

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 2nd October 2023 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

The Chairman opened the meeting and asked for a minutes' silence in memory of Councillor David Donaldson

Police Report

Incidents and crimes –

(1) There are no crimes or incidents of note that we are able to report on during the last four weeks. The number of crimes that have been recorded however is low.

(2) In the nearby area of Beadnell, there has been a series of thefts of boat outboard motors over the past several weeks. These offences appear to be occurring overnight. There are enquiries ongoing and it is requested anyone with information contact police directly.

Community Issues –

ASB: No issues of ASB identified in the area over the last four weeks.

Community Engagement –

There have been no disorder issues reported from the local Pubs. The Pubs are still in the process of setting up a new Pubwatch scheme which will hopefully be completed imminently. This has been instigated by Catharine Gow, The Schooner, Seahouses.

Licenced premises checks have been conducted recently in the Seahouses & Beadnell area with no issues to report.

072/23 PRESENT

Cllr Alan Trotter (Chair)

Cllr Maureen Bramley

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr Jane Scott

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr Louise Dawson

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, Sarah Liddell, Sally-Ann Rogerson

073/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Shiel (Vice Chair), County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson

074/2023 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

075/2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

076/2023 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 2nd October 2023 – all agreed

077/2023 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4th September 2023 – Proposed Cllr Bramley, seconded Cllr Scott - all agreed

078/2023 MATTERS ARISING

1. To revisit decision on headstone as requested by Cllrs Scott, David Shiel & Fordy

The meeting discussed the request for the headstone, the cemetery regulations, memorial rules and implications in agreeing to the request. Cllr Bramley proposed whether to reverse the decision from the previous meeting, Cllr Sheil seconded – 4 for, 2 against 1 abstention. It was agreed as a result of this vote that the cemetery regulations relating to headstones is to be reviewed by the cemetery committee and brought to the next Parish council meeting.

Remembrance Service – Sunday 12th November

The Chair noted that previously Cllr Donaldson had read out the names at the remembrance service and that The Chair will now take over and lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk has requested the road closure and will order the wreath from the RBL.

079/2023 PLANNING

1. 23/03255/FUL & 23/03256/LBC Retrospective: Demolition of the existing garage and construction of new annexe incorporating a home gymnasium, garden store and home working office with attached lean to log store. Re-building of stone wall by new annexe. Installation of ana electric vehicle charging point **1 The Wynding, Bamburgh, NE69 7DB – no comment required, out of area**
2. 23/03257/FUL Proposed extension to the first floor New external cladding **Meadow Burn, West Fleetham, NE67 5JR– no comment required, out of area**

Application withdrawn

None

Permission Granted:

1. Proposed change of use from hotel to staff accommodation **Links Hotel, 8 King Street, Seahouses, NE68 7XP**
2. Garage extension **Rannoch Lodge, 29 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS**

Permission Refused:

None

080/2023 CEMETERY – Update on quiet works area & discuss building work quotes, Memorial training

The Chair noted that no quotes had been received so the matter will be carried forward to the next meeting. The Clerk noted that confirmation had been received from Mrs Davidson that the trees overhanging the cemetery will be pruned during the trees dormant season.

The email received from NCC regarding memorial testing training was read out. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the offer further and bring to the next meeting.

The Chair noted that due to the warm weather, 2 extra cuts will be needed – all agreed.

081/2023 FINANCE

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

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.75	4.49
NCC – Clerks salary Sept 23		718.19
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
Glasdon – 2 x bins	304.13	1,824.77
Total	307.37	2,562.45

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
Sub Total		900.00
TOTAL		900.00

- All payments agreed

082/2023 CORRESPONDENCE – None

083/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson was away at conference so no report was available

084/2023 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Hillan noted that a complaint had been received regarding the lights at the tip, dazzling drivers. The Clerk to contact SITA again and ask for this to be rectified again. Cllr Hillan also noted that the NCC Local Area Committee meeting held at Bamburgh a question had been raised regarding the burden of cemeteries on parishes in the North of the region which was not experienced by those in the South as they had municipal cemeteries.

Cllr Shiel noted that complaints had been received about the bus stops in North Sunderland which are directly opposite each other and cause traffic jams – can they be moved?

Cllr Fordy noted that there had been a further “near-miss” with school children crossing the road and a Co-op delivery vehicle reversing onto the road. The Clerk is to contact Robin McCartney, Highways infrastructure manager to discuss a zebra crossing.

085/2023 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY 6th November at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close

Signed.....

Chairman – Alan Trotter