

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 7th October 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 in the past four weeks.

Community Engagement –

There have been no disorder issues reported from the local Pubs.

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.**

070/2024 PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerren Rodgers, Clerk & RFO, John Holwell

071/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jane Scott - illness

072/2024 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

073/2024 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr John Holwell presented an update to the meeting on the progress with increasing the frequency of trains stopping at Chathill from 2 to 8. A meeting is to be held November with "decision makers" to agree the timetable from next May. Mr Holwell handed out contact information for the Mayor, Voce-Mayor and NCC leader, with a request for the PC and councillors to send an email in support of increasing trains stopping at Chathill. The meeting was also informed that the new 918 bus service was now in place and currently supports the existing train service. Disappointing that the current MP has not yet replied to emails.

The meeting agreed that the Clerk would send an email from the PC and circulate information to all councillors.

The Chair thanked Mr Holwell for his presentation

074/2024 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 7th October 2024 – all agreed

075/2024 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 2nd September 2024 – Proposed Cllr David Fordy, seconded Cllr Ailsa Shiel - all agreed

076/2024 MATTERS ARISING

1. Review & Adoption of Model Financial Regulations for Local Councils – it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate draft for PC to agree at next meeting.
2. Seahouses volunteer group/trimming of hedge at toilet block – Discussion took place over who owns the hedge. Cllr Ailsa Shiel informed the meeting that the trellis and walls were in a poor state of repair and this has been reported to NCC who are going to visit site and inspect. Further discussions took place over possible disbandment of current Seahouses Volunteers and who may continue. The chair noted that once a decision had been made, the PC would be willing to hold any funds pending any further decisions.
3. Completion of audit – The Clerk noted the successful completion of the external audit. Note had been made by external auditors regarding recommendation for PC and councillors to have independent .gov email addresses. Cllr Hillan noted that further information was needed and the chair requested that the Clerk for the links to the free online sessions.
4. Remembrance Sunday – Discussion took place over the wreath purchase. As the wreath purchased previously was disappointingly small, an alternative was shown. Discussions followed and the decision was deferred to the next meeting.

077/2024 PLANNING

1. **24/03150/FUL** Proposed new small lobby to be added to existing reception structure on site to provide level access for visitors **Land at West of Seafeld Apartments, Seafeld Road, Seahouses** – The meeting reviewed the documents online but agreed that further clarification was needed as it was unclear what was being applied for – The Clerk to contact case officer and get clarification, PC decision deferred to next meeting
2. **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 reconfigured letting rooms to first floor with secondary stair access **5 – 6 Front Street, Bamburgh, NE69 7BW** – no comment required, out of area

Application withdrawn – None

Permission Granted:

1. Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of erection of one dwelling and detached garage on approved planning application 20/00366/OUT **Land to the rear of 126-132 Harbour Road, Beadnell, Chathill, NE67 5BL**

Permission Refused: - None

078/2024 CEMETERY – Report from cemetery committee on revised regulations, additional grass cutting, request for hedge cutting to leylandii hedge from Mr Vickers – quote received £470 – New proposed regulations were circulated for councillors to consider at next meeting – The Chair had circulated the revised regulations – discussion followed as to changes made. A proposal to accept the new regulations was put forward, a vote was held with 4 in favour, 1 abstention, 1 against. New regulations to be forwarded to the Clerk – it was also noted that an addendum was still needed for cremation headstone plot size.

Countryside services had noted an additional grass cut was needed in October – all agreed.

A letter had been received from Mr Vickers, 3 St Cuthbert Close regarding the leylandii hedge height. Discussions followed regarding who planted/owns the hedge (the PC or builders?) and the cost involved in reducing the height. All hedges are maintained during the winter period but it was noted that previously complaints had been made by a resident of St Cuthbert Close regarding the reduction of this hedge. The meeting agreed that due to the costs involved, the Parish Council could not afford to pay for this reduction of height but were happy for the residents affected to arrange reduction if required.

079/2024 FINANCE

1. New cashflow format for monthly review
The updated cashflow was circulated – no questions raised
2. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £9,000 (Precept)

3. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.92	5.49
NCC – Clerks salary Sept '24		796.74
NCC Admin costs	1.67	10.00
Mazars external audit	42.00	252.00
Smiths of Derby – repairs to clock	13.00	78.00
Total	57.59	1142.23

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
Sub Total		900.00
TOTAL		900.00

- All payments agreed

080/2024 CORRESPONDENCE – Siting of rubbish bins/letter from Viking Apartment owner

The meeting discussed the letter received and the complaint regarding rubbish/smells etc. It was noted that these bins had been in place for some years and a third bin had been added a couple of years ago to deal with rubbish problems. It was further noted that the PC cannot make

people put rubbish into bins nor can they stop the illegal practice of placing domestic waste into the bins which is exacerbating the problem. The Clerk to send a letter detailing the PC position.

Request for donation towards “Village by the Sea” event – Seahouses Development Hub/Church

The Chair explained the history of the video, the update and the proposed event which is to provide 2 showings (afternoon/evening) and provide a buffet, afternoon tea and drinks. It is proposed there will be a small charge for the event with any proceeds going towards the Church and the Hub. Cllr Hillan noted her support for the proposal and it was hoped that the school may also want to have a viewing and proposed that a contribution towards the cost of providing the refreshments should be made in the sum of £100, Cllr Fordy seconded – all agreed.

081/2024 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – None

082/2024 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Hillan noted that the old first school site has been broken into again.

Cllr Ailsa Shiel asked if any progress had been made on the old tourist information site and the plan to demolish and use the area for motorcycle parking as residents had experienced problems again with motorbikes on the pavement outside the toilet.

Cllr Dawson asked if any information for the promised funds from the Shoreston Hall development had been received?

(Post meeting update – no planning decision has yet been made on Shoreston Hall)

083/2024 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 4th November at 7.00pm at Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Signed.....

Chairman