

## NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses**

#### Police Report

*Pc Ritchie & Pc Perry attended the meeting and PC Ritchie reported that there had been no incidents of crime in the area, no asb and no suspected travelling criminals. He went on to explain the reasons for lack of attendance at meetings and the expected upturn in tourism. PC Ritchie made the point that the police are always available if required. Discussion followed over recent thefts. The Chairman thanked both for attending.*

**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.**

#### 159/2023 PRESENT

Cllr Alan Trotter (Chair)

Cllr Sylvia Hillan

Cllr Jane Scott

Cllr

Cllr David Fordy

Cllr Ailsa Shiel

Cllr Maureen Bramley

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, County Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, PC Ritchie & Pc Perry, Alan MacFarlane, Jeanna Sharma, Dave Moor

#### 160/2023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr David Shiel

#### 161/2023 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

none

**162/2023 PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Alan MacFarlane addressed the meeting as a representative of the local football club. He explained that they are planning to develop the football pitch by making it an all-weather pitch and expand the facilities. He explained the need/cost of using the pitch at Alnwick when the inclement weather had made the North Sunderland pitch unusable. A meeting is arranged with various sports organisations to look at grant funding and would like to get support from the Parish Council. Discussions followed regarding potential discounted use for local children/residents. Mr MacFarlane noted they are looking for ideas & suggestions to maximise the use. The Parish Council agreed that they are very supportive of this project and will be happy to support in any way they can.

Mr MacFarlane to report back to the PC in 2 months.

**163/2023 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024** – 2 additional planning, 1 x OOA, 1 granted, 1 memorial request, additional £536 on cemetery invoice, water charges for cemetery - all agreed

#### 164/2023 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Proposed Cllr Bramley, seconded Cllr Ailsa Shiel - all agreed

## 165/2023 MATTERS ARISING

1. Request from Adderstone & Lucker PC for support over the closure of the Lloyds branches in Alnwick  
Cllr Hillan proposed that the PC should support the request – all agreed.
2. Letter from Jen Hall regarding double council tax on second homes  
Discussion took place over policing of second homes and registering. Cllr Hillan noted concern that the funds raised were to stay with NCC rather than coming to the relevant PC. Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that it was likely that NCC would ask for projects for these funds to be spent on locally.
3. Request from Seahouses Development Trust for support regarding the proposed MUGA  
A letter from the above was read to the meeting. Discussions followed regarding discounted rates for local people and the probability this would increase use. Cllr Scott proposed a letter of support be sent and, in the future, to look at funding as required – all agreed.
4. Request from North Sunderland Harbour Commissioners for a Councillor to join the Harbour Users Group  
Cllr Ailsa Shiel expressed an interest in being the Parish Council representative on this group – Cllr Scott proposed Cllr Ailsa Shiel - all agreed  
This will become an annual position to be elected at each Annual Parish Council Meeting.

## 166/2023 PLANNING

1. 24/00095/PREAPP Propose the conversion and alteration of existing hotel into 10 self-contained holiday units with associated landscaping and parking with meeting. **Longstone House Hotel, 182 Main Street, North Sunderland, Seahouses, NE68 7UA** – The Parish Council wishes to ensure that this application complies with the neighbourhood plan in particular with relation to the number of parking places needed but at this time there are no objections.
2. 24/00912/FUL Proposed extension and alterations to existing out-building **36 St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS** The Parish Council wish to ensure that this outbuilding is used as ancillary to the existing property as an outbuilding and potting shed and cannot be used as residential or holiday let in the future.
3. 24/00752/FUL Retrospective – installation of a 1.38m high boundary fence **Beach Lea Bungalow, 67 Longstone Park, Beadnell, NE67 5BP** – no comment required out of area.
4. 24/00981/FUL New single storey outbuilding with pitched roof and solar PV **4 Fleetham Mill West, Fleetham, Chathill, NE67 5JS** – no comment required out of area.

**Application withdrawn** – New glazed gable to first floor living room on South elevation and new walkable balcony – **Hastings House, South Lane, Seahouses, NE68 7UN**

### Permission Granted:

1. Variation of S106 agreement pursuant to planning application N/99/B/0848 dated 19.2.2002 **Mitchell Avenue, Seahouses**

2. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 22/03532/FUL for changes to the north elevation dormer to ensure it does not cross the boundary with the adjacent property (Amended 27.1.2024) **29a St Aidans, Seahouses, NE68 7SS**

**Permission Refused:** None

**167/2023 CEMETERY** – Work is continuing with repairs to graves as time/weather allows

### **168/2023 FINANCE**

1. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £936.70 (Int 3.34/VAT 731.36, T & PC Cemetery payment £202)

2. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.75	4.49
NCC – Clerks salary Mar '24		781.77
NCC Admin costs	2.50	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>801.26</b>

3. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £587.22 (580 Crem plot/7.22 Int)

4. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance		1036.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>1036.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1036.00</b>

- All payments agreed

**169/2023 CORRESPONDENCE** – Letter from Mr Stephen MacDonald re Holiday let properties

The Chair read out a letter received concerning the number of holiday lets which do not appear to be declaring/paying the correct level of rates. An example was given where the property had been a residential home, which was now being advertised as a 5-bedroom holiday let, sleeping 12 people but only has 2 parking spaces. Concerns were raised regarding the potential noise levels and impact on neighbouring residential properties.

Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that the change in the law meant that from April 2025 will require all holiday lets to be registered.

**170/2023 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Cllr Renner-Thompson reported that the Old First School will still be scheduled for development to build affordable houses – this is supported by Glen Sanderson – leader of NCC. Still negotiating with The Lord Crewe Trust over the value of the land. Signs have been put up for the work to start on the Broad Road. This is likely to be the resurfacing of the road leading from Main Street.  
NCC are investigating the temporary traffic lights installed at Annstead Farm – not highways.

Cllr Renner-Thompson noted his disappointment over the works carried out on Main Street and confirmed the works were not what had been expected.

Cllr Aisla Shiel asked about the works carried out in relation to the electric supply to The Links – Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed these patches were temporary over Easter and the contractor is due to return and make good.

The Chairman raised the issue over the closure of the Tourist Information Centre and the disappointment that no consultation took place. Cllr Renner-Thompson explained the issues with the property and that it was part of the car park rental agreement but the building was in very poor repair. The Chairman suggested levelling the building and use the area for motorcycle parking.

**171/2023 REPORTS AND COMMENTS** – Cllr Bramley presented the report from the NP Review meeting and agreed to circulate the information to all councillors and any comments/feedback should be sent by the 15<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Bramley will act as admin to this group and the Clerk will upload documents to the website.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he was resigning as Chairman and a Parish Councillor with immediate effect. The meeting thanked him for all his hard work and agreed he would be greatly missed.

**172/2023 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

**MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm at Community Building, Stone Close (to include Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and then followed by the Parish Council Meeting)**

Signed.....

Chairman