

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 6.00pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: J Hall (Chair); R Batten (Vice-Chair); A Nation; & M Dawson  
County Councillor G Renner-Thompson  
Clerk: I Hunter  
Gwen Potter- Countryside Manager Northumberland Coast National Trust  
5 Members of the public

**Public Question Time:** A Member of the public asked if the AONB could attend a future meeting to give an update, as they have attended annually in the past. It was agreed to invite AONB to the March Parish Council meeting.

**Apologies for Absence:** Parish Councillor C Scott-Roy PC Alan Morton

**Declaration of Interest:** None

**Request for Dispensation-** None

**The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017** - The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 previously circulated was agreed as a true record.

**Matters Arising-** None

**Min 1/18 - Community Police:** The Clerk read out the following update:

Crimes

We have had no crimes within the Beadnell Parish Council area in the last two months, since the last Parish Council meeting.

Anti-social behaviour

We have had no anti-social behaviour within the Beadnell Parish Council area in the last two months, since the last Parish Council meeting.

Pub Watch - one male has been added for a 3 month ban

**CUPPA WITH A COPPA** – next meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 at the WI building at 1900 hours.

**Min 2/18- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson-**The Haven application will be considered at Committee, and the Old School application has been won at appeal. Parish Councillors asked about costs being awarded against Northumberland County Council. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson replied there are to be no costs awarded against Northumberland County Council. The Chairman stated there was a meeting with Planning Officers in February 2017, which it was felt was valuable as there was a discussion/ update on approvals, provisions etc, and suggested a follow up meeting would give Parish Councillors an update of the latest position. It was agreed County Councillor G Renner-Thompson organise a meeting with the following

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Planning Officers, Mark Ketley, Haley Marron & Ragu Sittambalam. Parish Councillors agreed to travel to County Hall if required.

**Min 3/18- Northumberland Coast National Trust** - The Chairman welcomed Gwen Potter to the meeting. Gwen explained the plans for land at Long Nanny where they would like to restrict access for 3 months in the summer, and encourage the public to walk along the fence line via alternative routes. This is to aid wildlife and fauna, especially nesting terns, there will be viewing points. She confirmed the bridge and public footpaths in this area will not be closed. Concerns were raised about the possible damage to the dunes and sea defences in the area. Gwen confirmed the team will be managing the area, and invited people to attend the Stakeholder day, so they can see what is being planned for the area. She agreed to e-mail a copy of the area and the proposed route. The Chairman asked about working with organisations e.g. Coast Care. Gwen replied to say they are not currently working with the Wildlife Trust etc, they have their own volunteering group, and they check and clear the area after any storms. Gwen was asked about the ownership of the Mill buildings at Tughall, she replied the National Trust now own the buildings and surrounding area, archaeologists recognise the importance of the buildings nationally and locally and any developments will be in keeping. Parish Councillors asked County Councillor G Renner-Thompson to give an update on the sea defences in the area at a future meeting.

**Min 4/18- Parish Council vacancy-** The Chairman advised the meeting that John Rhind had submitted a letter of interest for the current vacancy. Parish Councillors agreed to co-opt John Rhind as a Parish Councillor. John Rhind agreed to sign the paperwork at the end of the meeting and join the meeting at that point.

## **Min 5/18- Planning Application-**

17/04598/FUL- Single storey kitchen/dining room extension- Broome Cottage 10 Swinhoe Road Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5AG  
Applicant Mrs. Christine Rowell. Parish Councillors considered the application and agreed to submit no objections. However, Parish Councillors would like the following concerns to be considered:

- The need for Roof lanterns and the potential effect on the dark skies, especially as the plan shows two sets of glass doors and a new window in a small extension

## **Min 6/18- Planning Approvals**

17/03497/FUL- Proposed retention of double doorway and decking area (retrospective) Craster Arms The Wynding Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5AX  
Applicant Mr. Michael Dawson

17/03665/VARYCO- Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) to planning application 17/02808/FUL to make alteration to proposed side roof - Waters Edge 2 Harbour Road Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5BB  
Applicant Mrs. Samantha Chapman

17/03742/FUL Proposed demolition of existing flat roof side extension and replace with new flat roof side extension. 3 The Haven Beadnell NE67 5AW  
Applicant Mr. Kevin Brown

17/04010/FUL- Proposed single storey extension and various alterations, including an additional 1.2m extension to the proposed rear extension of approved application- 17/03156/FUL- 77 Longstone Close Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5BS-  
Applicant Mr & Mrs Sowerby

#### **Min 7/18- Planning Withdrawals**

17/04185/FUL- Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling – 22 Harbour Road Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5BB  
Applicant Mr Rory McWilliams.

17/02276/FUL -Proposed development of serviced tourist Accommodation, including 3 No. bunk Barns with ancillary facilities, 7No yurt camping tents and 6 No. timber camping pods. The provision of associated amenity space including dome structure, access pathways and new vehicular access / car parking Tughall Steads Chathill Northumberland NE67 5ER  
Mrs A Robinson (Farms) Ltd

**Min 8/18- Planning Meeting-**The Minutes from the Planning Meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 previously circulated were agreed as a true record.

**Min 9/18- North Northumberland Coastal Area Neighbourhood Plan-**The Chairman read out the following update from Northumberland County Council: The North Northumberland NP, it's currently in its formal publicity (consultation) period which began on 20<sup>th</sup> December and finishes on 9<sup>th</sup> February. After this, all representations received on the Plan will be sent to the Independent Examiner who will take them into account during the Examination of the Plan. In terms of responses received so far, we've not had many at all. We've had one from the Beadnell Harbour Fisherman's Society and one from the Coal Authority. The former have objected to the designation of 'The Haven' as local green space in the Plan. The Coal Authority just confirmed that they had no comments to make.

A report on the Neighbourhood Plan is to be presented to the North Northumberland Local Area Council at their meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January. That report will be put on the County Council's website in due course.

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Everything seems to be on track so far. Once the publicity period has ended, it's just a case of waiting for the Examiner's Report and then dealing with the issues (if any) that come out following Examination. The Examiner will make recommendations in his report and the conclusion will either be:

- a) the Plan can proceed to referendum without modification
- b) the Plan can proceed to referendum with modification
- c) the Plan doesn't meet the 'basic conditions' and cannot proceed to referendum.

Based on experience with previous Plans and given the content of the North Northumberland Coast NP, it's imagined that point (b) will be most likely. None of the Neighbourhood Plans in Northumberland have been recommended to proceed to referendum without some form of modifications being made first.

Parish Councillors stated that issues are being raised in regard to the Beadnell Conservation Area. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to look into this.

## Min 10/18- Financial Statement-

Current Account	£ 4013.00
Savings Account	£ 4809.04
Marshall Burial Ground Account	£ 154.13

## Min 11/18- Finance:

### Payments already made

• AON Uk Ltd	£ 34.80	Additional Insurance premium
• Parish Council Websites	£120.00	Annual Fee

### Payments due

• Mrs. I Hunter	£ 450.73	Salary - 2 months December & January
• HMRC	£ 112.60	Paye
• W I Hall	£ 38.50	Hire of Hall
• Stableyards Landscapes	£ 80.00	Cut back border Playground

All payments were agreed.

### Receipts

• Mr & Mrs Wood	£432.00	Reservation of Plot No 34
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**Min 12/18- Budget proposals for financial year 2018/19** – Parish Councillors considered the draft budget and supporting information prepared by the Chairman which had been circulated. The Chairman stated there are additional costs for the play areas, and Insurance premium, she concluded by suggesting £2k of the High Interest Account is ear marked for the Play Area, and the Parish Council make no donations in 2018 or 2019 to organisations due to the pressure on the Parish Council funds.

A member of the public raised concerns about the level of people not paying towards the Parish Precept as they are registered for business rates. The Chairman responded to say they are continuing to keep the pressure on, also there were supposed to be 162

properties registered for business rates 3 years ago. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson said Northumberland County Council are looking into the Business rate situation.

1 member of the public left at that point

Parish Councillor A Nation suggested alternative fund raising options need to be considered.

The Chairman proposed a 9% increase in the precept.

It was agreed to raise the Precept to £ 11068 which is a 9% increase

Ring fence £2k in the High Interest Account for play areas

Make no donation to organisations.in 2018/19

#### **Min 13/18- Playgrounds-**

- **Weekly Inspections-** Parish Councillors agreed Northumberland County Council undertake the weekly inspections in 2018/19 for £1407.57
- **Service Level Agreement-** Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk contact Northumberland County Council and ask them to organise the Service Level Agreement for 2018/19.
- **Freehold Meadow Lane -** Parish Councillors agreed there is a lease on this area which is still in existence which used to be with the Village Hall and is now with the Parish Council. The Chairman stated clarification is required who owns the Kennedy Green road as it is suggested it belongs to Northumberland Estates. It was agreed the Clerk obtain clarification who owns the road, and check what is required to transfer the freehold.
- **Repairs -** Parish Councillors agreed the quote of £385 from Bob Lee for the repairs to the metal bar on the swing, and the Clerk to ask him to make good the pole into the ground at the same time. Parish Councillors agreed the payment of the invoice of £385 +VAT. It was agreed the work to be completed as soon as possible. The Chairman advised the meeting that she has asked Oliver Kavanagh to quote for the other repairs, and she is going to meet the Northumberland County Council Play Inspector on site to discuss the repairs required. Parish Councillor A Nation to acknowledge J Smith for their quote.

**Min 14/18- Upgrading Street Lighting-** County Councillor G Renner-Thompson advised the meeting that the upgrading programme will be coming to Beadnell soon. Parish Councillors stated that AONB are currently placing the electricity underground on Harbour Road, and this would be helpful if Street Lighting would co-ordinate with AONB on these works. It was agreed County Councillor G Renner-Thompson speak to Jessica Turner at AONB on the subject.

#### **Min 15/18- Correspondence**

- **NCC-** Modification Order (No 20) Byways Open to All Traffic Nos 41 & 28
- **NCC-** Consultation on Pharmacy Needs Assessment – 31<sup>st</sup> January
- **Clerks & Councils Direct-** Newsletter
- **NCC-** Consultation - Review of car parking in Market Towns 31<sup>st</sup> January
- **CPRE-** Winter Newsletter

**Min 16/18 Policy Review-** Parish Councillors considered the draft timeline for reviewing policies

and agreed to review the Cemetery Regulations at the March meeting, also add the Community Noticeboard to the March Meeting.

- Review Seating Policy- It was agreed to increase the fee from £200 to £250. The Clerk to amalgamate the Seating & Memorial Policy.
- Review Memorial Policy- It was agreed to amalgamate the policy with the seating policy.
- Review approves trees & plaques policy- Reviewed and approved.
- Review Asset Register- It was agreed Parish Councillors A Nation, J Rhind & the Vice-Chairman undertake a review of the Asset Register and report to the March meeting hopefully for adoption.
- Community Notice Board- It was agreed Parish Councillor A Nation draft a revised policy to incorporate the website, for review at the March meeting.
- Parish Councillor A Nation agreed to hang revised bus timetables as and when they arrive.

**Min 17/18- Defibrillator training-** Parish Councillor A Nation advised the meeting that First Responder Martin Spruce is willing to undertake an annual 2 hour training session free of charge on the condition the hire of the venue could be covered. Parish Councillors agreed to fund the 2 hour hire of the WI Hall for the training session in 2018. Parish Councillor A Nation said this is to raise awareness, and raised concerns there is only one defibrillator in Beadnell attached the Hall, whereas the majority of incidents occur near the beach area, she stated that Martin Spruce is able to organise an additional defibrillator but there is a need for an electricity supply, which is a cost of 9p per year. It was suggested the toilet block at the beach car park is an option. It was agreed County Councillor G Renner-Thompson speak to Northumberland County Council on this subject. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson stated Northumberland County Council are considering upgrading the toilet block.

#### **Any Urgent Business**

**Min 18/18- Resignation-** The Chairman informed the meeting that she had received an e-mail from Neil Hart tendering his resignation due to increasing work commitments, and unable to attend meetings along with a conflict of interest at Planning Meetings, However, he agreed to continue to support the Parish Council and BCV. Parish Councillors accepted the resignation. The Clerk agreed to organise the vacancy notice etc.

**Min 19/18- Drains & Gullies-** County Councillor G Renner-Thompson informed the meeting that the drains & gullies at Swinhoe cross roads have been cleaned, as well as the ones at Annstead farm, he asked if there were any other drainage issues. The Chairman responded to say Neil Snowdon from Northumberland County Council met with Parish Councillors in the summer and the issue between the shop and the B1340 and the entrance to the Bullring were raised which are still a problem.

**The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6pm**

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

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