

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF KYLOE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
3rd DECEMBER 2024 IN LOWICK VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman: Mr Stephen Biglands

Vice-Chair: Mr Roger Birch

Parish Councillors: Mr Colin Wakeling, Mr Derek Eltringham, & Mrs M Murray

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Henderson, Clerk to Parish

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Mrs Tina Bevan, Fenwick resident

GUEST: Elanor Johnson, Northumberland Coast National Landscape Project Officer

APOLOGIES: none

Chairman Stephen Biglands welcomed everyone to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as a true record by Derek Eltringham, seconded by Margaret Murray and signed by the Chairman. He then invited Elanor to speak about the Holy Island Travel & Transport Study & The Northumberland Coast National Interpretation Plan.

Elanor shared a few b/w copies of the Study and Interpretation Plan. She will also send a link to download in colour should we wish to.

She explained that any thoughts on the work to date on the Holy Island T&TS would be appreciated. The Study is coming to the end of the first phase and any comments received ahead of the second phase due to begin straight after Christmas will hopefully be included.

Northumberland Coast National Landscape Interpretation Plan – will be circulated more widely next year, but it is for anyone who has an interest or plans to provide interpretation or information about the National Landscape, including business owners, community organisations, landowners, and other agencies. They will be installing new signage based on the Plan at four sites along the coast early next year, and Natural England have also used it as the basis for some signage they are installing.

Councillors actively discussed things with Elanor and asked questions which were answered as fully as possible. Stephen thanked Elanor for her time.

The meeting continued:

MATTERS ARISING

Capt. C D Leyland Fund – Donation requests from HospiceCare & Citizens Advice Northumberland plus KPC donor nominated grants to Bell View & Cancer Cars were all successful. Due to a lack of clarity from the Community Foundation as to where the donations/grants initiate from letters were sent to all four recipients from the clerk explaining that Kyloe Parish Council has access to the Capt. C D Leyland Fund held within the Community Foundation. Acknowledgement for our donations were received from HospiceCare & Cancer Cars. Nothing as yet from CAB & Bell View.

Bus Stops – The government has introduced a £2 or £3 fare cap. – Arriva apply this, Border Buses do not; discussions are on-going with the North East Combined Authority about a more general cap on fares in the Region – no decisions yet, but any decision by NECA would roll up the issue with Borders Buses.

We put in a request for bus stop marking, etc under the Bus Service Improvement scheme – the bids are currently with the Assessor who is due to report back.

Bus Service Improvement Plan: Kyloe Parish Council Submission

Kyloe Parish Council wishes recognised bus stops within the Parish, not otherwise identified, to have ‘Bus Stop’ yellow road markings applied, to encourage greater service accessibility, as follows:

A1 (North & Southbound) – Fenwick Steads Road Ends, Buckton Farm /Fenham-le-Moor Road Ends & Smeafield Lodge

B6525 (North & Southbound) - Junction with South Berrington unclassified road

West Mains to Holy Island Road (both sides of Carriageway) - Beal Railway Crossing & Causeway End

For the avoidance of doubt, the Parish Council is not requesting the installation of Bus Stop flags or any other works at these points, although these would be a useful addition.

Alternatively, as a possibly more cost effective alternative, to have the bus services which transit the Parish: 464 (Berwick to Wooler), 477 (Berwick to Holy Island) & X15 / X18 / 418 (Berwick to Newcastle) re-registered as ‘Hail & Ride’ services, so able to stop at any reasonable & safe point on their routes

LTP 2025-2026 – receipt of our priorities acknowledged

North Northumberland MP- Finally a reply from our MP with the offer of a meeting on 17th January 2025. Timing will be tight as only allocated a one hour slot. The concerns we will raise with him are:

Safety at 2 junctions with the A1 in Kyloe Parish

1. B6353 (Fenwick/A1 - right turns into or out from Fenwick are dangerous; visibility is poor and the A1 is narrow. Danger is increased particularly at night. Green cat's eyes on the approach to and across the B6353 junction have been suggested by a resident and would be a great help in locating the junction at night.
2. A1 at West Mains/Holy Island junction

Plus - Plans for provision of gigabit internet cabling to the really rural parts of our parish are unknown, even if they exist. The intended removal of analogue phone system adds to the uncertainty faced by parish residents for their future communication facilities. We would like to understand what the timetable for this transition is.

Power for Councils to hold meetings online – this was thought a good idea should we need it, so worth endorsing.

Parking – Stephen, Derek & Sheila met with Dylan Handyside with regard to two areas we have identified as possible parking:

1. Taking a strip off the grassed area in front of nos. 3-5 Bernicia bungalows and forming parking bays using grasscrete.
2. Providing a tarmac layby on the wide grass verge on the U34 (Detchant Rd) outside of the village in the hope walkers will make use of instead of parking within the village.

Both areas are Highways land- confirmed by Dylan. Following on we had a meeting with Alf Smith from Blewitt groundworks . Awaiting a quote.

Bench in grassed layby in Fenwick – The bench in the grassed layby area has now been refurbished by Neil at the Old Forge. The Parish Council provided new legs and Neil has done a brilliant job stripping the bench down, varnishing the wood and building it up again. The Parish Council would like to offer their thanks.

The layby has also had a facelift with a lot of dead hedging and ivy removed. The offer of trees from NCC was also accepted and these will be planted in due course. The Parish Council would like to offer their thanks to Lisa, Douglas & Andrew for their hard work.

Book Box – is being made available through Glendale Connect and will be located in the seating area next to the village hall. A donor nominated grant from the C D Leyland Fund will be offered to the Glendale Gateway Trust. Many thanks to Roger for liaising with Karen Froggett CEO of GGT & Martin Kelso a trustee at GGT/GC

Radar Speed sign for east end of village –Generously provided by Cllr. Colin Hardy out of his small schemes allowance has arrived but unable to be put in situ due to the canopy of the tree above the post already installed needing attention. Because a few further trees were identified as needing attention it will involve traffic management put in place while the work is carried out.

Extension of three year warranty for the speed sign at the west end of the village was agreed between meetings.

Norham & Islandshire Neighbourhood Plan (NINHP) - no progress

Northumbria Connect leaflets – Leaflets out with November newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE

NCC - Parish electoral register request form

NCC – Neighbourhood Services who's who

LEAFLETS

Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2024 Issue 156

Glasdon – seating, bins etc

Broxap – seating & bins

Bulletin - War Memorials Trust

PLANNING

Planning Ref: 24/02567/FUL **REFUSED**

Proposal: Erection of a self-build dwelling house with a detached garage

Location: Land adjacent to Cherry Trees, Fenwick, Berwick on Tweed TD15 2PJ

Applicant: Mr S Biglands

Parish Council Comments:

The Parish Council have no objections, it is single storey and does not represent any over-development of a vacant plot within the curtilage of an existing property, filling in a gap.

Planning Ref: 24/01823/FUL & 24/01824/LBC GRANTED

Proposal: Alteration/replacement of bituminous flat roof with zinc standing seam system, including replacement rooflights and lantern rooflight, demolition of conservatory, door opening partially blocked to create window and removal of 2no. first floor en-suite

Location: Kylee Lodge, Lowick, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumberland TD15 2PE

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Eoghainn Brown

Planning Ref: 23/04056/FUL REFUSED

resubmission of planning application 22/00296/FUL

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

Planning Ref: 23/03275/FUL AWAITING DECISION

Development of six holiday chalets including access, parking, landscaping and associated works.

Land to South East of Fenham-le-Moor, Northumberland

Parish Council Comments:

The application has been prepared very thoroughly with detailed documentation to support it. The location is good and is a perfect way for the family to diversify their farming business to help make it sustainable for the future.

The Parish Council have no objections

Planning Ref: 24/03486/FUL AWAITING DECISION

Proposal: Proposed sunroof extension

Location: Cuthberts Rest, Fenwick, Berwick on Tweed TD15 2PJ

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Rhoda & Andrew Holehouse

Parish Council Comments:

The sunroom extension will be completely private from neighbours.

The Parish council have no objections

FINANCE

Request for donation – Carers Northumberland & Wag & Co – both were declined

Our precept for 2025-2026 was agreed at £1400

Premium Account as at 3 December 2024 **£918.94**
(includes interest of £3.43)

Community Account as at 3 December 2024	1950.24	
+ 2 nd half of precept	600.00	
+ Small Schemes Payment from Cllr. Hardy	2730.00	5280.24

Mid meeting payment

Royal British Legion – poppy wreath
25.00

Payment agreed at meeting

Hire of Hall – December meeting	12.00		
Colin Wakeling – November newsletter + del.	25.00		
ElanCity for radar speed sign	2730.00		
ElanCity Warranty for first speed sign			
– pro rata for Oct – Dec 2024	59.53	<u>2851.53</u>	£2428.71

KPC/ Community Foundation Initiative

(held within Community A/c) 675.14

NEWSLETTER – next edition will be end Feb /early March

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Tina Bevan outlined ideas for a survey for the village in preparation for a village plan. Stephen offered help and hopefully it will be ready early 2025 for distribution. Possibility of financing through our initiative fund so Colin suggested that other settlements within the Parish (Berrington, Buckton, West Mains/Beal) should be asked for any ideas for their community

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting dates: February 18th 2025 May 13th 2025 AGM + meeting