

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 25th July 2018 at 6.00pm in Beadnell W.I. Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: J Hall (Chair); R Batten (Vice-Chair); A Nation; J Rhind, C Scott-Roy & A Willis

County Councillor G Renner-Thompson

Clerk: I Hunter

23 Members of the public

Public Question Time: A member of the public queried when the community benefits of the S106 Agreement will be delivered as part of the 2011 Planning Approval for Beadnell Point. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson responded to say Northumberland County Council Lawyers & Enforcement Officers are looking into this.

A member of the public queried why local children are unable to use the tennis courts at Bernicia Way, as it appears only owners of the houses of Bernicia Way are able to access the tennis courts, suggesting this should be a community facility. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson stated the tennis courts should be for locals not just owners of certain houses.

A member of the public asked if a planning application is approved and the Planning Officer does not refer to an existing S106 Agreement can there be a judicial review. Parish Councillor C Scott-Roy said a judicial review could take place, however, she would need details before giving a definite answer.

A member of the public raised the following concerns about parking at the corner of Benthall, also stated that the sign stating “No public parking beyond this point” has been removed and suggested there should be Resident Only Parking in this area. Parish Councillors agreed to send a letter to resident causing parking problems on the corner. The reinstatement of the sign had been agreed by NCC a year ago and there was no reason shown why it hadn’t been done.

County Councillor G Renner-Thompson said when the double yellow lines are installed the sign will be returned and said a consultation on Resident Only Parking can be undertaken.

A resident suggested there is a lack of litter bins within the Parish. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson said he could use his Small Grants funding to purchase litter bins. It was suggested there is a need for a litter bin at The Bullring, Annstead, and each end of Rotary Way.

A resident stated the brown sign advertising facilities in Beadnell is still on the ground. The Chairman replied that Northumberland County Council had said they are not going to place the sign back on the pole. It was agreed a volunteer will put the sign back on the pole.

A resident raised concerns about the state of the footpath between Longstone Close and Harbour Road. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to look into this.

A resident stated that the sign at the Fisherman’s Hut for Bridle Footpath No 9 has still not been replaced. It was agreed the Clerk report this to the Footpath’s Officer at Northumberland County Council.

Apologies for Absence: Parish Councillor M Dawson

Declaration of Interest: The Vice-Chairman declared a Non-pecuniary Interest in Planning Application No 18/02414/FUL

Request for Dispensation- None

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 - The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 23rd May 2018 previously circulated was agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising-

Min 65/18 – National Trust- Parish Councillor J Rhind informed the meeting that he and Parish Councillor A Nation had met Gwen Potter of National Trust on site at the Nanny and it has been suggested that the footpath can either be diverted or a covering put on the barbed wire at the area where there is a steep gradient.

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Min 66/18 - Community Police: No report

Min 67/18- County Councillor G Renner-Thompson- Provided the following update:

- Beadnell WI have received a £2k grant from the Community Chest.
- The pot hole fund, which is now finished has been used to fill a larger number of pot holes compared with the previous year.
- A funding programme of £2.8m for structural repairs, is now underway which includes the purchase of 2 new patching machines, 1 for roads and 1 for pavements.
- The Chathill cross roads is at the planning stage of the programme.

Min 68/18- Plastics free coastline- The Chairman welcomed Dr G Page to the meeting. Dr Page gave a summary of the how Surfers Against Sewage works, which is where the group are looking for villages and towns to be free of single use plastics, this includes beach cleans, installing a recycling bin in the car park, as well as other activities within the village. She concluded by saying if Beadnell are interested a task force needs to be setup which will meet twice a year.

The Chairman thanked Dr Page and asked for volunteers from the Parish Council. Parish Councillor C Scott-Roy agreed to be involved as this links to her work, and Parish Councillor J Rhind agreed to be involved.

Min 69/18- Planning Application-

The Vice-Chairman did not take part in the consideration of the next application

18/02414/FUL- Creation of one single storey 4 bedroom detached dwelling- Land South of 1 Harbour Road, Beadnell Northumberland.

Members of the public raised objections to the application. All the public present voted to object to the application.

Parish Councillors debated the application and agreed unanimously to object to the application on the following grounds:

This application is contrary to national and local planning policies, and because of the detrimental impact it would have on the character and appearance of the area,

plus the loss of locally important heritage assets and it is outside of the settlement boundary of our Neighbourhood Plan.

The site currently contains important local heritage assets belonging to the village's fishing industry, a stone stable and a 19th century tarred fisherman's hut that used to be common in Beadnell but now only three remain and the one on this site is in the best condition. It is proposed to demolish these heritage assets to make way for a large dwelling for which there is no demonstrated need.

The site contains Public Right of Way number 9 which is a Bridal Path. The Application Form does not make any reference to the existence of this Public Right of Way.

The site is in an area of coastal erosion. Only last year planning permission was granted for the installation of rock armour sea defences on this site to protect the storage sheds, following severe damage to the existing coastal protection system.

The site is within and adjacent to a number of international and national designated sites, including Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Heritage Coast, Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Area, RAMSAR site, Site of Special Scientific Interest to name but a few. The Application Form indicates that these areas and protected species will not be affected by the development but no evidence has been submitted to confirm this.

Having painted a picture of the site we wish to mention some of the policies which we feel this proposed development is contrary to.

The Neighbourhood Plan Policies

Policy 2 states that great weight is to be given to the conservation of local landscapes, scenic beauty of the coast including views into and out of the AONB.

Policy 3 which seeks to protect Habitats and Species and requires a Habitats Regulations Assessment for any development that would result in an increase in temporary or permanent residents. This has not been provided by the Applicant.

Policy 4 states that new development will not be supported along the Coastal strip.

Policy 5 is about Design in New Development. The scale mass and density of such a large 4 bedroom dwelling in 4 distinct sections is inappropriate for this sensitive site.

Policy 9 defines settlement boundaries - this proposal is outside the settlement boundary for Beadnell

Policy 13 indicates that regard should be given to the loss of Non- Designated Heritage Assets, the black hut on the site is listed as a Non-Designated Heritage Asset and considered suitable for local listing.

It is contrary Berwick upon Tweed Saved Policies

F1 and F2 which are about protecting the Environmental Wealth and the Coastal Zone also

F6, F7 and F10 which are about conserving and enhancing the Designated Areas and Protected Species.

It is also Contrary to the Northumberland Coast AONB Management Plan

In particular policies **CE1** which is about protecting, conserving and enhancing the special landscape and seascape qualities of the AONB, **CE2** concerns protecting important habitats, species and natural features and **CE4** does not support development on the coastal slope.

It is also contrary to The Shoreline Management Plan which identifies this section of the coast as “Hold the Line” and qualified with a comment that development seaward of Harbour Road should be controlled to allow for a buffer zone between the coastline and Harbour Road. Development of this site would eliminate the buffer zone in this area.

All the policies I have referred to are consistent with the guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework which in particular insists that *great weight* must be given to conserving the landscape and scenic beauty of the AONB a designation accorded the highest status of protection and that the Heritage Coast is managed to conserve its natural beauty.

This proposal by not preserving the special qualities and scenic beauty of the AONB and Heritage Coast would be contrary to paragraphs 172 and 173 of the NPPF, which has been revised this month.

Parish Councillors asked County Councillor G Renner-Thompson to call the application in so it is determined at Planning Committee.

The Vice-Chairman re-joined the meeting.

Min 70/18- Planning Approvals

18/00823/FUL- Proposed installation 2no mobile shepherd huts for use as holiday lets, including extended parking and 2no gates to stone wall – Shepherds Cottage Beadnell Chathill Northumberland NE67 5AD

18/01088/FUL- Propose to demolish and rebuild garage with first floor study/dressing room- 7 Church Cottages Beadnell Northumberland.NE67 5AS.

18/01426/FUL- Proposed garage conversion and single storey rear extension – 15 Swinhoe Road Beadnell NE67 5AG

18/01758/FUL- Proposed demolition of existing dwelling (retrospective) and construction of new dwelling – 22 Harbour Road Beadnell Northumberland NE67 5BB

18/00369/FUL- Demolition and rebuild of 1no. residential unit- Wynding Head 1
The Wynding Beadnell NE67 5AY

Min 71/18- Planning Meeting-The Minutes from the Planning Meeting held on 6th June 2018 previously circulated were agreed as a true record.

Min 72/18- North Northumberland Coast Neighbourhood Plan-The Chairman gave the following update:

- The Plan was made on 10th July 2018, which means it now has full weight.
- A Monitoring Group needs to be setup to feedback and look into the impact of the plan. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson has agreed to Chair the group. North Sunderland Parish Council has agreed to be the lead Parish Council. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson is consulting David English at Northumberland County Council about the membership of the group before there is a call for volunteers.

Min 72/18- Northumberland Local Plan – Parish Councillors agreed to respond to the current consultation, the Chairman and Parish Councillor J Rhind to collate a response. The Chairman encouraged everybody to attend the public consultation event on 2nd August at the Sports & Community Centre Seahouses, as well as submit any comments they have on the plan.

Min 73/18- AONB Conservation Area-The Chairman referred to the current consultation, stating all the responses the Parish Council have received so far are for option D3. Parish Councillors debated the options and agreed by a majority vote to support option D3. It was agreed the Clerk submit the Parish Council's response.
Parish Councillor A Nation suggested including Article 4. Parish Councillors agreed to contact E Sinnamon at Northumberland County Council to obtain information on the implications and whether Northumberland County Council would be amenable to Article 4.

Min 74/18- Financial Statement-

Current Account	£ 8020.34
Savings Account	£ 4814.68
Marshall Burial Ground Account	£ 154.32

Min 75/18- Finance:

Payments due

• NALC	£ 217.46	Annual Subscription, Affiliation fee & Council Review subscription.
• J Hall	£ 72.00	Bearings Bird Swing
• Northumberland CC	£ 1689.08	Annual Invoice weekly inspections
• I Hunter	£ 450.73	Salary - 2 months June & July
• HMRC	£ 112.60	Paye
• W I Hall	£ 33.00	Hire of Hall

- I Hunter £ 62.05 Office expenses
- Stableyards Landscapes £ 415.00 Grass Cutting

Receipts

- Resident £ 344.00 Purchase plots CP 3 & 4
- Roluna Stone £ 50.00 Headstone Plot 29
- Resident £ 216.00 Purchase Plot 39
- Resident £ 216.00 Purchase Plot 38
- Northern Powergrid £ 11.52 Wayleave

Min 76/18- Playgrounds-

- **Freehold Meadow Lane** - County Councillor G Renner-Thompson agreed to follow this up with Northumberland County Council Officers, as he thought it had been concluded.
- **Weekly Inspections Invoice.** - Parish Councillors agreed the payment of the Invoice to Northumberland County Council.
- **Repairs-**The Chairman informed the meeting that the stepping stones have been repaired.
A volunteer agreed to paint the springer at Long Beach Playground, the Chairman has the paint and brushes.
Parish Councillors accepted the offer from BCV that they will fund the fence and gate at the Meadow Lane end of the playground.
The Chairman stated that the BCV auction which will take place on 5th August this will be in aid of the Playground. She asked everybody to support the event.

Min 77/18- Correspondence

- **Seafarers** – Merchant Navy Day 3rd September
- **Clerks & Councils Direct-** Newsletter
- **Karbon Homes-** Grounds maintenance update.
- **NCC-** Statement of Principles consultation
- **NCC-** Leaflets on disposal of hazardous household waste.

Min 78/18 Policy Review- Parish Councillors considered and reviewed the Cemetery charges the new charges will be as follows:

Purchase of single width grave space in perpetuity (9 ft long by 4 ft 6 inches wide)	£250
Purchase of double width grave space in perpetuity (9 ft long by 9 ft wide)	£500
Re-open grave for second burial	£ 75
Still-born child (less than one month)	NIL
Child (one month to 12 years)	NIL
Purchase out of rotation	£500

Purchase of casket space in perpetuity (3 ft long by 4 ft 6 inches wide)	£100
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Monuments, Gravestones, Tablets and Inscriptions

Erection of headstone not exceeding 2 ft 6 inches high (burial plots)	£75
Placement of tablet not exceeding 8 inches high (cremation plot)	£75
Cutting an additional inscription	£75

It was also agreed the Clerk make amendments to the wording of the policy.
 The policy will come into effect once Parish Councillors agree the revised policy.

Min 79/18- Local Transport Plan- Parish Councillors considered the feedback from Northumberland County Council on the Parish Council's 3 priorities for 2018/19 Parish Councillors agreed the following 3 priorities for 2019/20:

- 1- Installation of double yellow lines at the car park extension, and in the centre of Beadnell village.
- 2- Undertake a speed survey on the B1340 within the 40mph area.
- 3- Improvement to highway signage on Harbour Road as agreed last year.

Parish Councillors raised concerns about the lack of progress on the 20mph for Beadnell. County Councillor G Renner-Thompson stated this will happen. The Chairman asked County Councillor G Renner-Thompson to progress this with Highway's Managers at Northumberland County Council.

Parish Councillor A Nation queried the re-instatement of a sign for the playground on Meadow Lane. The Chairman responded to say the original sign was for the School.

Parish Councillor A Willis suggested the installation of a convex mirror at the Swinhoe cross roads. A member of the public stated the previous mirror was removed due to a glare from vehicle headlights, blinding drivers.

Min 80/18- Grass cutting tender- Parish Councillors considered the draft tender and invitation to tender letter and agreed to add the Parish Council has the right to give 3 months' notice to terminate the contact, if the contact is not being fulfilled.

The Clerk to circulate the revised tender and invitation letter for Parish Councillors to approval.

Parish Councillors agreed the Clerk send out the letters etc. on 1st September to all the invitees used the last time plus any other suggested organisations.

Any Urgent Business-

Min 81/18 – Beadnell in Bloom –The Chairman congratulated the members of the Beadnell in Bloom group who ensured Beadnell looked amazing for the judging of Northumbria in Bloom, the results will be received in September.

Min 82/18 – Rights of Way-The Chairman advised the meeting that she still expected Coast Care will be walking the Rights of Way within the Parish ahead of the September or November meeting.

Min 83/18- AONB- The Chairman informed the meeting that she had attended a meeting for Parish Council Chair's, where they reviewed the Management Plan. It has also been agreed to review the Parish Council representation on the group, and it has been agreed to have a closer working relationship with AONB.
Parish Councillor A Nation agreed to hang information on the Parish Council noticeboards when space allowed. She also suggested an additional noticeboard on the toilet block where National Trust & AONB can display information.
Parish Councillors agreed Parish Councillor A Nation contact AONB to see if they will fund a noticeboard and then contact Northumberland County Council to obtain permission for a noticeboard to be installed.

Min 84/18- Bus Shelter-The Chairman informed the meeting that there is currently no seat in the bus shelter, however BCV would like to place a bench in the bus shelter as well as paint the inside of the bus shelter in a lighter colour. Also the Seahouses Art Group would like to put poster pictures insider the bus shelter. Parish Councillors agreed that the work to be undertaken.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 6pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Ch's Initials _____