

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 4th September 2023 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

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.

(3) Serious RTC in Seahouses on 23rd August 2023 which caused disruption to road network in the area around the Main Street/Harbour.

Community Issues –

ASB: No issues of ASB identified in the area over the last four weeks or 2 ASB incidents reported – Persons identified and dealt with through ASB process.

Community Engagement –

There have been no disorder issues reported from the local Pubs. The Pubs are 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.

058/23 PRESENT

Cllr Alan Trotter (Chair)

Cllr Maureen Bramley

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr Jane Scott

Cllr David Shiel (Vice Chair)

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr Louise Dawson

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, Jen Hall, Sarah Winlow, Sarah Liddell, Sally-Ann Rogerson

059/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Donaldson

060/2023 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

061/2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

062/2023 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 4th September 2023 – 1 additional correspondence - all agreed

063/2023 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 7th August 2023 – Proposed Cllr Bramley, seconded Cllr David Shiel - all agreed

064/2023 MATTERS ARISING - None

065/2023 PLANNING

1. 23/0372 change of use of upper floor offices into a 3 bedroom apartment **Pinnacles Bazaar 21-23 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE568 7RE** – Discussion took place regarding lack of parking in this area and existing issues with holiday lets “off-loading” luggage. Note made regarding new residential properties being for permanent use in NP and all property having parking spaces within curtilage. Parish Council objected to this application on the above grounds.
2. 23/02569/FUL Removal of existing external 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** – No objections
3. 23/03302/BT Proposal to remove phone box 01665720616 **PCO PC01 In Public Car Park, Seafield Road, Seahouses, NE68 7SL** – the PC confirmed they would be supporting Cllr Renner-Thompson in objection to the removal of the public phone box
4. 23/02956/OUT Outline permission (all matters reserved) for 4 principle occupancy dwellings – self build **Land South East of Elford Farm Cottages, Seahouses** – out of area, although in principle support all new affordable housing builds.
5. 23/03037/FUL Proposed 2no. new dwellings along with new access and parking to serve proposed dwellings along with adjacent cottages **Land West of 10 West Burton Cottages, West Burton Cottages, Bamburgh** – no comment required
6. 23/02620/ADE Advertisement Consent for proposed wall mural painted on building to rear to direct guests **Town Farm Cottages, The Haven, Beadnell, Chathill, NE67 5AW** – no comment required
7. 23/02885/FUL Extension of loft space to form bedroom accommodation with ensuite and family bathroom including installation of roof light and 2no. dormer windows. Repositioning of front door and internal alterations **Jara Castle Field Links Road, Bamburgh, NE69 7AX** – no comment required
8. 23/03193/ADE Advertisement consent for timber post sign **35 -36 Front Street, Bamburgh, NE69 7BJ** – no comment required

Application withdrawn

None

Permission Granted:

1. Retrospective: Change of use of extension to be used as a separate holiday let **14 Castle View, Seahouses, NE68 7BD** – letter of complaint to be sent to Rob Murfin, Director of Planning
2. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 22/04165/FUL **Farne House, 12 Crewe Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RW**
3. Demolition of garage and erection of a single storey outbuilding (amended description) **Land North West of Links Hotel, King Street, Seahouses, NE68 7XP**
4. Change of use of car park to area of land to allow individuals to sleep in self sufficient Mortorhomes (permanent permission requested) **Car Park Links Road, Bamburgh & Beadnell**

Permission Refused:

None

066/2023 CEMETERY – Update on quiet works area – The Chairman reported on lack of progress with finding an alternative to the memorial tree, the meeting agreed the costs were very high. The Chairman noted the round, brick-built seating area he had seen at the First School and the meeting agreed costs to install a similar area should be explored.

No further response had been received from Mrs Davidson regarding the pruning of the trees and the meeting agreed a further letter should be sent and then the PC would instruct the work to be undertaken and a bill sent to the Davidsons for the cost – all agreed

Note was made that the trees outside the cemetery required pruning, an email is to be sent to NCC to request this matter is planned at the appropriate time.

067/2023 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 Aug 23		718.19
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
SLCC Training – Contribution to Clerks training (£150)	12.00	72.00
Total	15.25	809.68

3. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £740.00

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

068/2023 CORRESPONDENCE – Request to support National Effort to Protect Neighbourhood Development Plans – discussion took place regarding a request from Baldwins Gate to support a complaint about a recent appeal which ignored the NDP and the implications for all PC's. Cllr Hillan proposed that the PC send a letter of support and a letter to Ann-Marie Trevelyan MP asking for intervention, Cllr Bramley seconded – all agreed

Letter from Sarah Liddell regarding memorial headstone decision for Valerie Sue Johns – Cllr Bramley noted that if the previous decision was to be re-visited, then a letter of request signed by two councillors would need to be put to the Clerk. It was also noted that this would necessitate a revision of the cemetery memorial regulations. Cllrs Scott, Fordy and David Shiel agreed to send a letter.

069/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson reported on progress with the old First School Site, the Lord Crewe Trust had agreed to support the development of the area to affordable housing. A price is yet to be agreed. The draft housing needs report was noted, and it was confirmed that the need for affordable rental housing was a local need. It is proposed that 16 houses will be built on the old First School Site. Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed this will NOT include the playing field.

Following the last PC meeting, Cllr Renner-Thompson had (along with the Clerk) asked NCC highways to investigate the bollards that had appeared on Harbour Road. It was confirmed that this land belongs to NCC Highways and therefore an order to the property to remove the bollards, wall and tree will be made. Cllr Fordy noted that there are several cars now parking on the path in this area causing pedestrians to walk on the road.

NCC had confirmed that they could carry out Memorial headstone testing in house and would be prepared to do this FOC. The member of staff is currently away but this will be arranged along with other parishes asap.

Cllr David Shiel noted that the wall on Harbour Road had been damaged again (post the meeting, the police confirmed that a witness to the damage caused had come forward and investigations are ongoing)

Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that a planning application to remove the phone box in the main car-park had been received. (see 065/2023 3.)

It was also noted that the roundabout had been damaged with two of the granite slabs being dislodged – this is to be reported to NCC to be repaired prior to the Memorial Service in November. Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that he will be away on a belated honeymoon for this event and will organise a “deputy” for the NCC wreath.

070/2023 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – A thank you email was read out which had been received from Alan McFarlane for the donation to the defibrillator fund.

Cllr Trotter noted that NCC waste collections team had requested a larger bin next to the telephone box in the car park – the meeting requested that the Clerk look into the costs & circulate findings.

Cllr Bramley noted that the A boards were still in situ on the footpath advertising The Beach House – the Clerk confirmed that enforcement were to be in contact with the property and get them removed. The larger boards on the grass area are on National Trust land and they are to be informed.

The yellow lines and “blips” on Main Street are not deterring parking and it was also noted that the post office is putting out cones in the loading bay. It was also noted that parking wardens should be asked to visit other areas – in particular areas such as Dunstan View where cars are parking on paths and drivers are reportedly being abusive to pedestrians who complain.

Concerns were raised over motorhomes parking in the carpark overnight with waste being “dumped” in the surrounding area.

It was noted that the tree on the corner of Beechcroft had been damaged by cars parking on the path – the meeting agreed to bring this matter to the next meeting.

Cllr Fordy noted that the beach cleaners had left black bags on the roadside opposite Shoreston Road end.

071/2023 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY 2nd October at 7pm at Community Building, Stone Close

Signed.....

Chairman – Alan Trotter