

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 13th May 2024 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

Crimes and incidents – Low on incidents and crimes this month. Only things to report back on are firstly there was a report of an aggressive door to door seller in the village. I always advise that if anyone comes to your address attempting to sell anything always request to see a peddlers licence and also never feel under any pressure to purchase anything. Should the seller fail or refuse to show a licence and or become abusive then to report it accordingly as offences may be committed.

Secondly there was a minor disturbance in one of the local licensed premises. This was dealt with at the time and there shouldn't be any further problems as a result of it.

Other local matters – No new reports of ASB or youth disorder. Obviously, the nights are getting lighter and the weather better so this will be monitored for any new reports arising.

Nothing to update on from a community police perspective.

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.

001/2024 PRESENT

Cllr Maureen Bramley (Chair)	Cllr David Fordy
Cllr Sylvia Hillan (vice Chair)	Cllr Ailsa Shiel
Cllr Jane Scott	Cllr Louise Dawson
Cllr David Shiel	

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson,

002/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

003/2024 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

none

004/2024 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

005/2024 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 13th May 2024 – all agreed

006/2024 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 8th April 2024 – Proposed Cllr Fordy, seconded Cllr Scott - all agreed

007/2024 MATTERS ARISING

1. Academisation of Seahouses Primary School

A letter had been received regarding the above. Discussions followed regarding the falling number of pupils, NCC role in Academy and Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that NCC have no part in the decision making although he did confirm that there would always be a school provided in Seahouses due to the distances pupils would need to travel to alternative establishments. NCC will still organise transport for children to Seahouses and will still own the land. Cllr Hillan felt that not enough information available and it was agreed that Cllrs would attend the meeting at the school on the 22nd May 5pm. They will then report back to the next PC meeting.

2. Approval of the Accounting Statements for the 2023/2024 year
Cllr Hillan proposed acceptance, Cllr Ailsa Shiel seconded – all agreed
3. Approval of the Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024
Cllr Hillan proposed acceptance, Cllr Fordy seconded – all agreed

008/2024 PLANNING

1. 24/01173/FUL Propose first floor enclosed terrace. **19 Taylor Street, Seahouses, NE68 7RU** – The Parish Council noted concerns that the plans suggest this would be an additional room and as such would require an extra parking space.
2. 24/00976/FUL Proposed two storey side extension and single storey extension to rear **119 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7TS** The Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as it complies with all regulations.
3. 24/00946/FUL New front porch, renewal of existing external finishes including timber composite cladding to replace existing hanging tile, replacement of existing soffits, fascias, gutters and rainwater goods, new garage door. Replacement of existing windows, including enlarged rear first floor windows, new enlarged sliding/folding doors to rear ground floor with external cladding, solar shade, installation of solar panels and air source heat pump **1 Castle Drive, Seahouses, NE68 7BB** – The Parish Council has no objections to this application as long as it complies with all regulations.
4. 24/00961/FUL Proposed partial conversion of and extension to existing agricultural building to create reception and visitor centre building to include activity space/education room, takeaway café and shop, re-alignment of existing road planning surface, and creation of formalised car parking area and duck pond, addition of solar panels **Land West of Springhill Farm Caravan Site, Seahouses** – Discussions took place regarding poor pedestrian access and concerns over lighting. The Chair suggested a S106 to ensure proper pedestrian footpath was installed between the Farm and the Broad Road entrance as a safety requirement. If the footpath is not installed then the Parish Council would object – all agreed.
5. 24/01191/FUL Replacement of traditional bay window with glass box bay, replacement windows, removal of decorative dormer gables, new glazed openings at ground floor, new front door and steps **1 Radcliffe Park, Bamburgh, NE69 7AN** – no comment required out of area
6. 24/01213/FUL Proposed alterations to upgrade bar and restaurant facilities to ground floor with formation of additional flat roof dining area and rear extension to accommodate

revised kitchen and w.c. layout with store, cycle parking, delivery area and cellar to ground floor and reconfigure letting rooms to first floor with secondary stair access

Application withdrawn – None

Permission Granted: 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**

Permission Refused: None

009/2024 CEMETERY – Update on works, review of charges

The Clerk confirmed that the building works were scheduled to start mid-summer as these had been delayed due to the wet weather.

The cemetery committee are to meet to discuss possible price rises

010/2024 FINANCE

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £9,000 (Precept)

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.92	5.49
NCC – Clerks salary Apr '24		796.74
NCC Admin costs	1.67	10.00
Clerk expenses – Ordnance Map for Green Space Application		12.99
NALC Subs & website fee		476.00
Total	2.59	1,301.22

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

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance		900.00
Topping up with topsoil 24 graves and reseeding with grass seed and tidied site 10 hrs		250.00
Sub Total		1,150.00
TOTAL		1,150.00

- All payments agreed

011/2024 CORRESPONDENCE – None

012/2024 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson reported on the meeting at the Football Club with the FA & Ken Britton etc. The plans appear to have been well received but as yet had not been confirmed. The land at Broad Road is for sale again and there is an intention once planning is sought, to apply a S106 for the road widening and lights and possible contribution to the football club.

Complaints had been received regarding the toilets not being opened due to the NCC worker not arriving. Thanks were extended to Alan Trotter (who would normally close the toilets at night) for opening them both days and it was confirmed that provision had been made should problems occur in the future.

Cllr Renner-Thompson informed the meeting that Bernicia were planning for stage II of the St Cuthberts development and getting closer with the development of the Old School.

An update on the NP group meeting was given and also the new Chair of NIFCA had been appointed – Amelia Henderson.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel asked for information regarding spills of sewage into the sea and water quality – Cllr Renner-Thompson had data on the water quality (classified as outstanding) and will circulate.

The road re-surfacing on the Broad Road outside the Longstone Hotel has not been given a date.

013/2024 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr David Shiel raised the issue of caravanettes parking on the side of the road – Cllr Renner-Thompson noted how complicated it was as no particular law is being broken – discussions followed.

Cllr Hillan reported that the Development Trust held a meeting regarding the MUGA but had a disappointing turnout.

Cllr Fordy asked if additional bins were to be purchased due to the level of litter? The meeting did not feel there was room for any more bins. Also, the Clerk was asked to investigate costs for the cleaning of the bins and seats around the roundabout.

Cllr Dawson reported that the footpath and road surface around the Horseshoe on James Street was particularly poor quality. Photos are to be forwarded to the Clerk and reported on fixmystreet.

014/2024 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 3rd June at 7.00pm at Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Signed.....

Chairman