

NORTH SUNDERLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 7th April 2025 at The Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses

Police Report

None received

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156/2024 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, Cllr Guy Renner-Thompson, Members of the public,

157/2024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

158/2024 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

159/2024 PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Email/Letter received from Mrs Linda Banks regarding the planning appl 25/00441/FUL – The Chair confirmed that both the letter and email had been seen by all councillors and asked if there were any comments on the letter – none raised. It was then agreed that the planning application would be discussed at this point. The Chair explained that this was a proposal for Phase II of a development of affordable homes and that the Parish Council are consultees only. It was further agreed that the Parish Council are aware of the need for social housing/affordable homes (both rental and purchase) in the area however it was noted that any new homes built would put a stress on existing amenities. It was also noted that electricity, water and sewerage were already stretched with regular “dips” in the electricity supply already experienced.

It was proposed that the Parish Council comments (as above) were given to NCC but also a request for this matter to be determined by the Local Area Committee – all agreed.

160/2024 AGREEMENT OF AGENDA 7th April 2025 – all agreed

161/2024 CONSIDERATION OF:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3rd March 2025 – Proposed Cllr Hillan, seconded Cllr David Fordy, all agreed

162/2024 MATTERS ARISING

1. VE Day donation request – The chair confirmed what had been planned for the VE day celebrations and that tickets were available for purchase. Cllr Hillan proposed that a donation be given towards the cost of the refreshments, Cllr Fordy seconded – all agreed.
2. Agreement for request to meeting with Miller Homes & Cliff Top Caravan Site
The meeting was informed that both Miller Homes and the Cliff Top Caravan Site had requested meetings to discuss proposed plans – it was agreed that all councillors would forward availability to the clerk to allow arrangement of meetings.

163/2024 PLANNING

1. **25/00441/FUL** Erection of 9no. Affordable Homes (Phase 2). **Land South West of St Cuthbert Close, Main Street, North Sunderland** – See above

Out of Area Applications – No comment required, for information only

1. **25/00864/FUL** New air source heat pump **4 Fleetham Mill West, Fleetham, Chathill, NE67 5JS**
2. **25/00911/FUL** A new single-storey rear extension. New rear dormer window. Proposed maintenance and repair works **4 Church Cottages, Beadnell, NE67 5AS**
3. **25/00648/FUL** Construction of one detached dwelling with detached single garage and landscaping **Land North of 27 Longbeach Drive, Beadnell, NE67 5EG**

Permission Granted:

1. Listed Building Consent for the replacement of sliding sash and casement windows **Brockburn 1 Monkshouse, Seahouses, NE68 7SY**
2. Demolition of existing rear extension and construction of new rear extension. **7 Islestone Drive, Seahouses, NE68 7XB**
3. Conversion, alteration, extension and part-demolition of hotel (use Class C1) and associated garage structure into nine self-contained holiday lets (sui generis) with associated landscaping and parking. The lets include four apartments accessed from communal lobby and five houses with individual ground level entrances **Longstone House Hotel, 18 Main Street, North Sunderland, NE68 7UA**

Permission Withdrawn:

1. Listed building consent for works to east extension including stripping defective render.....**Beadnell Hall, The Haven, Beadnell, NE67 5AT**

Permission Refused: - None

164/2024 CEMETERY – Quote for grave markers – The Clerk reported that a request had been made to Donkin Engineering to see if a further discount were possible but sadly they felt they had discounted as much as they could – Cllr Hillan proposed acceptance of the quote for 100 grave markers, Cllr Fordy seconded – all agreed

The Chair confirmed that she had spoken to Rory Collins who was planning to remove the traps as it appeared the mole problem was now dealt with – still awaiting a bill for work done.

The Chair proposed that the current level of charges for the cemetery should remain – all agreed

165/2024 FINANCE

1. New cashflow format against budget, for monthly review – circulated and discussed. The Chair proposed moving the £6k underspend from this years budget to a RFF within general reserves to allow for any additional expenditure that may be needed in the coming year – all agreed
2. Monies paid into General Current Account since last meeting: £1273.21 (VAT refund)

3. Monies to be paid from General Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl vat
HP Instant Inks – Monthly charge	.92	5.49
NCC – Clerks salary Mar '25		832.72
NCC Admin costs	1.67	10.00
Total	2.59	848.28

4. Monies paid into Cemetery Current Account since last meeting: £500.06

5. Monies to be paid from Cemetery Account:

	£ VAT	£ incl VAT
Cemetery Maintenance Mar, grass cutting, graves, grass seeds		975.00
Sub Total		975.00
TOTAL		975.00

- All payments agreed

166/2024 CORRESPONDENCE – Bart Endean request – Headstone additional inscriptions – Wendy Selby & Florence May Myers – all agreed

167/2024 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Cllr Renner-Thompson noted that there was nothing of note to report other than it had been agreed that the old Tourist Information Centre was to be demolished and the space used for parking motorbikes (as per the Parish Councils wishes) Cllr Dawson asked about housing allocations and how these were decided (further to comments made on social media) Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that the NCC has strengthened the “links” requirement and also making determining “need” stronger. He also cautioned against believing everything on social media as it is not possible (or right) to know all the circumstances that have been taken into account when making an allocation. Cllr Renner-Thompson also noted that funds had been allocated for the replacement of concrete roads and paths and he was pressing for those in Kippy Law to be replaced.

168/2024 REPORTS AND COMMENTS – Cllr Ailsa Shiel noted concerns over the off-loading of lorries if a new supermarket is to take over at the Pinnacles. Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that as it was already a shop, no planning application was needed but that any issues with deliveries would be monitored.

Cllr Dawson noted that cars were parking up to the junction outside the Longstone Hote making it difficult to exit Broad Road onto Main Street. As this is now a bus route it was suggested that double yellow lines may be able to be applied – Cllr Renner-Thompson is to investigate. It was further noted that Dunstan View has double yellow lines but sadly is still affected by parking problems. Cllr Dawson also note that the school sign needed to be moved from the old site to

nearer the new school site – Cllr Renner-Thompson agreed and also noted the removal of the sign outside The Ship which will need to be replaced.

Cllr David Shiel asked if NCC could do anything regarding the issues with electric/water etc? Cllr Renner-Thompson confirmed that both Northern Powergrid and Northumbrian Water are keen to come and talk with Councils and it was agreed that both should be invited to the June Parish Council meeting

Cllr Shiel noted that the problems previously reported on Kippy Law with vehicles parking on the paths was happening again and the Clerk is to report it again to the police.

169/2024 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Request to purchase back two cemetery plots at a cost of £400 each.

PLEASE NOTE IF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISH TO ADDRESS THE PARISH COUNCIL, REQUESTS SHOULD BE PUT IN WRITING TO THE CLERK AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA.

170/2024 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY 12th May 2025 at 7.00pm at Community Building, Stone Close, Seahouses – to include Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Signed.....

Chairman