

BEADNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 11 January 2017 – Beadnell WI Hall

Present: Councillors G Martindale (Chair) (GM), D Baker (DB), J Hall (JH), R Batten (RB) A Nation (AN) and L Gray (Clerk) (LG)

In Attendance: PC Alan Morton
Jessica Turner (AONB)

Members of the Public: 4

Reference		Action By
01/17	Apologies for absence – Councillor John Woodman Police Sargent Andy Pullen	
02/17	Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed	GM
03/17	Declaration of Interest: None	
04/17	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Parish Council Vacancy (minute ref 43/16; 61/16(a); 82/16(a)) – An interest in becoming a Councillor on Beadnell Parish Council was received from Mrs Trisha McCarthy. This proposal was accepted by Councillor Geoff Martindale and seconded by Councillor Richard Batten. Mrs McCarthy was co-opted on to Beadnell Parish Council and given all relevant documentation to complete and sign.</p> <p>b) Correspondence has been received from JW to confirm that the AONB are obtaining quotes for the conservation area work, and it has been agreed in principle that this will be paid for by the Small Scheme Fund.</p> <p>c) Noticeboards – the new noticeboard for outside the Seabreeze has been delivered and is waiting to be erected.</p> <p>d) The Bullring fence was damaged on New Year’s day by a vehicle careering out of control through it. The repairs and cost have been dealt with by the owner of the vehicle to the satisfaction of the PC.</p>	LG
05/17	<p>Police Report:</p> <p>A total of seven crimes have been committed in the Beadnell area since the last PC meeting in November, of which 2 were assaults, 1 taking a motor vehicle without the owner’s consent, 1 affray, 1 theft, 1 incident of damage and 1 Public Order offence as well as 1 act of anti-social behaviour. The ‘Pub Watch’ in Beadnell continues to be successful.</p> <p>The Police are looking to set up a new service called ‘Cuppa with a Coppa’ where residents can meet with the local Police in the village, rather than reporting to a Police Station. These meetings will be set up once every two months for an hour so that individuals or small groups can report or discuss issues in confidence face to face. The first meeting is to be scheduled for March and an offer from the PC was made and unanimously agreed to fund the first 6 meetings. Contact details for the WI Hall will be forwarded to PC Morton. Information regarding times and dates will be displayed on the PC noticeboards and the web site.</p> <p>PC Morton advised that the mobile speed gun will be deployed to target the new 40pmh speed limit on the B1340. The Speed Watch team cannot be deployed on 40mph speed roads.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding a possible drug problem in the village. PC Morton advised that the Police monitored the area and had no immediate concerns with a drug abuse problem in this area.</p>	LG
06/17	<p>AONB Officers Report:</p> <p>Further to an email received from the Parish Council regarding the man made break in the dunes, a visit by NCC Enforcement Team has been requested. Details of their investigations have not yet been received.</p> <p>It has been established that the fence on the dunes has been erected by Beadnell Links Caravan Site to stop the overflow car park migrating onto private land.</p> <p>Iain Robson has asked Local Services to stop mowing the grass strip behind the concession at the car park in the hope that the marram will re-establish and strengthen the vegetation.</p> <p>The two ‘Year in Beadnell’ poets are planning a reading/performance at the WI hut in Summer/Autumn.</p> <p>Following a positive meeting with Jules Brown of the North East Civic Trust to discuss the assessment and possible designation of a conservation area in Beadnell, work is due to start in the Spring.</p> <p>After the successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a three year volunteer project, it had been agreed to recruit three members of staff - one full-time and two part-time – who will be based in Seahouses to support, train and celebrate volunteers in the AONB and beyond. Recruitment for the Project Officer will be in February.</p> <p>The issue of grass cuttings continuously being deposited over fences behind Dunes Court was raised by the PC. The AONB will look into the possibility of including enforcement of this in the roll of the Volunteer Project Officer.</p>	
07/17	<p>Report by County Councillor John Woodman:</p> <p>a) Refuse Collection in the village (minute ref 117/16(b)) – the requests for altering the refuse collection would prove incredibly difficult as all routes are tied in with zonal working arrangements and copious numbers of vehicles.</p>	
08/17	<p>Transparency in the Parish Council:</p> <p>a) The Clerk is the first point of call for any telephone queries or enquiries. All emails to the Parish Council are received by both the Clerk and Chair. Most issues raised, by phone and email, can be dealt with directly by the Clerk. All other matters are discussed with the Chair and any other sub-committee</p>	

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	members involved, actioned and if necessary reported at the next PC meeting. Any issues that would require the involvement of the whole PC are circulated by email. b) Within the PC there are sub-committees that deal with day to day issues of the Parish including Playground, Cemetery and Web Site. The Chair will delegate or ask for volunteers from the PC to action other matters such as walking Public Footpaths, helping with the annual status check of Parish assets around the village and then reporting back at the next PC meeting. c) Residents of the Parish are informed by way of the three noticeboards – one opposite the Seabreeze shop, one at the WI Hall and one at West Fleetham - and the web site for dates and times of all meetings that are held by the PC. All publications state that PC meetings are open and members of the public and press are welcome to attend. All Agendas and Minutes of Meetings are displayed on these sites for the public to access. This also includes all Planning Meetings. d) Work on the new web site is nearing completion and after final checks it is expected to go live soon.	DB/LG
09/17	Cemetery: a) Interment of Stewart Blackshaw 6 th January 2017 Plot N33 b) Due to the Mole problem in the cemetery GM contacted the local Mole catcher who has been in and dealt with the issue. c) The PC has spoken to NCC Tree & Woodland Officer regarding the trees around the entrance to the cemetery and requested the trimming back of those that are overhang the cemetery wall.	
10/17	Playground: a) The Planning Enforcement Officers have been in attendance regarding the construction of dwelling adjacent to the playground and have advised that there is nothing that they can do regarding this erection. JW to report back to the PC re his investigations. Until this matter has been resolved the PC will not accept transfer of the title of the playground under the asset transfer policy. The PC will request a meeting with NCC Planning and Enforcement departments to discuss this issue. b) The Beadnell Community Volunteers have raised funds for the erection of the Adult and Child swing which they purchased last year. A new frame and standing for the swing is to be sourced. However, there are still repairs to be carried out on existing equipment. The PC is still waiting for the quotation.	GM LG
11/17	North Northumberland Coastal Area Neighbourhood Plan: a) There is no further update until The Strategic Environmental Assessment has been completed. b) Following the resignation of Christine Williamson from the PC, there remains only two PC representatives on the Neighbourhood Plan. As each PC provides three members GM proposed AN as Beadnell PC's third person. This was seconded by DB and AN accepted. In accordance with the Agreement Between Parishes and the Terms of Reference Document accepted by the Parish Council in 2011 at the start of the NP process, the Terms of Reference allow the Steering Group to co-opt additional members. The Steering Group agreed to the co-option of Christine Williamson where she will continue her role in providing expertise and help to the Steering Group.	
12/17	EnduranceLife: CTS Northumberland are planning to repeat their event this year on Saturday 25 th February, running the same route through the village as last year.	
13/17	Planning: a) 16/01688/OUT – Outline application for the development of 45 no. residential dwellings. Including all ancillary works; approval sought for access, landscaping, layout and scale. Appearance is a reserved matter (as amended by plans received 13/10/16 – layout of access road). This application was approved by Planning Committee on 3 January 2017. The PC was represented by GM. One of the major concerns raised by all objectors, including County Councillor Watkin, was regarding the legality of the S106 agreement in terms of principal residence. There was no satisfactory response addressing this matter from the either the Chair or Head of Legal Services. In the original Northumberland Estate masterplan, it was suggested that there would be the donation of an area of land as a community benefit to the village. This no longer shows on the amended plans. The PC will bring this issue together with the many other issues to the attention of JW with the intention of pursuing it with the lead officers of the County Council. b) 16/03021/FUL – 45 Harbour Road – Retrospective application for retention and remodelling of dormer roof extension to west elevation. Granted by NCC c) 16/03622/FUL - Tughall Mill Beadnell – Conversion of existing agricultural mill building to single residential dwelling (4 bedroom), demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with single residential dwelling (3 bedroom) – permission granted by NCC d) 16/03649/FUL – On The Beach Harbour Road – Proposed dormer extension & 2 No. Juliet balconies – application withdrawn	GM
14/17	Finance a) Budget for 2017-18 discussed and agreed. The Parish Precept was being set at £10,154 (including Special Expense transfer from NCC) an increase of 15% b) Financial report as at 31 December 2016 was accepted c) The quote of £1510.79 for a new Noticeboard at the WI Hall was agreed. This will be supplied by Greenbarnes. Cheques to be signed: £44.00 WI Hall £557.94 Clerks Salary £43.65 Clerks Expenses Paid since last meeting:	LG

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	£460.00 Stableyard Landscapes £47.88 Jewsons – concrete for Visitor Map Signs £788.88 Colin Brunt - BCV Christmas Lights £2417.50 Greenbarnes Ltd – Noticeboard outside Seabreeze £45.00 Northumbria in Bloom - 2017 entry fee £3415.57 Fantasy Prints – Visitor Map Signs Receipts: £673.12 from BCV re Christmas Lights £39.90 from BCV re Jewson invoice concrete for Visitor Map Signs £2846.31 from BCV for Fantasy Print invoice re Visitor Map Signs £57.00 Interment of Stuart Blackshaw	
15/17	Correspondence: (put in Councillors pack for circulation) Thank you letter from Citizens Advice Northumberland for donation cheque LCR Magazine Winter 2016 Highway Services in Winter	
16/17	Date & Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 8 March at 6.30 pm WI Hall Beadnell	
17/17	Any Other Business: a) GM met with the Tree & Woodland Officer to discuss the issues with the overhanging trees on the B1340 near the new 40mph signs. He was advised that these were likely to be the responsibility of the landowner as they were part of a plantation. The Woodland officer will contact the land owner and report back to the PC. b) The PC received correspondence from NCC Planning Enforcement Officer to advise that, further to their discussions with Building Control who have visited the site of the Fish & Chip shop, the front of the shop is to become retail and part of the Seabreeze next door under permitted development and does not require planning permission. The rear of the Chip shop, originally used for storage, is to become a café and does not require formal planning permission. However, if the works undertaken differ from those stated NCC Enforcement will investigate further. c) A member of the PC has been approached by a resident with a complaint that the gate leading into the field near Kennedy Green is very squeaky and bangs, at the annoyance of the residence that live in Kennedy Green. This gate has a lever mechanism which requires some force to close in order to keep the livestock grazing in that field secure. d) The subject of the Hellen's Development and their notification of a community consultation event on 23 January 2017 was raised. GM advised that separate discussions with the PC in advance of this event would be inappropriate.	
18/17	Public Question Time: None .	

MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING