

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KYLOE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY  
14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 IN LOWICK VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM**

**PRESENT:**

Chairman: Mr Stephen Biglands

Vice-Chair: Mr Roger Birch

Parish Councillors: Mr Derek Eltringham, Mr Colin Wakeling, Mrs Margaret Murray

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Henderson, Clerk to Parish

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC / GUESTS:** Sue Begbie

**APOLOGIES:** Kevin Maloney, Community Foundation

**Chairman Stephen Biglands** welcomed everyone to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as a true record by Sue Begbie, seconded by Colin Wakeling and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**C D Leyland Fund** - Financial Statement for the Year to Date 2024 /2025 showing the balance as at 13 May 2024 to be £7,809. We need to get some nominations for this cash, although there will be the usual donation requests to come in. Other suggestions were Ford School pre school requiring a building extension because of the 2 tier system and Lowick church graveyard. Would benefit from Kevin attending the next meeting as we need to have clear directions as to who can apply and what for. The fund was set up for the benefit of the Parish, but it does not seem that way now.

With regard to the Barmoor Fund, Colin reminded everyone that it is more flexible now and the six month cut off dates are probably not as relevant now. Emergency 'asks' can be accommodated. The Parish Council could possibly apply to the Barmoor Fund.

**Berrington Footpaths** – Colin has been pursuing the rights of way teams relentlessly for a considerable length of time regarding the footpaths and footbridges around the Berrington area of our Parish. He has finally been contacted by Mike Carr who has confirmed the work discussed previously is in their programme of work, but he (Mike) can't really budge from the assurance that the work should be done at the latest by next summer, although some work (on brush cutting for instance) could start before then. He is committed to the work outlined to Colin – and that the Parish offer of a contribution to the cost was not material to this – they will fund the work. Margaret queried whether we could do some of the work, but Colin stated that the landowner could keep the paths clear and NCC is responsible for building / repairing the bridges.

Therefore, in this case if there is something else we can spend the CF cash on, that fits with the original objects of the grant, Colin suggested we should go ahead with that. The monitoring report has been extended to December 2024.

**Bus Stops** – Colin has had support from other parishes. A suggestion of stops having disabled / wheelchair access would be difficult in rural areas. Yellow marking on road would serve as bus stops, but may mean they wouldn't stop at random places ie: farm road ends. Legislation is there, but not applied. NALC have a bus board and Colin is now nominated to be on it.

**Parking / Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP's)** - no further update

**Facebook page** – ticking along, no longer needs to be an item on matters arising.

**Defibrillator Training** – Thoughts now are to go with an annual refresher. Ancroft had organised a training evening but had struggled to get support.

**Seating outside Guru** – Tristan Brown from East Kyloe very kindly donated the timber required and his son Aaron helped Stephen with the repair. Only other cost was the bolts.

**Bench in layby** – the new legs have been purchased but not put on yet. Neil will do that as soon as he has time. Roger suggested moving the one at the end of the bungalows nearer to the footpath. The stone slabs it sits on have sunk so it needs attention. Stephen suggested looking at it with Roger and deciding whether to leave where it is & sort the slabs or move it completely.

**Book Box** – it seems that a box for £50 was not an option. Roger will contact Guy one last time about the paperwork requested for the CF – if nothing comes of it, the PC will organise the building of a box.

**Radar Speed sign for east end of village** – discussion about whether 30mph can easily be exceeded when accelerating away from the A1 towards Fenwick. The answer was yes so as we already have a spare solar panel the PC feel we do need another speed sign. The quote we received was approx.: £2000 so will need to find funds to go ahead.

### **Norham & Islandshire Neighbourhood Plan ( NINHP )**

Ord Parish Council has the lead responsibility for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan to supplement the Northumberland Local Plan; the partner parish councils are Norham, Horncliffe, Ancroft, Shoreswood, Kyloe and Duddo. A Steering Group, with representatives from all PCs has been established to facilitate delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Steering Group has recently met in person (once) and remotely (twice). Derek Eltringham has represented Kyloe; there has been a suggestion that there should perhaps be 2 representatives per parish council to ensure a full attendance at all SG meetings; not yet adopted.

A 3-page draft Terms of Reference document was prepared and issued to Steering Group members to present to the PCs for comment. These ToR describe:

- Purpose of the Steering Group
- Steering Group Objective
- Steering Group membership

- Reporting and Communications
- Support

In turn the document has been circulated by Derek to Kyloe PC members. To date no comments, adverse or otherwise, have been received.

Sarah Brannigan (NCC Neighbourhood Planning Team) has prepared, and circulated, an 'Options Paper' that provides suggestions and guidance as to the range of topics that might be appropriate for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan, suggesting different levels of priority.

Include? - Natural Environment, Heritage, Community Facilities

Possible? – Housing, Settlement Boundary, Built Environment, Renewable Energy

Discount? - Tourism, Landscape, Transport / Travel, Infrastructure / Communications

In parallel there is a Housing Needs Analysis to be undertaken by an external consultancy. This is a desk-based study to identify likely trends for housing need, especially affordable housing, over the planning period to 2036.

Sarah Brannigan has set up online workshop sessions to provide Steering Group members (and others) with insight into two particular topics:

- Local Green Spaces (Natural Environment)
- Settlement Boundaries

### **CORRESPONDENCE – by email**

**Jen Hall** – asking for support for an e petition she has launched on NCC's website asking for the additional Council tax on Second Homes to be ringfenced to benefit areas with a high proportion of Second Homes.

**Belford Parish Neighbourhood Plan** was formally 'made' by the County Council on 3 April 2024. The Plan now forms part of the statutory development plan for the area.

Consequently, decisions on whether to grant planning permission in the Parish must be made in accordance with the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

### **LEAFLETS**

**Clerk & Councils Direct** – March 2024 Issue 152 & May 2024 Issue 153

**Glasdon** - seats & waste bins

### **PLANNING**

**Planning Ref: 24/00721/VARYCO**

**GRANTED**

Variation of condition 2 (occupancy) on approved application 17/00348/FUL to allow property to be reverted to being a residential part of main residence Berrington Backhill. This will return the property to its pre 2017 permission.

Berrington Backhill track from Berrington Lodge to South Berrington, Ancroft TD15 2TF

Mr John Burgon

**Parish Council Comments:**

The Parish Council have no objections

**Planning Ref: 24/00794/VARYCO**

**GRANTED**

Variation of condition 2 on approved application 22/01955/FUL to allow amendments to approved dormer and removal of ground floor historical extension.

The Byre, Berwick on Tweed TD15 2PL

Ms Alison Hurst

**Parish Council Comments:**

The Parish Council have no objections

**Planning Ref: 23/03089/FUL**

**WITHDRAWN**

Proposed replacement of existing low pitched sloping dormer roofs with new slate hipped roofs. Proposed reconstruction of existing double dormer window to reduce the overall width to match others. Proposed installation of 2No. new velux roof windows to replace one half of the existing double dormer to allow natural daylight into the existing bathroom.

**The Old School, The Village, Fenwick, Northumberland TD15 2PJ**

**Mr Paul Wilson**

**Parish Council Comments:**

There has already been huge improvements to the view of the property

The Parish Council have no objections to these sensitive and reasonable proposals

**Planning Ref: 23/04056/FUL**

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Proposed 15no. unit glamping park, comprising of 11no. woodside cabins and 4no. shepherds huts (resubmission of planning application 22/00296/FUL

Land South East of West Mains House, Beal, Northumberland

Mr Shaun Dixon

**Parish Council Comments:**

The views of The Parish Council have not changed since the first submission in 2022.

We object to this planning application on the following grounds:

1. It represents an over-development of a relatively limited site.

The Design and Access Supporting Statement includes the following comment about 'Open Access' "*The proposed development is designed to provide generous open spaces surrounding the holiday units*" - This seems to be an exaggeration and our comment about an overdeveloped site is accurate.



