

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 5th February 2024 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

None received

130/23 PRESENT

Cllr Alan Trotter (Chair)

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr Jane Scott

Cllr David Shiel

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

Cllr Maureen Bramley

Cllr Louise Dawson

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, Mr David MacDonald

131/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson,

132/2023 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Hillan planning application 24/00155/FUL

133/2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

134/2023 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 5th February 2024 – 3 additional planning - all agreed

135/2023 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8th January 2024 – Proposed Cllr Fordy, seconded Cllr Ailsa Shiel - all agreed

136/2023 MATTERS ARISING

1. Town & Parish Council Spring Conference – Thursday 14th March 2024 at County Hall, registration from 5pm, ends at 8pm – 2 delegates only
Cllr Bramley & Cllr Hillan noted their interest in attending – the clerk to register their attendance.
2. Responsibility for Main Street Closed Cemetery – The Clerk reported to the meeting that an email from Gary Air- NCC confirming that NCC has responsibility for the maintenance of the Main Street cemetery and not the Parish Council.
3. Request from NCC Estates for meeting to consider taking over playparks.
The Parish Council discussed the request from NCC regarding taking over the playparks and the financial implications to the Parish. The meeting agreed that the PC could not afford to take over the playparks. Cllr Scott proposed that a meeting should be held with NCC estates to ensure that the Parish Councils' commitment to ensuring the provision of the playparks is maintained – all agreed.

137/2023 PLANNING

1. 24/00171/FUL & 24/00172/LBC Installation of 7no. replacement windows (5 on the south elevation and 2 on the east elevation) **Beadnell Hall, Flat 2, The Haven, Beadnell, NE67 5AT** – no comment required out of area.
2. 24/00160/FUL & 24/00161/LBC Three replacement windows and one replacement set of patio doors (Retrospective) **Beadnell Hall, Flat 3, The Haven, Beadnell, NE67 5AT** – no comment required out of area.
3. 24/00352/FUL Proposed loft conversion with velux windows and solar panels along with addition of pitched roof replacing existing flat roof, which will include a roof over proposed bedroom and porch extension **The Chimes, 7 The Wynding, Beadnell, NE67 5BU** - no comment required out of area.
4. 24/00155/FUL Proposed infilling of doors and installation of roller shutter door and condenser units on outbuilding to create cold food preparation area. **Links Hotel, 8 King Street, Seahouses, NE68 7XP** – discussion took place regarding the condenser units and it was proposed that further information regarding potential noise levels should be requested from NCC planning. Also, an extension for comments to allow for the information to be presented at the next meeting.
5. 24/0024//FUL Conversion of part of gym to provide additional bedroom for apartment 4. Additional parking space to front of building. **Farne House 12 Crewe Street, Seahouses** – Cllr Ailsa Shiel raised the issue of additional parking and Cllr David Shiel noted that the area at the front of the building was a public right of way and should not be blocked by parked cars. The Parish council also noted its disappointment that it had previously raised objections about the gym and its potential to be developed into further living space. It was proposed that this application be objected to on the grounds of lack of parking and overdevelopment.

Application withdrawn None

Permission Granted: None

Permission Refused: None

138/2023 CEMETERY – Memorial training,

The Clerk confirmed that Nicola Wardle – NCC is to organise the training. It was also noted that NCC website has incorrect information regarding the South Lane cemetery and this is to be raised with Nicola.

The Chair reported that an emergency meeting had been held with the contractor at the cemetery regarding sunken graves. The contractor had agreed that the work would be in addition to his normal work and would be charged at £25ph or he could calculate a day rate but as yet didn't know what that would be. Cllr Fordy proposed accepting the hourly charge, Cllr Trotter seconded – all agreed.

The meeting was also informed that the tarpaulin had been purchased at a cost of £249.60 (incl vat) and will be fitted asap.

139/2023 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 Jan '24		781.77
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
Alplas.co.uk – Tarpaulin	41.60	249.60
Total	44.85	1085.86

3. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £500.00
4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance		500.00
Sub Total		500.00
TOTAL		500.00

- All payments agreed

140/2023 CORRESPONDENCE – none

141/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson had given apologies but had sent in the following reports:

“The Council Local Transport Plan Programme 2024-25 has been published, with £100,000 included for repairs of Broad Road between Seahouses and North Sunderland which is one of the priorities I've been pushing for some time. Also included is:

£200,000 for resurfacing of the B1341 between Glororum and the Spindlestone Junction

£150,000 for resurfacing of the B1341 between the Purdy Lodge and Lucker

£200,000 for resurfacing of the C70 at Preston Tower

Tennis Courts:

The ownership of the tennis courts has finally moved from NCC to the Development Trust. My £20,000 contribution from my members small scheme pot has also been approved and is being sent over to the Development Trust for the tennis court revamp”

Cllr Renner-Thompson also reported that the Fire Service had requested that a new colocation facility for Fire, Police & Family Hub (Sure Start) as their current estate does not meet their current requirements. They had proposed to take 2/3rds of the Old School Site leaving 1/3rd for affordable housing development and also the old fire service site. Information was also presented regarding discussions with Savills on behalf of the Lord Crewe Trust as to the value of the land and the basis on which it was valued. Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that the Parish Council would be

disappointed in this further delay but asked that the Parish Council views on the above be reported.

The meeting discussed this proposal but felt that the police didn't use the existing facilities and that the access to the Old School would be from the narrow part of Main Street and that its current site had a better access. The meeting agreed that there was a greater need for affordable rental properties and objected to the suggestion that the site should be partly used for a new fire station.

The meeting also noted how pleased it was to hear about the LTP expenditure.

142/2023 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Bramley had received complaints about the signage colour at the coffee shop on the roundabout.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel raised the issue of home made "residents only parking" signs which were being displayed in North Sunderland near to the Longstone Hotel. These signs were causing vehicles to park nearer the junction with Broad Road and creating problems for traffic, particularly when the bus was at the bus stop. The Clerk is to report the problem to parking services.

Cllr Scott reported on the online meeting with the AONB regarding highways signage and her frustration that despite raising the issue of lack of crossing areas these had been dismissed by Iain Robson of NCC as unnecessary. It was also noted that current plans for the AONB was to achieve minimalistic signage.

Cllr Trotter requested that plants could be purchased for the planters at the toilets – all agreed.

Cllr Fordy reported the coastal path had suffered erosion but it was noted that this should be reported to Natural England although they were unlikely to address the issue.

143/2023 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

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

Signed.....

Chairman – Alan Trotter