

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 14th December 2023 at Rennington Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Stephen Baggott (Chair), Fred Bosanquet, Tony Lomas, Peter Purdom, Alan Tremlett

Clerk: Sarah Trushell

County Councillor: Wendy Pattison

214/23 **Apologies for Absence:**

Katie Robertson, Andy Sisson

215/23 **Declarations of Interest:**

220/23 Cllr Bosanquet

216/23 **Public Participation Time:**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

217/23 **Minutes of Meeting of 9th November 2023**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 9th November 2023 be AGREED and accepted as a true record of the meeting

218/23 **Notice of Casual Vacancy**

Due to the resignation of Bruce Minty, a notice of Casual Vacancy has been advertised. The 14-day period began on 12th December 2023.

Rennington Parish Council would like to thank Bruce for his hard work during his time as a councillor.

219/23 **County Councillor Report**

Noted and uploaded to the PC website.

Cllr Pattison advised that she has been dealing with a lot of flooding issues in her parishes. The clerk is to contact planning and neighbourhood services regarding the clean-up and drainage of sites within the parish.

220/23 **Neighbourhood Development Plan Update**

1) there was a working group meeting on 4/12, the design code has been agreed. A late application for call to sites has been received.

2) It was RESOLVED that the Working Party Terms of Reference were APPROVED

221/23 **Planning Matters:**

1) **23/03507/FUL** – Notification of Decision (Granted)

222/23 **Parishioner Complaint**

A formal complaint has been made against Cllr Baggott – a full response has been given to the monitoring officer.

223/23 **Personnel Committee Confirmation**

It was RESOLVED that the Human Resources Sub-Committee consist of Cllrs Bosanquet and Robertson.

224/23 **Rennington Village Hall**

Cllr Bosanquet provided the following update for December:

*Over £1000 raised from winter events so far including Christmas Bingo, Hauxley Nature Reserve talk and Christmas Lights Switch on.

*Improved promotional activity through Community Talk and Facebook page.

*Official 'turn on' of solar panels and battery storage by Northern Powergrid Foundation Trustee was postponed due to the poor weather and will now take place in the New Year

225/23 **Community Matters**

1) Speeding

Highways approved the proposed 3 sites and will arrange for a speed survey. Once completed, Highways will provide the PC with the results.

2) Dog Waste Bins

Cllr Lomas has sourced the dual use litter bin stickers, these will be installed once the better weather arrives and the old dog waste bins will be removed.

3) Grit bins

NCC confirmed that they will replace the bins on the village green and possibly the one near Southfield. This will not be done until the Spring as they are currently full, the PC will monitor and let NCC know once they are empty.

226/23 **Financial Matters**

1) 2024/25 Budget

The draft budget was discussed and amended. It was then RESOLVED to adopt these as the final budget for the next financial year, this will be published on the PC website. The precept has been set at £8,742

2) Financial Report and Update

The PC has implemented a parish council accounts package. This is now up to date and has gone live.

3) Bank Reconciliation

Cllr Purdom has checked the Bank Reconciliations of the treasurer's bank account pursuant to Financial Regulations 2.2 and confirmed that the account reconciles.

4) Payments for Authorisation

Potts Prints £98

NDP Meeting £30

External Auditor £252

Clerk Wages £216

Clerk PAYE £54

Clerk Travel £3.60

Clerk WHF Allowance £26

Clerk Back Pay £32

Clerk Back Pay PAYE £8

227/23 **Emails Received**

1) Northumberland Local Plan – Open Space Assessment

This email was NOTED

228/23 **Any Other Business (for Information Only) / Future Agenda Items**

The budget setting process has highlighted the need to review the PC's Reserves policy. This will be addressed at the next meeting

229/23 **Date of Next Meeting**

7:00pm Thursday 11th January 2024 at Rennington Village Hall

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

8th February 2024

14th March 2024

The meeting closed at 8:06pm