/village maintenance

Mossy to Paper Mill badly flooded. This is a long-term problem, as temperatures drop/freeze it will be lethal.

County Cllr had met Areas Highway Maintenance Officer who had confirmed improvements were in hand. Potholes too big a job for maintenance, full resurfacing would have to be actioned through the Local Transport Plan. Further to recent road closure/confusion, website, one.network displays road closure information, County Cllr also adds details to facebook page. **ACTION: Clerk to officially contact Andy Craig, Highways Officer and Cabinet Member John Riddle, to stress how important it is that the road is actioned, due to it being permanently flooded leading to Health & Safety issues.** County Cllr had received no update relating to sunken road patches at Crossgates. Local residents in contact with County Council regarding riverside walk stile/fence. Parish Council should monitor Fix My Street for issues reported in the parish.

2023/98/01 Progress regarding the reduction in speeding traffic through the villages

Nothing to report.

2023/98/02 Footpath clearance works/hedgerow obstructions

Nothing to report.

2023/98/03 To receive update on proposed village signage/planters

Complaint had been received from resident at Warden bridge due to work being started and not finished, with materials

left on site. **ACTION: D Bowman to remove materials tomorrow; Clerk to inform resident and apologise for the delay with works being completed, which were due to delays with the sub-contractor.**

2023/98/04 To receive update on new location for recycled seating

No response had been received from landowner regarding request to place seat at riverside, **ACTION: Clerk to chase up.** If this was not possible, the seat could possibly be used to replace the coronation seat. It was resolved the coronation seating would be repaired at a budget of £200

2023/98/05 To consider larger bin for dog waste at Crossgates

It was resolved to accept Option 6 from the County Council. Supply Locking Post: £148.40 (ex vat), + Installation Charge: £187.90 (ex Vat), + 1 x 240ltr used bin (as described above) = **£254.61** + any Vat applicable.

2023/98/06 To receive update on play area repairs

Gravel had mostly been removed from the play area, replacement bolt had been ordered for "The Tube".

2023/98/07 To consider repair to Coronation Seat

Discussed above.

2023/98/08 To receive update on Warden noticeboard repair/repaint

CLlr WJ Foot had removed noticeboard/plywood for repair.

2023/98/09 To consider outstanding gulley cleansing

Discussed earlier, item to be removed from agenda.

2023/99 Planning

2023/99/01 Planning Applications received

- 23/03511/FUL: Laverick Cottage, Fourstones – Construction of sustainable, low impact, one-bedroom self-catering treehouse style holiday accommodation lodge – no objections.
- 23/03512/VARYCO: Wyvern, Butt Bank, Fourstones – Variation of Condition 2 on 23/00331/FUL to allow reduction of angle of roof pitch, reduction in feature window, replacement of timber infill, pergola to front of South elevation and adjustment to layout of solar panels – no objections.
- 23/03981/VARYCO: The Croft, Fourstones – Variation of Condition 2 to 23/02219/FUL to allow minor changes to the approved design – no objections.

2023/99/02 Approval of Planning Application received

- 23/02526/LBC | Listed building consent for replacement windows Location The Gin Gan Fourstones

2023/99/03 To consider issues relating to Prudham Quarry Planning Proposals

Discharge conditions not submitted and approved by applicant, it would be at least several months before this was actioned.

2023/100 Reports

2023/100/01 Town Hall

Nothing to report.

2023/100/02 Northumberland County Council

Ward boundaries from May 2025 had been decided with no alterations to Humshaugh. Hexham with Acomb ward to be altered. Design brief for traffic calming at Hardhaugh not issued, and would be April at latest. County Cllr looking to partner up with another volunteer to carry out community speedwatch.

2023/100/03 Sportsfield Association/ Newbrough First School – Repair to MUGA steel fencing - to receive update regarding establishing the MUGA as a sustainable community/school facility

No progress with MUGA. Cricket Club had finished 5th out of 8, reached cup final, and been named club of the year in West Tyne league. **ACTION: Cllr WJ Foot to feed back Parish Council congratulations for the Club's success.**

2023/101 Financial Matters

2023/101/01 Payments to be authorised

- L Kay – reimbursement defibrillator battery and pads - £324.00; C Miller – salary - £473.11 ; expenses £29.81; £ DH Charlton – gardening – £320.00 B Gustard – gardening – £320.00 Wel Medical – Defib and cabinet - £1398

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2023/101/02 To receive update regarding defibrillator at Fourstones

Defibrillator at Boatside Inn had been taken out of service by NEAS. The defib had required replacement battery and Pads, was now in working order and re-registered on The Circuit. Funding application to Community Foundation had been unsuccessful, with equipment therefore subsequently purchased through the Rotary Club. **ACTION: Electrician to install in due course.** British Heart Foundation provide training kit, and drop-in training would be organised. **ACTION: Training venues/dates to be considered further, budget of £200 approved for training aid. Training to be advertised in Stanegate.**

2023/101/03 To receive update on repair/repainting of Parish Council noticeboard

Discussed earlier.

2023/101/04 To consider grant requests from Sport Tynedale; Citizens Advice Northumberland

It was resolved to grant £60 to Sport Tynedale and £60 to Citizens Advice Northumberland.

2023/101/05 To consider requirement(s) for parish gardener safety measures

Cllr G Charlton to supply high viz jackets, hedge cutting/grasscutting signage requested. It was resolved to arrange warning cones.

2023/101/06 To consider draft budget requirements 2024-2025

First draft of budget 2024-2025 considered. Funds could be required to support Stanegate.

2023/101/07 To consider draft precept requirements 2024-2025

First draft of precept 2024-2025 considered. Precept may need to be raised to support Stanegate.

2023/102 The Railway Inn

No response had been received from owner regarding request to clean up the area.

2023/103 To receive update from Climate Change Group

Climate Change Group had not met. County Council to provide residents with action plan for environmental issues, and publish environmental policy. Scope of next climate action plan to cover 2024-2026, net zero target 2040, carbon dioxide target 2030. Climate concerns could be included when registering concern about mossy.

2023/104 To consider Crises Management in the parish and adoption of emergency plan

Plan had been forwarded to Nigel Fisher, County Council, for perusal. **ACTION: Clerk to re-contact Nigel for progress update.** Emergency meeting would be held to consider actions in the short-term before utility companies/999 etc arrive in the parish. **ACTION: Copies of plan to be delivered to residents, link to privacy notice to be included in plan. Prompt sheet for approach to be made to parishioners to be devised by Cllr S Heminsley.**

2023/105 To receive items for next meeting

There were no items for next meeting.

2023/106 Invitation from M.P. to attend Tynedale Floods Forum 30/11/23, Hexham, 6pm to 730pm

Cllr L Kay to attend.

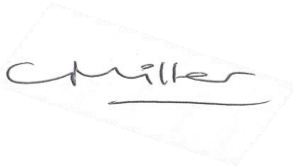
2023/107 To receive update from Tyne Valley Parish Council Active Travel Route meeting

County Cllr advised the Hexham to Corbridge cycling and walking route was being looked at again by Active Travel Tynedale, with construction April 2024, to be complete February 2026. It was still possible a route could be created North side of river in the future. ATT looking at route from Hexham to Haydon Bridge. A feasibility study for the greenway alongside the North side of Mossy would cost £15 - £20K, with interest to be ascertained in raising funds.

2023/108 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Warden Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th January 2024 commencing 7pm in Newbrough Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 855pm.



Claire Miller, Clerk to Warden Parish Council

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
Allotments	CLlr D Liddle to fit pump/make well safe
Defibrillator(s)	CLlr L Kay to organise purchase of training equipment and training in the use of defib
Crossgates dog waste bin	Clerk to confirm Option 6 bin to County Council
Crises Management	Plan to be circulated to all parishioners, link to privacy notice to be included in plan
Gardener safety measures	CLlr G Charlton to supply hi viz; cones to be sought
The Mossy	Clerk to officially contact Andy Craig, Highways Officer and Cabinet Member John Riddle, to stress how important it is that the road is actioned, due to it being permanently flooded leading to Health & Safety issues
Riverside seating	Clerk to chase up landowner permission
Cricket Club	CLlr WJ Foot to feed back Parish Council congratulations for the Club's success.
Fourstones Defib/Training	CLlr Kay to look into training venues/dates to be considered further, budget of £200 approved for training aid. Training to be advertised in Stanegate. Electrician to install Fourstones defib in due course.
Crises Management plan	Clerk to re-contact Nigel Fisher regarding draft emergency plan. Copies of plan to be delivered to residents, link to privacy notice to be included in plan. Prompt sheet for approach to be made to parishioners to be devised by CLlr S Heminsley