

RENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of Rennington Parish Council held at 7pm on Thursday 12th October 2023 at Rennington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Stephen Baggott (Chair), Fred Bosanquet, Tony Lomas, Bruce Minty, Peter Purdom, Katie Robertson, Andy Sisson

Clerk: Sarah Trushell

County Councillor: Wendy Pattison

Members of the public: 1

182/23 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Tremlett

183/23 Declarations of Interest:

197/23 iii) Cllr Robertson

197/23 iv) Cllr Bosanquet

184/23 Public Participation Time:

No members of the public chose to speak at this time.

185/23 Minutes of Meeting of 14th September 2023

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 14th September 2023 be AGREED and accepted as a true record of the meeting

186/23 County Councillor Report for October

The report was distributed to all Cllrs and uploaded to the PC website. Cllr Pattison advised the PC could invite Sylvia from i-northumberland to visit and discuss the digital switchover.

187/23 Neighbourhood Development Plan

There are 2 upcoming public meetings followed by a working group meeting to discuss the output of the public meetings.

188/23 RPC Planning Application 22/03766/VARYCO to remove / turn off the five street lights.

The planning application is going to the Local Area Committee 19th October. The PC has been advised that Planning will recommend refusal due to Highway's stance.

189/23 Awards for All Grant

Cllr Bosanquet to ask RVH management committee whether they would prefer Pickards to invoice the PC (£1250 + VAT) or for £1250 to be transferred to RVH.

190/23 Speeding issues in the parish

Cllr Lomas highlighted that there appears to be some issues with traffic speeding through the parish. The Clerk will contact Highways to discuss if traffic trackers could be an option to see if this is an issue that needs further action.

191/23 Replacement of Dog Waste Bins

Cllr Lomas highlighted some of the bins need updating as they are difficult to use and to empty. They will assess how many may need replacing / repairing and the Clerk is to confirm with NCC whether they will

service bins procured by RPC or whether it is recommended to commission NCC to purchase and install any waste bins.

192/23 **Village Maintenance**

It was noted that the footpath between the Horseshoes Pub and Church Road is bulging due to tree roots and is a trip hazard. The Clerk will report this to neighbourhood services.

The grit bins may also need replacing – neighbourhood services will also be contacted by the Clerk regarding this.

The bridge over the stream at the Lonnen needs maintenance. The Clerk will investigate if this is Northumberland Estates' responsibility or NCC's.

193/23 **Longhoughton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation**

Receipt of Neighbourhood Plan consultation noted. The Clerk to acknowledge receipt and pass on a few minor suggested changes

194/23 **Community Meetings**

i) Annual Town & Parish Councils – RPC did not attend this

ii) 9 Parishes Meeting – Cllr Baggott attended, his notes from the meeting are uploaded to the PC website.

iii) Skateboard Development – RPC did not attend

195/23 **Rennington Village Hall**

Cllr Bosanquet provided the following report:

-Solar panels have now been installed on the roof

-OS Ecology have now been instructed to help with the Licence application to Natural England in respect of the work required in the main hall loft. Until the licence is obtained the replacement of the loft insulation and timber treatment cannot proceed.

196/23 **Training**

Rob Murfin, Director of Housing and Planning (Chief Planning Officer), attended the PC for planning training. This was noted as incredibly helpful and Mr Murfin forwarded on extra documents that could be referred to in future planning matters.

197/23 **Planning Matters**

i) 6 Rennington – off street parking: the PC RESOLVED to take no action

ii) 23/03522: the PC RESOLVED to make no comment

iii) 23/03454: Cllr Robertson declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.

The PC RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application subject to the dwelling being used for rural workers.

iv) 23/03507 – Cllr Bosanquet declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.

The PC RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application.

198/23 **Financial Matters**

i) **2024/25 budget** Cllrs were provided with the 23/24 budget to consider. Cllrs are to forward any potential budget items to the clerk for discussion at the next meeting.

ii) **Community Christmas Tree** – it was RESOLVED to donate £50 each for the Rock and Rennington Christmas trees. Cllr Bosanquet to source these.

iii) **Rock Residents Blossom Tree** – the previous cherry tree blew down during storm Arwen, residents would like to plant a replacement. Cllrs are to find some quotes for a suitable tree. Once found the PC will discuss a contribution.

iv) **The Financial Report and update of Lloyds Bank Account balance** was NOTED at 11th October 2023

Treasurer's Current Account Balance (at 06/10/2023) **£12,838.58**

Business Bank Instant Reserve Account - this has not been updated since the previous meeting as the clerk does not yet have access.

v) To approve and note current payments

Clerk PAYE (DS) Months 4,5,6:	£241.40
Clerk PAYE (ST) Month 6:	£25.00
Clerk Wages (ST) Oct:	£200.20
ICO Fee (direct debit):	£35.00
October Newsletter:	£98.00
600 A4 Colour Printed Leaflet:	£155.00
300 A4 Black & White Printed Leaflet:	£56.40

It was RESOLVED that the above payments be APPROVED

vi) **Retrospective approvals and to NOTE amended payments:** there are no retrospective or amended payments

vii) **Bank Reconciliation by Councillor:**

Due to the Clerk not yet having bank access, Cllr Purdom was unable to confirm the reconciliation.

199/23 **Any Other Business (for information only)**

Cllr Sisson would like to discuss the purchase of daffodil bulbs at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: 7:00pm Thursday 9th November 2023 at Rennington Village Hall

Future Meeting Dates (all start at 7pm unless stated otherwise)

14th December 2023

11th January 2024

8th February 2024

14th March 2024

The meeting closed at 7:53pm