

# **NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 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 provide report on during the last four weeks. The number of crimes that have been recorded however is extremely low. Likewise the number of incidents is very low.*

*Community Issues –*

*ASB: No incidents of any youth ASB has been reported.*

*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.*

**The advice from police is if member of the public sees a crime being committed – a 999 call should be made to report it. If the crime has already happened and the perpetrators have left, then this should be reported either on the website or 101.**

### **029/2024 PRESENT**

Cllr Maureen Bramley (Chair)

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr Sylvia Hillan (vice Chair)

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

Cllr Jane Scott

Cllr Louise Dawson

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO,

### **030/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr David Shiel, County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson,

### **031/2024 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Louise Dawson Planning application 24/01688/FUL

### **032/2024 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

### **033/2024 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – all agreed**

### **034/2024 CONSIDERATION OF:**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Proposed Cllr Ailsa Shiel, seconded Cllr Scott  
- all agreed

### **035/2024 MATTERS ARISING**

#### **1. Meeting Attendance Policy**

The draft policy was presented to the meeting and the Chair noted that it is the duty of each Councillor to attend the meeting. Cllr Scott proposed acceptance of the policy, Cllr Dawson seconded – all agreed

2. New Model Code of Conduct

Cllr Hillan proposed acceptance of the above in its current format but did inform the meeting that it is still to be agreed by government – Cllr Fordy seconded – all agreed

3. Review of Grants Policy

The Chair explained the procedure for calculating how much can be spent by the PC under section 137 (£10.81 per registered voter (1959 2011 census)). The current policy was considered and it was agreed that a further point should be included regarding the need for requests to be in writing to clerk. Updated policy to be brought to next meeting.

## 036/2024 PLANNING

1. 24/00247/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** – The meeting raised concerns about the parking space as this area is a public right of way and as such should not be blocked in anyway. Further concerns were raised about access for emergency vehicles and safety of pedestrians as this area is part of the National Coastal Path. The additional bedroom will also require an additional parking space. The meeting agreed to object on the above grounds and noted this was a further overdevelopment of this property.
2. 24/01688/FUL Removal of existing rear extensions and proposed replacement rear single roof flat roof extension and adjacent two storey pitched roof extension, together with new single storey lean-to=roof extension to the front to form new utility/WC and installation of 5no new window to the existing external façade **Westfield Farmhouse, Seahouses, NE68 7UR** – The meeting agreed that there were no objections to this application as long as it was in keeping with current property build.
3. 24/00961/FUL Land West of Springhill Farm Caravan Site, Seahouses – further email to clarify PC position – The meeting was informed of an email from the planning officer following HDM comment on plans. The PC discussed the issue regarding no footpath/lighting in this area and agreed that given a further application had been made in this area, the PC previous comments remain the same.
4. 24/01645/LBC Listed Building Consent for proposed replacement of existing fascia and projecting signage on front (North) elevation to rename “The Castle Inn” the “The Middle Inn”, installation of 3no. external menu boards, painting of elevation and windows and replacement of existing signage above archway within front (North) elevation **Castle Hotel, 7 Front Street, Bamburgh, NE69 7BW** – no comment required
5. 24/01/34/VARYCO Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) on appeal reference APP/P2935/W/23/3328252 (refused application 21/04346/FUL) to allow changes to windows positions..... **On The Beach, Harbour Road, Beadnell, NE67 5AN** – no comment required
6. 24/01923/REM Reserved Matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale erection of one new dwelling and detached garage on approved planning application 20/00366/OUT **Land to The Rear of 126-132 Harbour Road, Beadnell, Chathill, NE67 5BL** – no comment required

**Application withdrawn** – None

## Permission Granted:

New single storey outbuilding with pitched roof and solar PV **4 Fleetham Mill, West Fleetham, Chathill, NE67 5JS**

## Permission Refused: None

### **037/2024 CEMETERY** – Top soil purchase for grave infilling – proposed purchase from Doves at £70 per “dumpy bag” delivery FOC

Following discussions regarding the need for more top soil for grave infilling, it was proposed by the Chair that one bag should be purchased and discussions should be had with Dove as to what discount may be available – Cllr Fordy seconded – all agreed

It was also noted that the caretaker was to be asked to inform the Clerk prior to the agenda being produced when further top soil is needed.

### **038/2024 FINANCE**

1. Proposed new cashflow format against budget, for monthly review  
The Chair presented the new cashflow format and it was agreed that any queries should be sent to the Clerk. Discussion took place over whether monthly/quarterly report needed – Cllr Scott proposed a monthly report be circulated with the agenda – all agreed
2. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £0

3. Monies to be paid from General Account:

|                                  | £ VAT       | £ incl vat    |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge | .92         | 5.49          |
| NCC – Clerks salary June '24     |             | 796.74        |
| NCC Admin costs                  | 1.67        | 10.00         |
|                                  |             |               |
|                                  |             |               |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>2.59</b> | <b>812.23</b> |

4. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £0

5. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

|  | £ VAT | £ incl VAT     |
|--|-------|----------------|
|  |       |                |
| Cemetery Maintenance   |       | 900.00         |
| Topping up with topsoil 14 graves and reseeding with grass seed and tidied site 5.5hrs (May invoice) |       | 137.50         |
| <b>Sub Total</b>   |       | <b>1037.50</b> |
|  |       |                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |       | <b>1037.50</b> |

- All payments agreed

**039/2024 CORRESPONDENCE** – Robertson Memorial request for replacement memorial headstone for Michael & Margaret Swan – all agreed

**040/2024 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – none available

**041/2024 REPORTS AND COMMENTS** – Cllr Dawson noted that the new owner of the bank building was looking for input into what the village needed. It was agreed that he should be invited to the next meeting.

Cllr Dawson further raised concerns over the lack of affordable housing in the village. The Chair noted that Bernicia were expected to further develop the land adjacent to south Lane and that NCC were continuing negotiations with the Lord Crewe to purchase the old first school site. The development site on the Broad Road is also being sold and this will further add to the potential affordable housing.

Cllr Hillan noted that several holiday lets were being sold but hadn't affected prices as yet. Cllr Scott expressed disappointment that the Lord Crewe were taking this stance on price given they were a charity.

Cllr Dawson also noted problems with a derelict house on Stone Close – the Clerk to contact Cllr Renner-Thompson to see what can be done.

Cllr Shiel noted complaints ha been made regarding the uneven footpaths around the Bamburgh Castle Inn and chip shop – to be reported on fixmystreet.

Also, tourists asking for toilets to be opened earlier in the morning – the Clerk to contact NEAT team to see if possible.

Cllr Fordy raised concerns over the post office being for sale – meeting agreed to monitor the situation.

It was further noted that the old Tourist Information building is to be demolished but subject to the Trustees of The Lord Crewe agreeing.

Cllr Scott requested that C put concerns to the Trustees – a possible invitation to a meeting is to be considered.

The Chair reported on the recent NP meeting where they were reviewing the policies and any wording change needed – next meeting date tba.

#### **042/2024 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm at Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses**

Signed.....

Chairman